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Holiday Greetings



WOMEN'S CLUB MAKES GIFTS

*Annual Activity
Brings Joy*

By
Maxine Chapman

At its end-of-year meeting on December 7, the Leisure Village Women's Club awarded its annual gifts to deserving charities. Recipients were the Camarillo Academic Olympics, Lifeline, Braille Institute, Livingston Memorial Nurses, Hospice, and the Institute for Equestrian Therapy.

Officers for 2001 are Felice Perkins, President; Eleanor Thomas, 1st Vice President; Genny Kay and Betty Gross, Vice Presidents; Dorothy Fencil, Recording Secretary; Wanda Earney, Treasurer; Piff De Simone, Parliamentarian; and Maxine Chapman, Corresponding Secretary.

The club extends warm holiday greetings to all Villagers and encourages prospective members to attend its program meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

VOLUNTEER RUBE DAVIS HONORED

By Bill Himstreet

"Fellow Villagers today we honor Rube Davis, a man who symbolizes 'volunteerism' at its highest level." With those words LVA President Caroline Pratt saluted Rube for his years of public service in the Village as well as in our nearby communities at the November 6 open Board meeting, which incidentally was Rube's 94th birthday.

He is recognized throughout the State as the "father" of SEASONS which stands for "Senior experts and speakers on numerous subjects." Many Villagers have served in this activity which provides classroom speakers and programs for schools in the County. As a founding partner in the Current Issues Forum, Rube was deeply involved in bringing to the Village important programs and speakers.

He played a prominent role in the "World of Difference" program which brought educators and reli-

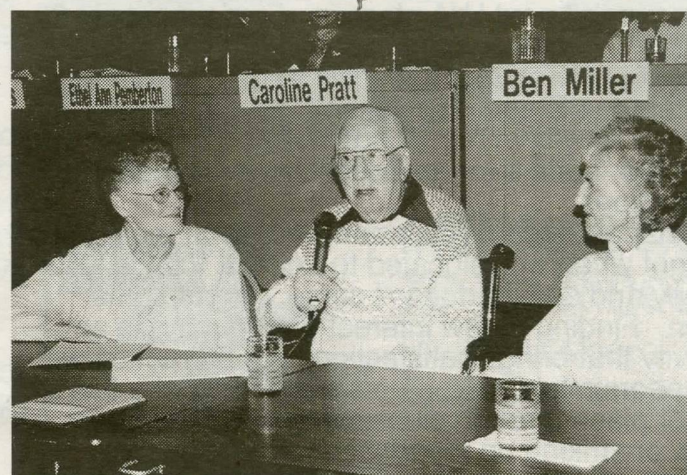


Photo by Vic Fledge
From left Caroline Pratt, Rube and Pauline Davis

gious leaders together for the purpose of combating racial problems. In 1995, Rube was honored as Senior of the Year by the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce.

As the audience sang Happy Birthday with Bill Marvel at the piano, Rube was presented with a giant-birthday card signed that day by many, many friends and admirers! Leisure Village has benefited greatly from his service, and his wife, Pauline's, a partner and loving supporter in their endeavors.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service



Photo by Vic Fledge



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INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE

• OPINION •

Is Your Glass Half Full ?

As we look forward to the new year, 2001, engulfing us with concerns about a new administration in Washington, taxes, families, and our Village, perhaps we might consider making a few resolutions.

Because of the apparent friction and animosity within our Board of Directors, we might consider voting in the next LVA election. Last time, only 65 percent of homeowners cast ballots.

Next we each might resolve to do something to prevent the Board dissension from developing into a major rift within our Village membership. As you read the "Letters to the Editor" material, note the distinctions.

A happy, secure retirement was what most of us sought when we relocated to Leisure Village. But happy and secure doesn't come without some effort. Finding a new interest or engaging in an activity that brings satisfaction and interaction with our peers might help. A resolution to make this a better place through clubs, committee membership, or striking up friendships with neighbors seems appropriate. In addition, lots of opportunities exist in the city of Camarillo if one seeks them.

At any rate, may 2001 bring each of us another happy, secure year as residents of Leisure Village in Pleasant Valley. Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it!

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ABOUT NEXT MONTH

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Inquires about next month's edition go to Doris Hoffman or the ILV box.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your phone calls and concern about my husband, Sid Yablun. He is doing O.K. Coming along slowly but surely. Your cards and phone calls have meant so much to him. Again, thank you.
Phyllis Yablun, V. 1

To all our friends and neighbors we wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for your many cards and calls wishing Frances a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

Frances and Maury Pollins, V. 28

HUNGRY CITIZENRY?

When the October issue of Inside Leisure Village carried an ad for the Sizzler Restaurant that contained a senior "buy-a-meal, get-one-free" coupon, the several hundred free papers stacked in the AR foyer disappeared almost within hours. Many residents who normally obtain papers from that rack were disappointed. Subscribers, of course, had their ILV delivered along with the Camarillo Star.

Next Open Board meeting is Mon. Jan. 8 at 10a.m. in the AR.

There is no place like Leisure Village to live, especially when there is trouble.

My deepest respect is with our Security. In less than 3 minutes they were here not only once, but twice, for me and for my husband.

I wish there were a greater word than "Thank You", but since there isn't, all I can do is say it over and over again.

Miriam and Jim Natter, V. 24

Thank you! I greatly appreciate the many cards and food I received when my heart was "acting up." It is times like this that one is grateful for our many friends. Thank you, Leisure Village.

Marian Tamkin, V. 24

I read Inside Leisure Village from cover to over every month. It is a wonderful paper, and I congratulate you.

Even when I finish reading it, I do not throw it away. Instead I put it in the service porch, and it becomes a very useful item.

Please continue your good work, and know that you have a true friend here.

Dolly Levy, V. 17

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Villagers and friends who sent flowers, cards, newspaper articles and tapes after my return from Australia where I saw my Granddaughter play on the U.S. Softball team and bring home "the Gold".

We all have grandchildren we love and are proud of, but never in my wildest dream did I expect such an outpouring of support.

I want to thank Jack Whalen for his article in ILV, and Louise Houser for putting the news on Channel 8—without that I'm sure many would not have known about my Stacy. To all - many thanks
Marty Gregory, V. 32

Because of my wonderful friends and neighbors who have kept me supplied with food, visits, cards, telephone calls and love, my fractured foot is healing well. No place but in Leisure Village could I have been so fortunate. Many thanks to all you wonderful people for being here for me.

Margie Bonderman, V. 20

In the October 2000 issue of ILV a villager berated the Board for refusing to honor his wish to be Chairman of a Committee. He went on to state that the Board "should be ashamed of themselves ... is this the way to treat a volunteer ... ?" This letter motivated me to make the following observations which I believe are long overdue.

Our Board (or any governing body) has the mandated right and obligation to make an authorized appointment of anyone who in its judgment is best qualified for the benefit of our Village. No one has a "right" to an appointment. Volunteering - a noble, generous, and frequently unappreciated act - deserves the gratitude of recipients, but it is also a privilege; the volunteer has no "right" to a reward by recipients of volunteer's services.

Unfortunately, this has been misunderstood on occasion. I have heard such misguided protestations as: "how can you fire a volunteer!" Such complaints are inappropriate. If a volunteer acts in an improper or harmful manner, or causes problems, or acts in a manner damaging to community interests or to its members, then of course he or she should be "fired".

Edward I. Hawthorne, V. 42

The Recreation Facilities Vision Committee under Marilyn Holthouse, passed a resolution that could cost each of you

homeowners at least \$6.00 per month with no maximum in sight. \$176,000 is estimated for a new building with no estimate for demolition of the old building, moving, and finding new facility for the present occupants. New building is to replace existing building behind the garden area.

Some of the Woodworking committee presented plans for the woodshop to occupy 50% of the new building. This proposed building is NOT needed because:

1. The present woodshop has adequate room due to small usage. Average 16 woodworkers per week or 2 per day.
2. The proposed building is to be stucco finish. This could cause all emergency equipment stored in this building to be destroyed during an earthquake.
3. The noise generated by the saws could annoy the nearest neighbors.
4. Electric motors and dust generated in woodworking could possibly in-

terfere with the emergency communication devices.

5. No facilities were proposed for the existing emergency supplies, equipment or first aid to be housed.

6. A past BOD placed a sign limiting occupancy in woodworking room to 3 persons ONLY for safety purposes. This needs to be reinstated!!!

This woodworking hobby shop has worked both safely and efficiently for the past 25 years. Let's leave well enough alone and stop the senseless waste of our money again.

Harold Keeler, V. 37

TUTOR L.V. EMPLOYEES IN ENGLISH

This is an exciting opportunity to teach our village employees English as a Second Language right here in Leisure Village! Our Board of Directors and manager, Randy Watkins, have agreed to provide a room in the Village where tutors and Village employee stu-

dents can work.

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You'll find, tutoring ESL a very productive and rewarding way to spend just a few hours a week.

Please call me for more information, 388-1963

Beverly Wallace

We are dismayed by the obvious dissension among the Board members. We Villagers elected five members to the Board of Directors with the expectation that they would represent us in an amicable manner. Each member is entitled to his viewpoint and his vote. However, once the vote is taken, all Board members should abide by the majority vote.

It is unpleasant to hear those Board members who are in the minority on an issue continue to voice their disagreement. Majority vote prevails. Once voted all Board members should accept and abide by the majority decision.

Please stop wasting time and energy on closed issues.

Phil and Sylvia Belsky, V. 44

Having watched and attended most of the recent Open Board Meetings, we have observed a number of problems discussed that prolonged the meetings and seemed to create divisiveness among the Board Members.

We were surprised to learn that the Monday Board sessions (Open & Executive, or Working) last 8 hours. The Board members put an additional 20-30 hours in during the rest of the week. Unfortunately, much of this time is consumed by trivial complaints.

We are long-time residents of L.V. and would like to emphasize how grateful we are to be living here. Besides the wonderful weather, numerous activities, and reassuring security, let us count our good fortune for the continuing improvement of the village appearances.

Memoriam

Larue Boynton, V. 44

Sam Chadnow, formerly V.17

Leota Cothran, V. 20

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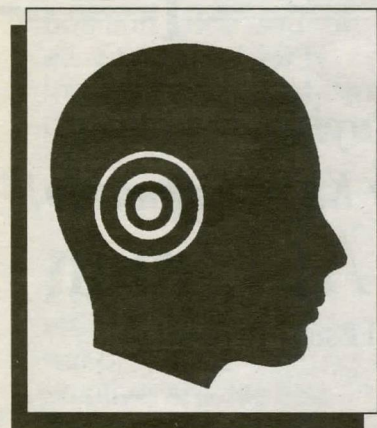
Bill Niederhauser V. 5.

Sidney Siegel, V. 33

Mildred Wien, V. 40

In addition, L.V. has benefited by the adaptiveness of our management staff in responding promptly to the problems of our village. Formerly, the response was slow. In summary, we have a wonderful setup here. Let us complain less and contribute more. In-

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are decked with the
loveliest blossoms.*

*It is the ancient redwoods
that rise to majestic
heights.*

*It is the old violins that
produce the richest tones.*

*It is the old wine that
tastes the sweetest.
It is for ancient coins, old
stamps, and antique
furniture that many
eagerly seek.*

*It is when the day is old
and far spent that it
displays the beauteous
colors of sunset.*

*It is when the year is old
and has run its course that
Old Mother Nature
transforms the world into
a fairyland of snow.*

*It is the old: friends that
are the dearest, and it is
the old people that have
been loved by God for a
long, long time*

*Thank God for the blessing
of old age; Its faith, its
love, its hope, its patience,
its wisdom, its experience,
its maturity.*

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RANK BEGINNING BRIDGE CLASSES

By Raye Gabriel

Rank Beginning Bridge Lessons are in the Garden Room every Friday at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Raye Gabriel is the Instructor. Come and enjoy playing with others and stimulating the brain. Call 383-0130 for more information.



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stead of grabbing thorns,
let us smell the roses.

Flo & Jerry Doctrow, V. 7

My son, Bruce Bennett, is a Professor of English at Ohlone Community College, Fremont, CA. He is taking a course in creative writing for his own enrichment. The following is a poem he wrote in non-metered verse:

Old man bends over his
harmonica,
Cups it to his mouth in
Prayer
Wisps of white hair dance
off his head,
Fire off the sun's
penumbra;
Wish I could cradle a poem
to my lips,
Blow into it, pour
Inspiration heavy as
moisture
On the old man's breath,
My heart a bellows—
Pump it like the blues.

Hope people who enjoy
poetry will like it.

Alfred W. Bennett, V. 25

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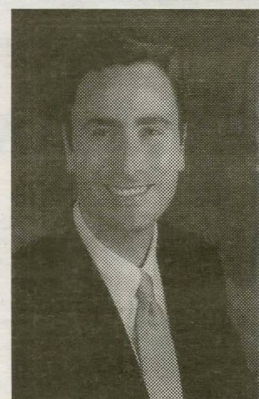
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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

By LOU DEKTOR

The 25th annual Duplicate Bridge Tournament was held November 13 in the AR. Refreshments were served and prizes were distributed to the winners and other placing pairs listed below:

The overall winners were Lucille Goldin and Leah Harris. Taking 2nd were Edie Pedersen and Clara Ballew. Phil Duff and Norma Shander were third, Katherine Bell and Betty Stallman placed fourth, and tied for fifth were June Dance and Dorothy Praeger and Janet Bailey and Marietta Pluim.

Other placing pairs in the 24-table event were Ann and Lew Wurtzel, Elsie Nielsen and Lois Prellwitz, Tobie and Paul Treitman, Helene and David Halem, Mitzi and Marty Ettinger, Faith Saunders and Larry Spiwak, Eleanor Henke and Arnold Wolpin, Corky Milman and Midge Dektor, Jerry Banchik and Dan Wagner, Florence and Max Farber, Nancy Menard and Janice Peralta.

The five duplicate games held weekly in the GR are open to all villagers and their guests. Playing times are Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.; Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Come early to sign up.

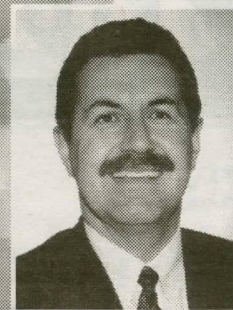
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Winners Lucille Goldin and Leah Harris

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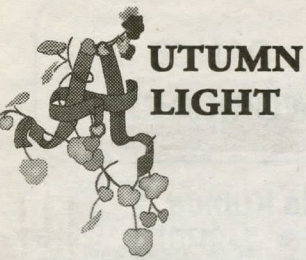
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The golden light of autumn falls
On tree and flower,
field and hill.
It bathes the world in peace and wonder,
Sparkling splendor,
calm and still.

The light of autumn fills the air
With crystal radiance,
warm and bright,
That kindles in the waiting heart
A surging sense of pure delight.

It is God's promise that again
When winter passes,
sere and cold,
The light of autumn will shine forth
And paint the earth with tints of gold.

Constance Andrews,
V. 16

COLLEGE CREDIT CLASSES CONTINUE

Winter Spring Semester

By Sig Jaffe

The Education and Recreation Committee will sponsor and Oxnard College will present four college credit classes in Leisure Village starting on January 10, 2001 and continuing until May 16, 2001.

The program will consist of the following classes:

Dance M 30 A & B, 1.50 units, Mondays, 7:00-9:50 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room, Instructor, Patterson.

History R 117, History of American Women, 3.00 units, Fridays, 9:00 to 11:50 A.M. in the Sun Room, Instructor, Dorrance.

Psychology R 131, Abnormal Psychology, 3.00 units, Tuesdays, 2:00 to 4:50 P.M. in the Lanai Room. Instructor, Chaparro.

Spanish R101A, Elementary Spanish 1A (Conversational Spanish) Wednesdays, 2:00-4:54 P.M. in the Lanai Room. Instructor, To be named.

History 199, Interaction between Motion Pictures and American History, 3.00 units. Thursdays, 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. in the Garden Room. Instructor Corbett.

Registration will take place on December 18 and 19 at 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. in the Lanai Room. Miss Sharon Star will carry out the registration. Her phone number is 986-5810 and may be called for information. The cost of the classes will be \$11.00 per unit. Unfortunately a small health charge will be made. We have asked that the charge be waived, but we have not received an answer at this time.

Students who have taken classes before may use the phone Star system (as outlined on page 67 of the Oxnard College Spring schedule) to register.

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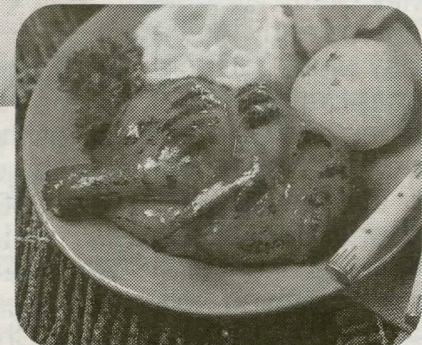
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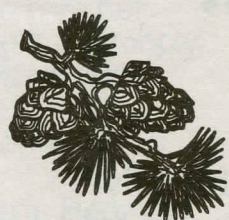
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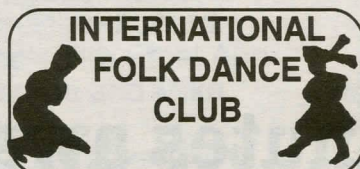


By Anne Janoff

Santa Claus and his crew arrived early for the Saturday Night Ballroom Christmas Dance held on December 9. It was a festive event with seasonal decor, special refreshments and dancers in party attire, a bright sign of the approaching holiday.

Villagers who may not have other plans are urged to attend the 'before New Year's dance: on Saturday, December 23. The first dances in the new year will be Saturday, January 13 and January 27, followed by a Valentine dance on February 10, and another on February 24.

Dance evenings provide friendly socializing, good dance music by top-name dance bands, and an opportunity to get acquainted with other villagers. For additional schedule details, watch Ch. 8. To host a dance evening, call Ginny Dunnion at 484-1238.



By Raye Gabriel

International Folk is on-going every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the AR.

Virginia Calihan and Mae Sheff are co-leading and teaching. Come and enjoy the ethnic music and dancing. Call 482-5621 for more information.

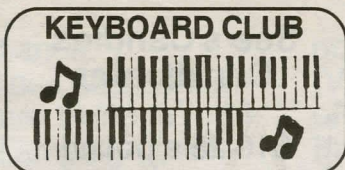


By Ruth Miller

At the November meeting of the Village Painters, the officers for the year 2001 were elected as follows: Sylvia Wachter, Pres.; Judy Zeff, Vice Pres. and Program Chair; Ruth Miller, Asst.; Marion Jayne, Treas.; Marja Graab, Secy.; Isabel Petrow, Social Chair; Mike Mancuse, Asst.; Isabel Petrow, Membership Chair; Peggy Lane, Publicity Chair; and Monica Smith, Telephone Chair.

These Officers were installed at the annual holiday pot luck luncheon on December 6 with decoration, fun and games and gaiety all planned and executed by outgoing Social Chair Jo Blakely and her able assistant, Maureen Stein.

Once again, the Village Painters exhibited their artistry, both decorative and culinary.



By Mimi Kaufman

Once again the Keyboard Club is happy to present to Leisure Village a concert by "The Swing Kids" of Camarillo High School, to be held Friday night, January 26, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR.

Tickets will be \$3.50 each, and will go on sale in the lobby, starting Wednesday, January 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. After that they will be sold every Monday, Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. until the performance.

Do not miss out on a truly enjoyable evening. All villagers and friends are welcome.



By June Few

The Solo Club held its holiday dinner on December 10 in the Assembly Room. A cocktail hour preceded the dinner. A business meeting will not be held in December. Happy Holidays to all!



By Paul Kelwin

The Swing Dance invites all ex-swingers to start swinging again! The swingers meet in the AR every first and third Saturday. Dancing is from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The music is from audio tapes of the Big Band era of the 30's 40's, and 50's.

Coffee, tea, and ice are provided for cold drinks, but BYOB and pay 50 cents to defray the costs. Questions: 987-1446.



By Selma Lich

The Liedeleers singing group continues to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Lanai Room.

All villagers who love to sing are invited to visit or to sing. No embarrassing auditions are required, and resumes need not include having sung with the Met or with La Scala.

For information Please call Selma at 484-8129.



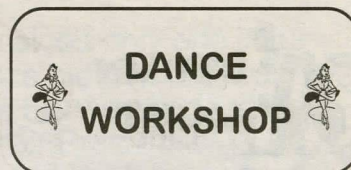
By Sig Jaffe

The Leisure Village Swingers Square Dance Club is winding up the year with several holiday events. After a very successful Halloween dance, Thanksgiving was observed, with the Turkey Trot dance. The Xmas season was previewed December 5 by wearing hats appropriate to the holidays.

After the general meeting on December 12, we really celebrated holiday dinner by wearing red and green square dance costumes.

The club will salute the next year with a final 2000 dance on December 26, as close to the new year within the regular schedule.

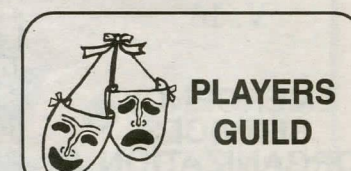
Looking back, the members are pleased to note that the year 2000 was generally kind having enjoyed several good dances while learning many new figures under the tutelage of regular caller, Bill Kramer. Most members stayed relatively healthy as a result of the fun and exercise experienced by dancing.



By Ida Kubica

The Country Line Dance workshop meets on Tuesdays 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the AR. New dances are taught and old ones reviewed. Repetition and practice plants the routine in memory. New to line dancing? Come 15 minutes before class time for assistance.

December 19 is the group's Holiday party at 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the AR. Members, bring spouse or friend. Let's have a full turnout to celebrate the old year and sign up for the New Year 2001. New membership will also be accepted. More details will be provided at the December 5 meeting. Put these dates on your calendar. Rhoda Smithkin, president and dance director, will answer any question at 484-8132. May the year 2001 be a healthy one with good attendance at all dances. Suggestions are most welcome.



By Miriam Hasen

The Players Guild annual Holiday Party will be held on December 21, 6:30 p.m. and is for members only. Call Marilyn Holthouse for tickets, at 987-4319. There will be dancing and entertainment, a luscious catered dinner, price \$15 per person.

On January 18, 2001, the club will present STYLES, SMILES, AND WILES FOR THE REAL MILLENNIUM, a comedic and rambunctious workshop to start the New Year.



Happy Hanukkah

**By Milan Weiss**

The Billiard Club has the Tour-na-Fest in the record books. The A Group winner was Gerry Bode. Ken Lorraine was runner-up. The B Group winner was Larry Miller, and Manny Abbate runner-up. The Ladies group winner was Kay Bell, and Helen McGinnis, runner-up. These wonderful games

**By Winfred M. Singleton**

At the end of another year of increasing membership and activities, the club is already outgrowing the space available at the Computer Center which had its grand opening on May 24, 1999. Current membership is 410. Equipment now includes a projector and a scanner which have recently been demonstrated. Later model computers are still needed and contributions towards the purchase of these will always be greatly appreciated.

The Education and Computer Center com-

were under the supervision of Tournament Director Sam Kay, Jr. who, as usual, puts on the finest Eight-Ball shows in town.

And to further celebrate the season, the club held a Holiday Dinner Party which featured installation of club officers for the year 2001.

The club extends Holiday Greetings to all and invites all villagers to attend club meetings held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR.

mittees are in need of more members and volunteers will be warmly welcomed.

Club dues of \$5.00 for the year 2001 may be paid now and there is a box outside the Computer Center where checks may be deposited.

General Meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. and not 11:00 as before, on the second Friday of each month in the AR, and Open House Meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Computer Center. Other meetings will be announced on notice boards and Channel 8.

For more information call Mort Marcovitz at 482-4492.

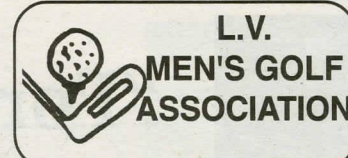
**By Ida Kubica**

Irv Goldman, president, requests all members to renew membership before the year end to facilitate the printing of the membership roster in a timely manner. New villagers interested in playing are encouraged to join in the ongoing games at various courts. Table tennis is located in the Annex with players available 9:30 every morning. Lessons are given periodically. For more information: Tennis, Ed Pollaine, 388-3748; Paddle tennis, Al Feldman, 987-0788; Table tennis, Phil Belsky, 388-5250 and Ida Kubica, 388-0628. Membership is a requirement to enter the tournaments. May 2001 be a healthy and productive year. FUN is the name of the game, especially now that all are in their senior years.

Officers for the 2001 Board are Les Solomon, President; Phil Belsky and Phil Kamens, VPs; Sylvia Phillips, Treasurer; and Florence Ross, Secretary.

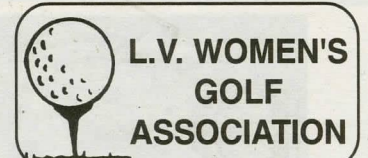
55 ALIVE

There will be no 55 Alive Class in December. The next class will be January 18 and 19 in the multi-purpose room at 1:00 P.M. The class is restricted to licensed drivers in Leisure Village. Everyone who takes the class is entitled to a discount on automobile insurance, according to California law, and they will also receive assistance in preparing for the driver's license renewal test. The cost is \$10.00 per person. All participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid. If interested call Naomi Balfour 987-9851 or Zo Simmons 484-5202.

**By Mannie Abbate**

On October 26 the Men's club hosted a mixed tournament at Soule Park with a luncheon after the match. Twelve guests attended the luncheon although they did not play golf. The last time this was done was over five years ago. The Golf God watched over the players and held the rain back until everyone completed the round. It was a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. Two women and two men were on each of 11 teams. The combined handicaps each totaled 129 (plus or minus 1). First and Second place prizes were awarded each of 11 winning team members. Many prizes were also awarded by drawing the names out of a hat. Char Woodward presided over the awards program.

The Men's Club unanimously recommended that the LVWGA sponsor a similar program next year. Everyone agreed that this was a "fun game" and hoped that those members who skipped this tournament sign-up for the next one. Regulation Golf Chairs, Mannie Abbate and Ernie Ohmstedt were fortunate in having Char Woodward's superior skills available to get the teams set up.

**By Mary Giesler**

There will be no special events to report for the balance of the holidays as the club will have only open play until January. Regulation Golf will also resume in January. The Mixed Tournament will be held on January 21 followed by the 19th Hole Chili Bowl hosted by the women in the AR.

The Board and general meetings will be held on Jan 10.

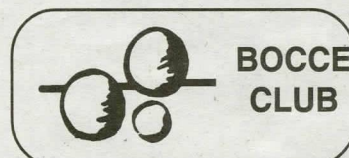
Happy Holidays to one and all!

**By Clarice Shapiro**

Every Friday at 10:00 a.m. Mixed bowling takes place at HARLEY'S CAMARILLO BOWL. Currently we have 16 teams with 4 bowlers per team.

We are always looking for new bowlers and/or substitutes. If you have an average, great. If not you can get one.

In May the league has a lunch. Cash prizes and trophies are given to all of the bowlers. If interested please call Joe Jacobson, 987-8355 or Joe Kremer, 388-7090

**Sheila Cooper**

Heartfelt thanks go to Al Ventura for the lovely scoreboards he made for the Bocce Club.

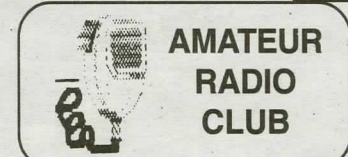
Elections were held in October with the following elected: President, Frank Rennie; Vice President, Claudia Roberts; Secretary, Ann Jacobs; Treasurer, Sid Friedman.

Best wishes also go to Al Ventura for a very speedy recovery.

**By Jim Cooke**

The RV Club held its annual holiday party on Tuesday, December 5 at Coco's in Camarillo. Each member of the Club brought a gift for a child to be donated to charity. No camp out was scheduled for December.

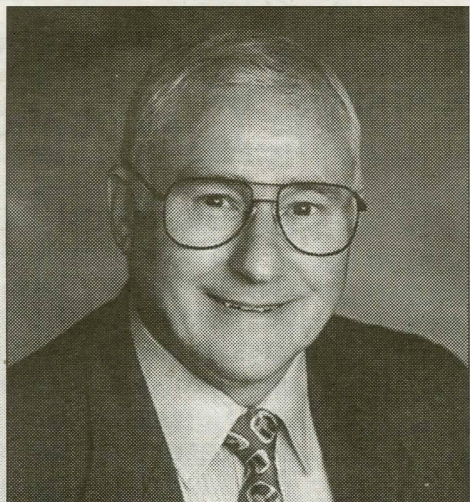
News from the RV Lot: New sensor (loops) is to be installed to control the electric gate. The east wall project, which separates Village 16 from the lot is out for bid.

**By Paul Kelwin**

The LV Amateur Radio Club is working on a big job. We going to equip each villager's eyes and ears, coordinator and alternates, with radios on frequencies

other than the citizen band (cb). It will take a lot of training on voice procedure as well as on how to operate the radio. To coordinate our 37 Villages will take quite some doing. Any ex-military persons in LV, please call 987-1446, come to the committee meeting the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the MPR.


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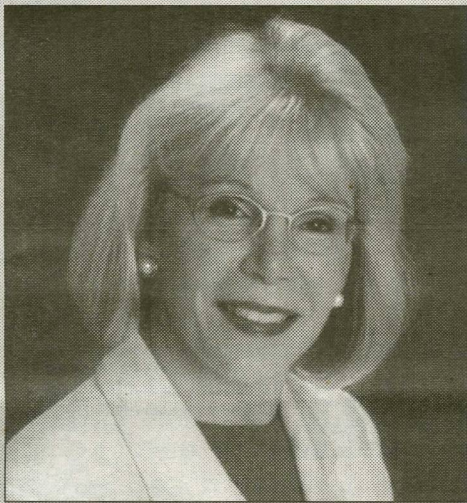
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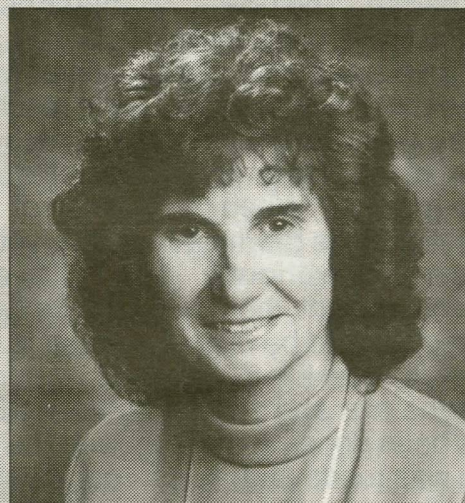
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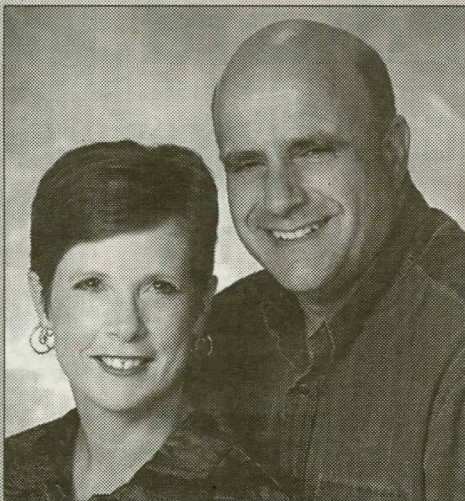
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I was recently contacted by a representative of SCORE to see if I could help them in their effort to mentor new business owners in starting their businesses. Score is an acronym for Service Corps of Retired Executives. While I am unable to help at this time, I wonder if other retirees in the Village might be interested. The Ventura Chapter covers Agoura, Camarillo, Westlake Village, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Ventura and surrounding communities. SCORE provides volunteer consulting services to people who are starting up new businesses or wish help in an established business. Score Volunteers meet monthly on the second Monday at 9:30 AM. For further information, contact their main office at 5700 Ralston St. Suite 310, Ventura, 93003 Phone (805) 658-0484. Who knows you might be one to help set up a new Microsoft. Ed Cordell, V. 17

In March, I wrote an article to Inside Leisure Village stating Mr. Watkins, our General Manager, made \$90,000 a year and was not quali-

fied nor certified to be a General Manager. In April the landscape crew cut out all the wild growth on the bank behind my house. It was beautiful! Any one who would like to see what I am talking about is welcome to come to 39017 Village 39 and see the bank for their self. Thirty of my neighbors and myself gave a petition to the B.O.D on April 30, 2000 asking that a fast growing shrub be planted on top of the bank. Ethel Pemberton and Ben Miller came to Village 39 to see the area that was left barren. The GM stated that shrubs could not be planted on top of the bank due to irrigation pipe. This was where most of the wild growth was growing. When questioned as to why it was cut out **without** a plan to re-plant, the GM stated it would be taken care of. Now it is 7 months later and **nothing** has been done. A motion was made and unanimously passed that Juniper tams and other shrubs be planted in that area. This was passed several months ago.

I can only believe the

destruction of the beautiful growth behind my house was in retaliation to my March article. Bill Stubbs, V. 39 Manager's duty to show her his appreciation and to give her personal gift. I strongly oppose this motion! learn how to be a Chief. Why was he hired in the first place if he wasn't qualified? He's been on the job for two years at a hefty salary. If, after two years, he still isn't qualified, he should be replaced or demoted.

A qualified Chief of Security should be giving classes, not taking classes. What a waste of homeowner money. Is this the result of the human resources consultant's report that the homeowners are not permitted to review, yet they paid for?

Dave O'Connor, V. 13

Here we go **again** wasting our money. Now our Board has a "Voting Block" 3 - 2, with the **same** members constantly voting together. This is NOT in the best interest of the Village. This was first revealed at the Open Board meeting of October 2, with the generous

bonus to the Acting General Manager and the abolishment of two important committees. Votes were 3 - 2.

At the Working Board meeting held October 16, one Board member made a motion to move the discussion of the Association Attorney's billing (which is climbing higher than a skyscraper) from Executive Session to Working Board. The motion was defeated 3 - 2. The Big Block is at work again to keep information

from the Villagers who pay for this attorney bill in their assessments. The details are hazy because the motion died. Apparently one or more Board members phoned Attorney Lingle on two separate occasions which cost the Villagers \$512.00. Outrages! Is there a need to call the attorney on the phone when he attends a meeting with the Board once a month????? Do one or

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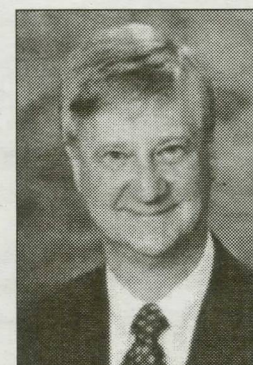
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the other.- not both. Ever since she has taken office as our leader, she has continually puts into Executive Session that violates California State Law - against continuous objection by the homeowners and 2 Board Members!

Nancy Stubbs, V. 39

The homeowners elected five members to the Board of Directors and each one should have an equal voice in Leisure Village matters.

The presidents job is to make sure that these equal voices are heard, not squelched, as she was obviously guilty of trying to do at the open Board meeting held on November 6, 2000.

The secretary was allowed to make Board Comments while reading homeowner correspondence, yet another director had to wait for Board comments to introduce a matter of business.

The president should treat all Board members equally and not show

preferential treatment.

Donna Duke, V. 7

In unity there is strength. Does this mean that our present Board of Directors is weak? Absolutely not! The Board is as weak as it chooses to be. If the four members and the chairperson persist in their polarization and predictable voting records, then, of course, they will be a weak and ineffectual group.

All five members are well intentioned. If only they would divorce themselves of their petty prejudices, they could indeed make our village one of leisure, comfort and security. Sincerely,
Paul Treitman, V. 42

I was appalled at the Board of Directors motion and passing of the bonus given to Marilyn DeAngelo for helping out during the Gen. Mgrs. illness. As his Aide it was part of her job and that is what she is getting paid for. Also if she gets a salary of \$4000 per month it's a very generous one! (My granddaughter is a

Mechanical Engineer and she gets less than that.)

We voted for the now Board hoping they would save us money wherever they can, and we trust them to do so. However, paying an assistant Mgr. a bonus of \$4000 for doing her job is hardly a savings!

Before I came to California in 1955 I was working as a Payroll Supervisor for Alpine Metals Mfg. Co. in Flushing, Long Island, N.Y. for 5yrs. and did a lot of other things that were not part of my job, but I did what was asked of me without complaint and that was

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what I had been hired for. When my Office Mgr. was out on maternity leave for six wks, I had to do part of her job too but nobody gave me a bonus. All I got was a thank you for a job well done and a personal gift from her for Christmas.

I don't understand why you are burdening us homeowners with this bonus; it's the General Manager's duty to show her his appreciation and to give her personal gift. I strongly oppose this motion!

Sincerely,

H. Dobresou, V. 34

My name is Reginald Topping and I attend many Board meetings. But I have never heard of a salary-positioned employee receiving a \$4,000 bonus above and beyond her agreed salary in my 82 years of life just for a job she's expected to do anyway.

The last open Board meeting and the votes were as follows: Director Holthouse and Director Miller voted to give our money away. Director Shapiro and Director Pemberton voted against the bonus.

Our Chairperson, Caroline Pratt, used her casting vote and voted for the \$4,000 bonus—which we all, knew was a foregone conclusion because she has never voted against Director Holtouse and Miller in any tie situation.

Also, no argument was ever given for abolishing the Insurance Committee, who has saved us a bundle of money in the past. That was just another instance of business as usual. With Chairperson Pratt again breaking a tie in favor of Director Holthouse and Director Miller, who refers to himself as Silent Ben.

I thought we elected

Board members to stick up for the best interests of the Association, not to stick it to the Association.

Reginald Topping,
V. 20

Our Villagers have much to be thankful for this holiday season - A wonderful community to live in, good friends and two dedicated board members like Ethel Ann Pemberton and Mike Shapiro.

We thank them for their integrity and accountability to the Villagers. Their voting records tell it all. "NO" on foolish spending, "Yes" on reducing Attorney's fees, "Yes" on lifting the veil of secrecy, and "Yes" on involvement of the Insurance committee and others without tying

their hands.

These board members are trying to fulfill their campaign promises and we appreciate the effort.

Miriam Hockman, V. 17,
Betty Bruce, V. 23,
Edythe Sena, V. 6,
Virginia Cordell, V. 4,
Doris LaPrell, V. 42,
Shirley Baker, V. 26,
Marjorie Rice, V. 8,
Anne Levy, V. 8,
Rosemarie Hanson-Woody, V. 9,
Helen McGinnis, V. 16,
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Marge Linden V. 7,
Billie Stimas, V. 42,
Jeanne Warren, V. 6,
Donna Duke, V. 7,
Jackie Sinatra, V. 7,
Ed Evans, V. 3, and
Wanda Eamy, V. 13.

Comments by Ed
Evans to clarify Insurance Committee's

position I'm Ed Evans (Village 3) former Chair of the now defunct Insurance Committee. I want to bring something to the homeowners' attention that has been totally ignored. The insurance committee was set up as a 2-year standing committee and had just completed its first year. I question the technicality of abolishing any committee prior to its term limits. This technicality should have been considered **before** the Insurance Committee was abolished. I also want to point out that although the Insurance Committee disbanded, I stayed on until the earthquake bids were reviewed.

Another matter that needs clarified is the chair's comments in the Village voice in which she stated that "LVA

received only one insurance bid and that was the bid we had to take." Chair Pratt made it sound like it was the Insurance Committee's fault that we received only one bid. She neglected to mention that the Insurance Committee sent out eight bid proposals but the reason LVA received only one bid was because the broker who submitted the one bid had all other brokers and Insurance agents blocked out with an old broker of record letter.

One more thing: the Insurance Committee never made decisions for the Board. We sent 23 recommendations and requests to the Board this past year for the purpose of enlightening the Board about Insurance matters. We even informed

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the Board of deletions that should be made with regard to double coverage or coverage that was no longer needed **prior** to any changes that were made to the Master Policy. These deletions alone saved the Villagers \$5,700.00.

In spite of the Insurance Committee's cooperation in keeping the Board informed, brokers were told not to talk to the Insurance Committee nor to send us needed information. Everything had to go through the Board and General Manager, Randy Watkins, although the Insurance Committee is the one with the insurance expertise.

To sum it up, the Insurance Committee wanted to add and did do, the very best job for the Board and Villagers. But when the Board tied our hands and told brokers not to talk to us, we had no choice but to disband our committee. I hope this clarifies the Insurance Committee's position once and for all. Evans to Clarify Insurance Committee's position once and for all.

Thank you,
Ed Evans, V. 3

I can't believe that Inside Leisure Village will only be accepting positive articles this month. Slanting a newspaper prohibits free speech. Is that

what this newspaper is all about? I request that this letter be published.

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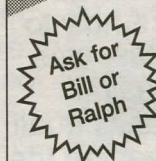
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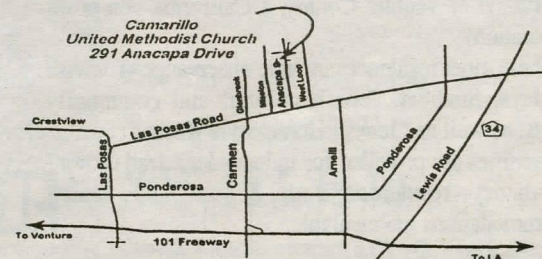
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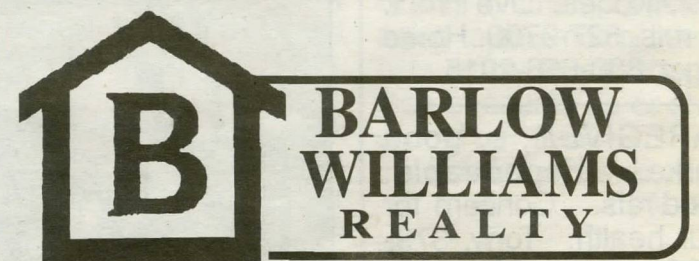
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