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Leisure Village

## LEISURE VILLAGE RESIDENT REFERRALS . . . O L E !



Mr. and Mrs. William Corwin, new Leisure Village homeowners who will be cruising to Mexico thanks to the "Ole!" Resident Referral Program.

Leisure Village in Camarillo, one of the most successful adult and retirement communities in California, recently hosted an "Ole Party" for the more than 200 participants of Leisure Technology's new Resident Referral Program. The guests attending the party were serenaded by a three-piece Mariachi Band, as well as treated to delicious hot and cold Mexican hors d'oeuvres.

Leisure Village's new referral program offers a free cruise for two to Mexico, or \$1,000 cash to any Leisure Village homeowner who refers a homebuyer to the community, as well as to the person or persons who purchase the home, once escrow closes.

"Our new 'Resident Referral Program' has met with an extremely enthusiastic response from our homeowners. The guests attending the 'Ole Party' were given a tour of the Village as well as an opportunity to view our seven fully furnished model homes," indicated Jim McBride, Sales Manager of Leisure Village, Camarillo.

"We anticipate unveiling similar programs in the future in a continuing effort to introduce more and more homebuyers to the active and secure lifestyle which more than 3,500 people now enjoy here at Leisure Village," McBride added.

New homes at Leisure Village offer two bedrooms and two baths with up to 1,835 square feet of interior living space in seven distinctive floor plans. The homes are currently priced from \$125,990, with an exceptional financing program which features a guaranteed 30-year mortgage with an interest rate of 12-7/8 percent for the first three years. Just 125 homes remain available for occupancy prior to completion of the Village.

Residents of Leisure Village enjoy golf, tennis, swimming, and numerous other outdoor amenities in addition to an expansive indoor clubhouse and several special interest activity rooms. Classes of all kinds and special social and cultural events are scheduled regularly for Leisure Village homeowners.

Security is another important aspect of Leisure Village life. The community provides a 24-hour manned gate and roving patrol, leaving residents free to stroll through the abundant park-like areas at any time of the day or night.

Leisure Village is located just north of the Ventura Freeway (Highway 101), at the Santa Rosa Road exit in Camarillo. The community and its furnished model homes are available for visitor inspection daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, telephone (213) 889-6774, or (805) 482-9880.

Leisure Technology is the largest national producer and developer of adult and retirement communities, and has built more than 15,000 homes in its 24-year history. The Company currently has eight master-planned communities under development in California, Florida, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.



S. Gene Giannulli, President, Leisure Technology, Western Division enjoying the good company of Leisure Village homeowners.



Leisure Village homeowners and "would-be homeowners" enjoying a sing-a-long with the Mariachi Band.





# This 'N That

by Esther Robbins

It was the 2nd of the month and I was beginning to panic! The deadline for my column was the 7th and as yet I hadn't the vaguest notion as to what I was going to write. It really wasn't my fault. There were any number of things I could have waxed eloquent about but I was in a dilemma. I'll go into that later. In quiet desperation I picked up the phone and called the Editor. "Angela", I said, "would it bother you terribly if Spring was a little late this year?" There was a dead silence for a few minutes as she tried to make sense out of my question. I went on to explain. My sense of humor was at low ebb and I was anxiously awaiting the resurgent tide. She said to relax. There was no hurry. With a sigh of relief I put the phone down.

Sitting there on my bed, in front of the mirrored doors, I stared at my image reflectively. "Esther", I said to myself, "I'm afraid you're slipping. Don't look now but I think your age is showing." How could that be, I ruminated. Only a few weeks ago when they were announcing wedding anniversaries at a Saturday night dance I had remarked to a woman sitting next to me that we had a "big one" coming up soon. Our forty-fifth. She looked at me in amazement. "Forty-five years?" she said, "why, you look so young, I just can't believe it! How do you do it?" "It's easy", I replied, "Thinking young. Thinking young and laughing. It's a lot better than a face lift and guaranteed not to fall." I sat there, in front of my mirror, musing upon what I had said . . . thinking young . . . and a sense of humor . . . that was the answer . . . and, most important of all, the priceless gift of being able to see yourself as you are and laugh about it.

Laughing at yourself . . . that was it! That was why I couldn't write my column! And it was all Jerry's fault. From his bed, where he was busy having the flu, Jerry had delivered the ultimatum that was destroying my ability to write. "No more columns about 'us'! Everyone thinks we're a couple of nuts. They're all laughing at us." "Jerry, what are you saying?" I cried in alarm. "They're laughing at themselves . . . they see themselves in us! That's what they like about my column. We relate!" "I don't want to relate. I've got enough relations already, and some of them I don't even like. No more columns about us!" "But Jerry," I wailed, "you are ruining my career!" My eyes fell upon the pot of chicken soup simmering on the kitchen stove . . . how else can you get rid of the flu . . . "what am I going to write about" I sobbed, "chicken soup?" "Write about chicken soup," he said, "write about anything, but don't write about us!" So here I am with a column to write about "chicken soup" . . .

To begin with, since I am stuck with the subject, let me make this momentous pronouncement . . . "chicken soup" has finally come into its own! No longer will it be the butt of ethnic jokes by every would-be comic or show person. It has been publicly acclaimed by both the medical profession and scientific researchers alike, that "chicken soup" is an actual panacea for all ills ranging from athlete's

foot to pink tooth brush. They are, at long last, convinced of something my grandmother and great-grandmother could have told them without benefit of a college education or diploma, that "chicken soup" does have medicinal qualities. Not only was chicken soup used by our great-grandmothers as the perfect "cure-all", it was found to be equally effective as a "meal-stretcher", a "meat-saver", a "four o'clock low 'picker-upper' ", an "easy way to a man's heart", and, last but not least, after the discovery of "matzo-balls" by some long-gone, unlauded and possibly "biblical" matriarch, it was duly recorded and firmly established as a "Friday night tradition".

I met a Villager the other day who told me that her husband swore by chicken soup but that it wasn't doing a thing for the arthritis in her spine. "What are you doing" I asked, "Eating it?" "Of course," she responded. "That's why it isn't helping", I said, "go home and rub it on your back."

Talking about ailments puts me in mind of a meeting I had recently with an old friend who had, at one time, suffered a slight stroke. He told me that he was having trouble with a leg again. "Your good leg," I asked? "No, my bad one," he answered. "That's good," I said, "otherwise you wouldn't have a leg to stand on." My parting admonition was, "The Greeks had a word for it . . . "chicken soup" . . .

I remember going to Murrietta Springs once for a neck problem. The mud baths were horrible. Sitting in the hot slime I could well understand why people insisted they felt better after the first bath. It was because they couldn't stand taking a second one. As I was leaving, the proprietress motioned me to the counter on which stood many small jars. "Would you like to try a jar of our famous mud cream? It's almost as good as our baths." "What is it made of", I asked, trying to be funny, "chicken fat?" The woman looked startled. "How did you know?" she asked.

When we were kids my Mother used to rub "goose grease" on our chests to break up congestion during a bad cough. It smelled a bit gamey and it sure was messy but somehow it always worked.

This is becoming a very "fowl" story from which I can't seem to extricate myself. I am knee-deep in "chicken soup" and have already exhausted everything I know about it and its related subjects. Let me close with this. They say that "laughter is the world's best medicine". I don't know who "they" are, or where "they" got "their" information, but with the high cost of pharmaceuticals, it is certainly a lot cheaper to laugh than it is to take pills, and a lot more pleasant. So remember, think young and laugh at yourself . . . even if it hurts. It is guaranteed to improve your disposition, aid your digestion, and clear your complexion or your money back . . . it says so on the label . . . And, for those of you who are interested, I have already written my own epitaph which reads as follows:

"HERE LIES ESTHER ROBBINS. SHE HEARD A FUNNY STORY AND DIED LAUGHING." Is there a better way to die?

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## Spelling Out Leisure Village

by Lillian Wallace

Leisure is the key work  
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Reassuring in its scope —  
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## The Chatterbox

by Millicent Hofmann

Hi Neighbors!

Summer over, the autumnal equinox came in with a calendar heralding an exciting social season for Villagers. Clubs have interesting plans up their sleeves, so we have much to look forward to.

The L.V. Players have on tap for November another production of the polished calibre you have grown to expect from them — this time, a "Who-Dun-It" — "Design for Murder", a Broadway success that starred Tullulah Bankhead. Her part will be played here by Blanche Follen of Village 11, accompanied by a prestigious cast of Players' members directed by John Zoller, assisted by Irwin Steinhart, actor turned producer. I sat in on rehearsals, my arms goose-pimpled with suspense, bursting with pride while I watched our hams once again turn into pros under the guidance of John Zoller who, through his patience, expertise and dedication has endeared himself to all those he works with.

Rumor has it that the Rhythmettes will soon be rehearsing their show which is scheduled for May. Practice sessions were conducted during the summer while director Edith Ferrer, new Rhythmette president, Mary Farkas and other officers and members took off on vacation trips. Piano accompanist, amiable Earl Cunningham of Village 22, subbed for Edith as did Jessica Crosby.

Highlighting Women's Club activities was their annual Fall Bazaar and by now you've heard the splendid results. The money that they raise goes to good causes, inside and outside the Village. President Lillian Skellenger, Bazaar Chairperson Eloise Wilson, and their vast crew of wonderful workers are to be commended for successfully handling such a gargantuan project. Talented Prexy Lil added many artistic touches. She does such a great job of conducting monthly meetings with those absorbing programs arranged by VP Edna McCormick. Her husband, Bill Skellenger, Mr. Lapidary himself, creates beautiful jewelry set with semi-precious stones and teaches his pupils how to follow suit.

Bocce Club members are scheduled to be entertained by a group of Rhythmettes at one of their meetings. Incidentally, those meetings are hospitable occasions with members partaking of delicious refreshments provided by the club.

The Paddle Tennis players celebrated recently by feasting a la Italienne and on a lovely Fall day; the Shuffleboarders picniced al fresco barbeque style.

The Variety Guild, the last I heard, had a Jazz session in mind. It should be great fun, nostalgically exciting . . . all their presentations always are!

These are just a few of the activities going on in Leisure Village, along with the Saturday Night Dance Sessions and biggies like the Yom Kippur Night Dance. You miss a lot if you don't participate.

It seems like Leisure Village has become a haven for luminaries of Old Broadway and Hollywood. Remember Deanna Durbin? A little bird told me that the brilliant director of her films, Henry Koster, has just settled in our midst. Also, as before mentioned, we have John Zoller, Broadway actor-director, movie star who, Glory Be, now directs our L.V. Players. You can catch John occasionally on TV. Then there's Bill Quinn, who plays the blind man on "Archie Bunker's Place," and whose familiar face you can see often in other TV shows and movies. I must include Glenn Langan and his wife, Adele Jergens of Village 32 who were both formerly very prominent movie celebrities.

Also in our midst, John Pommer (son of Eric Pommer, the famous European director), who followed in his father's footsteps here and abroad as a well-known director. His wife, Heidi, an actress and ballerina, adorned both European and American stages.

The Saturday of Labor Day weekend was the occasion for the Golden Anniversary celebration of Elaine and Walter Smuske. Congratulations, you two; you made the really "big one" and we wish you many more! Village 4's Ann and Gus Cappello have five more years to go to reach the gilded one — they recently took a trip to celebrate their 45th. George and Rachel Holtfrerich, Village pioneers, partied with many friends on their 56th.

So happy to hear about Alice Taylor and Isadore Struhl — two Villagers who decided to become one and were married recently. Good Luck! Stay healthy and happy!

Visitors hereabouts: From Kent, England — Jane Walker, grand-niece of Edith and Reggie Dowsig of Village 11. Jane is an RN in training at St. Thomas's Hospital in London. She was entertained royally and shown all the wonderful sights we always brag about so she could tell the folks back home about her good times!

Bruno and Isabel Torchia had their grandchildren here for a little lovin' and cuddlin', but only one at a time! It's easier that way.

Lee Cooley of Laguna Beach enjoyed a pleasant stay here with her sister, Hilda Zelanko, who just bought a home in Village 7, after renting for a while, to try us out! Lee managed to take in a few Bingo games, among other activities. She likes it here so is coming back again at X-mas time.

Talking about Bingo — The unsung heros and heroines of that pastime are Marion and Frank Tavano, Terry Sochacki, Bill Gawthrop, Bruno Torchia and recent addition, Tom Endo. They keep those exciting Wednesday night Bingos going full swing and are reliable, loyal and pleasant entrepreneurs of this exhilarating activity looked forward to so avidly by two hundred or more weekly players.

Incidentally, aren't we lucky to have our own lively little publication "Inside Leisure Village" given to us as a monthly supplement to Camarillo Daily News? Kudos to our hard-working editors — Frances Gold, Romaine Lambert and Betty Murray for a tough job well done!

Have you noticed — the sweet Harts are all aglow! They recently acquired a new "Camper" and Woody can't wait to take his wife, Blues Chanteuse Ruth, on a lovely trip!

Jean Cooper has returned from an interesting cruise to Alaska — all enthused over the fantastic glaciers seen from a deck chair.

The Sawyers, Larry and Esther, stole away for a look-see at the Grand Tetons, Jackson's Hole, etc. Wouldn't you know — Larry, who travels all over the world giving seminars on the subjects he writes about in his books, was asked to deliver one while on vacation — this time about the area he was sightseeing! Sorry I missed that, Larry!

True — there's no place like home, but doesn't it seem even more wonderful when you come back after a trip even if it's only a bus ride to Vegas to get rid of all of your loose change (and a little bit more). Once stricken with the wanderlust, you never recover! I know I haven't!

Ciao for now!

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# Northern States & British Columbia

by Sylvia Altes

The Travel Committee did it again! Early in September, Jeane Kane and Sylvia Altes escorted forty-four of our stout hearted citizens into the wilds of Napa, Oregon, Washington, Vancouver and Victoria. Our first stop was Napa, the lush green fertile valley of the grapes. From there we rode to Ashland, Oregon where we were fortunate enough to see King Henry the IV — one of Shakespeare's more bloody tales. The auditorium was outdoors: — when we entered we felt like we had gone back in time — the young people dancing, singing, playing old English instruments all tended to set the mood for the robust performance.

Then on to Portland and a comfortable stay at the famous Red Lion Inn, situated right on the river. Portland's climate, clean air, rivers, mountains and trees, its friendly and congenial people — all are an unmatched creation of enjoyment.

On to Vancouver, across the border into another country. We were treated with warmth and kindness wherever we went. In Vancouver the Robsonstrasse is a slice of Europe in the downtown area. We strolled, window-shopped, took many pictures, ate exceedingly well, and thoroughly enjoyed our two-day stay there. By ferry to Swartz Bay and we found ourselves in another fairyland — Victoria. The fun never stops. One need not go to London to ride on a double decker bus or a tour of a Castle or a game of cricket or lawn bowling. It is the capital of British Columbia with an utterly British atmosphere. The shops were brimming over with china, crystal, woolens, tweeds, toffee and English biscuits. Where can one see flower baskets hanging from lamp posts? And a Parliament building lit up like a perennial Christmas tree? An unusual treat came when we left for the magnificent, world-famous Buchhart Gardens late in the afternoon. After the sun set and evening set in, we walked the gardens through colored lights, waterfalls, music and complete enchantment of sight and sound.

After a fond adieux, we boarded a ferry again to Port Angeles, Washington. Went through Customs in a breeze and travelled on to Olympia where we were fortunate to be escorted through the brewery ending up in the sampling room. Yum! The beer was absolutely delicious!

On to Grants Pass, Oregon spending the night in a motel right on the banks of the Rogue River. It was not too uninteresting to fall asleep to the tune of the numerous ducks and drakes on the river front.

Sacramento was our last stop. All too soon we realized our trip was almost over. We took a bus trip to Old Sacramento; visited the old train museum; walked in and out of shops that had been there for many years and just soaked up the atmosphere as it might have been years before.

We arrived home safe and sound, no one ill, everyone seemed to have had a good time and the last words Jeane and I heard as everyone left for their homes were "When are we going on the next one, and where will it be going?"



Co-escort, Jeane Kane of the Travel Committee with Villagers en route to British Columbia.

# THE DEKTORS, LOUIS AND MILDRED AND Their Famous Moskva Cliff

Profile  
by Millicent Hofmann

In our San Fernando Valley days, before we succumbed to the lure of Leisure Village, "eating out" was one of our fondest hobbies. We had a fantastic choice of restaurants — mouth watering fisheries and ethnic spots offering food whose recipes originated in all corners of the world. One of our favorites was the "Moskva Cliff", a landmark in Studio City, where we dined á la Russe.

Originally owned by Raya Penoff, an exotic lady who made Moskva Cliff a landmark restaurant, it was later purchased by the Dektors, who remained its owners till they closed it recently, sold the property to a bank and moved to Leisure Village.

There was an old world atmosphere about the place and the menu was interesting, tempting and invariably delicious. You could start with a tantalizing appetizer like eggplant caviar or matjes herring, followed by an excellent salad, and then came the marvelous black mushroom and barley soup, carrying along with it a hot pirogen of divine texture, similar to the mille feuille of French Napoleons. The piece de resistance entree was "Chicken Marechale", a unique concoction introduced to America by Raya and served nowhere else but at Moskva Cliff. Soft lights and impeccable service made dining at the Cliff a heavenly experience and justifiably, this restaurant won awards from Holiday Magazine, the L.A. Restaurant Writers' Ass'n. and others. Also — you often dined elbow to elbow with famous movie stars.

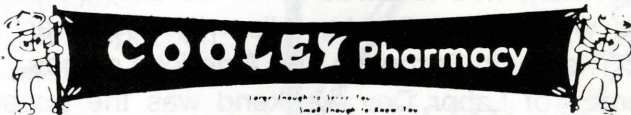
And now — Moskva Cliff is no more! I learned about its demise from a Valley Green Sheet clipping mailed to me by my sister in Encino. Mentioned therein was the fact that the owners, Louis and Mildred Dektor, were now residents of Leisure Village. I phoned and chatted awhile with Mildred, who was delighted to hear about the Green Sheet article and asked if she could have it duplicated. She came over and we continued our chat.

I learned that Lou had been the CPA who audited Raya's books. He came home one day and announced "I've bought Moskva Cliff!" A stunned Mildred answered — "But you don't know anything about running a restaurant!" He replied — "I'll learn!" And learn he did. He took over and followed the pattern of its success, retaining his faithful patrons and acquiring new ones, serving them the wonderful dishes that had made the Cliff famous. They were also renowned for the 14-course Russian dinner they presented at intervals. The naming of their Taras Bulba Room was an auspicious occasion celebrated in conjunction with the release of the movie, "Taras Bulba" with Yul Brynner, and was also the site of a smashing party when the James Bond picture, "To Russia, with Love", was completed.

After 14 years as "Mine Host" at the Cliff, Lou was ready to retire, and now he and Mildred are happily ensconced in their Village 33 home which they bought three years ago and rented out, pending their residency here. Once settled, they will be active participants in Village life. They are avid bridge players and I noticed in a recent Camarillo Daily News item that they were listed as game winners.

Personally, I'm sorry they didn't decide to open a "Moskva Cliff" hereabouts. It would have been a welcome addition to the roster of so-so eateries in this vicinity! Some people just eat to live — and others, live to eat, considering dining a pleasurable, ceremonial occasion. Appetizing food brought to your table proudly by a smiling waiter is a feast for the eyes, as well as the tummy, and the Dektors were the proof of such a pudding!

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# NEWSCLUB

## Leisure Village Rhythmettes

by Millicent Hofmann

**How It All Started** — In June 1976 Edith Ferrer, with a little coaxing from Nell Crane, formed a Women's Kitchen Band for the Women's Club. Sixteen hardy souls: Nell Crane, Piff DeSimone, Flora DiBiase, Dorothy Fencel, Mary Farkas, Eunice Guderman, Vi Haley, Millicent Hofmann, Rosalee Howell, Vi Kasner, Lucille Matson, Jean Meyer, Marion Tavano, Isabel Torchia, Myrtle Underwood, Margaret Wilson. With kazoos, pots and pans, scrapers, a drum, with Edith playing the piano, and after only two rehearsals, the Rhythmettes entertained the Villagers at the Bicentennial celebration on July 4, 1976 with patriotic music which started everyone's toes tapping.

In October 1976, the Rhythmettes presented a complete variety show, entitled "THE GAY NINETIES", with a cast of 24 women and husbands pressed into service. In May 1977 they presented "THE ROARING TWENTIES". In April 1978, now with a cast of 60 members, plus husbands and friends, they presented "SOME OLD, SOME NEW, SOMETHIN' BLUE". In March 1979 "RAZZLE DAZZLE" and in May 1980 "HOOPLA".

They entertained at the Fourth of July Village picnics in 1977, 1978 and 1979. Also presented Christmas Shows in 1977 and 1978.

The Rhythmettes were the inspiration for subsequent performing groups in our Village. Rhythmettes have also entertained at the Camarillo State Hospital at Easter and Christmas in conjunction with the Women's Club.

This year on August 11th an exuberant gathering of Rhythmettes made use of L.V.'s beautiful picnic grounds and feasted on hamburgers prepared by Man of the Year, Nick DeSimone, assisted by Bruno Torchia and Frank Tavano. This was the first social event of new President Mary Farkas' regime and chairperson Isabel Torchia, with her efficient aides. Their appetites satisfied, the Rhythmettes spent the rest of the picnic time "doing their thing", with kazoos, etc. and spirited singing, their stalwart director, Edith Ferrer, leading

them at the piano. New member Billie Pachter provided song sheets so that those who knew the tune, but not the words, could join in.

The Bocce Club has asked the Rhythmettes to perform at their October 29th meeting and an entertaining program has been scheduled.

Come May 1982, you will again be entertained by the Rhythmettes, with another innovative production which newer residents will find a revelation of good entertainment.

Proceeds from Rhythmettes shows have been used to enhance stage and kitchen facilities; they purchased the small piano which wanders around the Recreation area; also donated funds towards the purchase of our organ and additional chairs for the Assembly Room as well as charitable donations.

## Leisure Village Men's Golf Association

by Al Podewils

A big year of activity has ended and another started in the last few months and as usual, the period was marked by a number of events scheduled to make us all remember the past twelve months and look forward to the next twelve.

President Art Wilson left office on July 1st with our thanks for a superb job. The June Nineteenth Hole Party was a special one with entertainment, extra eats and the other things that go with celebrations.

Words of praise were passed aplenty at the installation luncheon at the Oxnard Elks Club. The installation was marked by speeches by each of the past presidents George Holtfrerich, Harv Shirk, Walt Smuske, and Niels Pedersen after which George installed the new officers. Bob Cordell takes over the top as president and we all expect a very successful term from him. Also installed were Hap Martin, Vice President; George May, Secretary; and Joe Selber, Treasurer. Oscar Snyder will be Membership Chairman while Hugh Gary will handle the tournaments. Herman Golin will take the grief as Handicap Chairman and Ken Spangler



will run the long golf. Good luck to them all.

As we write the Handicap Match Play Tournament is on. It is the first of the annual events for the year. Played in flights, it is a toughie and usually runs several weeks before the kings can be crowned.

The 1981-1982 Calendar of Events has already been prepared so it looks like another busy year ahead.

## Bocce Club

by Joe Carfagna

Our first special event was a bake sale held on April 4th. Many thanks to our women Bocce Club contributors and to our sale hostesses. And special thanks to all the residents who bought the items to make the sale a big success.

At the April 30th meeting a wonderful evening of dining and dancing to the tapes of Ed Abdelnour ensued. Following the dinner trophies were presented to the winners of the Spring Singles Bocce Tournament:

### MEN

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| 1st Sam Bearman    | Dorothy Fencel |
| 2nd Herb Newman    | Mary Cherney   |
| 3rd Henry Carfagna | Iris Simmonds  |

A delicious lasagna dinner, followed by enjoyable dancing, took place at the July 30th meeting. After the dinner, trophies were awarded to the winners of the Summer Mixed Doubles Tournament:

### MEN

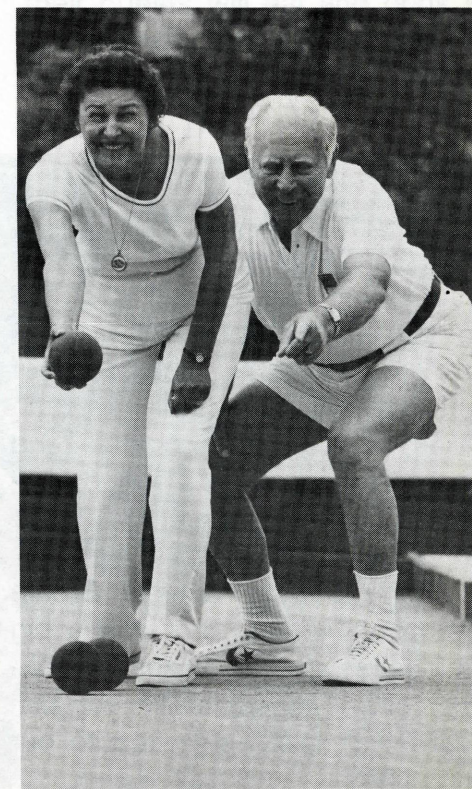
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| 1st Hy Harris     | Emily Rapp     |
| 2nd Lou Waxman    | Dorothy Fencel |
| 3rd Jerry Robbins | Helen Gelb     |

The Bocce Club members initiated a request for approval of a roofing on the arbor at the bocce court to provide shade. The approval has been given by

the Architectural Committee and it is now being processed by the Recreation Committee. This same committee has also been given a letter indicating the need of reconditioning all the lanes of the bocce court which has not been done since 1977. Sufficient monies to be allocated in the 1981-82 budget have been requested for this purpose.

The Bocce Club plans to finish the 1981 year with an Anniversary Dinner-Dance in November and an installation of new Bocce Club officers at a luncheon in December.

The Bocce Club board members wish to thank all club members who helped to make 1981 a year to be remembered. Special thanks go to all the entertainers who gave so much pleasure to members at the Bocce Club meetings. And very special thanks to Ed Abdelnour who provided such fine dancing music at all our meetings and special events.





# CLUB NEWS

## Shuffleboard Club

by Orpha Hughes

On July 7th our Club installed the new officers for 1981-82. Orpha Hughes will be President for the second time around and will also take care of the corresponding secretarial work. Beatrice Schreiber will serve as Vice-President; Bertha Kunz will be Secretary; Wilbur Schreiber will act as Membership Chairman and will double as Treasurer.

Our collective thanks to all the former officers who led us through a great year of fun and entertainment. Past President, Tome Moore, is helping Orpha by looking after court maintenance. Thanks also go to Tome and other members for teaching new players on Monday mornings.

Just entered the Fall program with another great barbecue on October 1st. We had such good hamburgers as only Walt Whittier and Dick DeSimone can serve. We added a lot of trimmings along with hot baked beans (baked all day in the Leisure Village kitchen by our Dorothea Fuller), salads, cake, wine, lemonade and coffee. Afterwards there were twilight games at the courts under the lights. It was a very festive and enjoyable party.

Later on in the year we will be having dinner dances, tournaments and luncheons. Another barbecue will be held in Spring. Villagers are all welcome to join us. Shuffleboard does its share of making this a truly Pleasant Valley.

## Leisure Village R.V. Club

by Don Moore

Leisure Village R.V. Club, boasting about 200 members, meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose room. Subjects of member interest such as group trips, parking lot problems and entertainment with a good outside speaker or travel movie are the topics of agenda.

Our outdoor Pancake Breakfast on October 3rd was a big success and promises to become an annual affair. All Leisure Villagers are invited to our meetings.

## The Happy Hoofers

by Roie Beck

After three years of performing in Village shows and entertaining in hospitals and nursing homes, the Happy Hoofers were finally accepted as an official Club of Leisure Village.

In the "Ticky Tacky Talent Show" the Hoofers glamorously sold popcorn and rootbeer (at 5c each!), cheered on neophytes, and heckled "ticky tacky" joke tellers. Other performances included a forty minute variety show for the Solo Club and a magnificent dance routine at the Variety Guild installation dinner.

But the highlight of the Summer was the hour performance at the Ventura School, a correctional institution. With a bit of trepidation, the Hoofers took the stage, not knowing how these world-wise kids would react to retired, "old" ladies presuming to entertain them. So the Happy Hoofers looked them in the eye, via their M.C., and said: "You're the same age as our grandchildren and we love to perform for them. Think of **your** grandmas up here on stage!"

It worked! They chuckled and cheered... a wonderful audience who physically touched the shoulders and hands of the Hoofers after the show. It was a most rewarding experience for happy Leisure Village-ites.

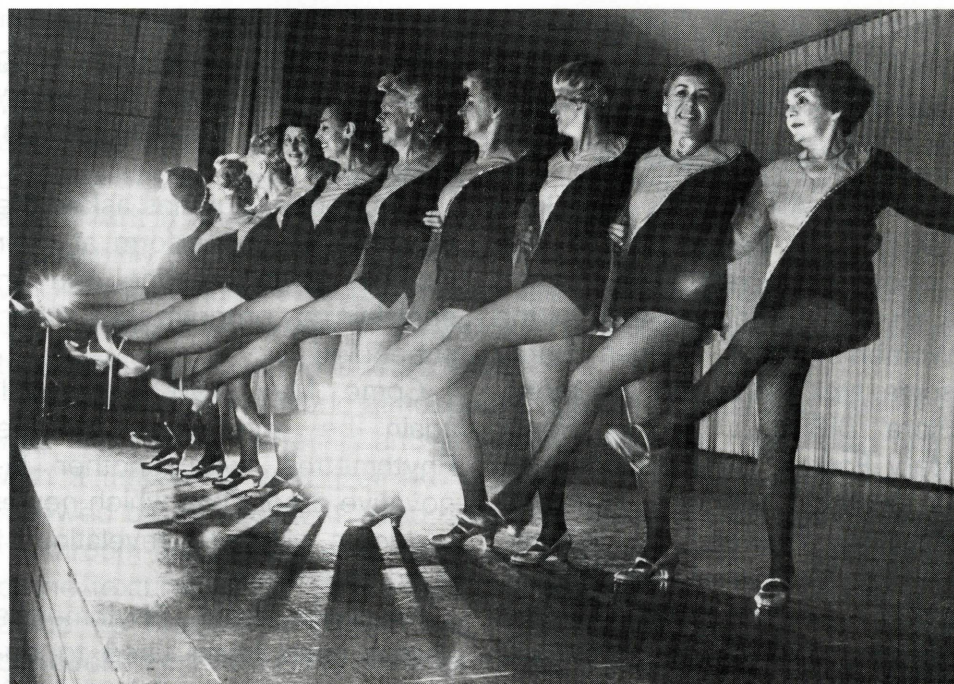
## Leisure Village Bowling

by Charles Bellante

The 1981-1982 Leisure Village Bowling Season is ready to get under way. As usual Ernie Nika has done a great job of putting together our schedule and making up our 30 teams. There are many new bowlers and we are looking forward to a great season.

During the summer on any Friday afternoon at Wagon Wheel Bowl you would find at least 40 or 50 bowlers. It seemed as though the bowling season never ended. With all this practicing, I think we are going to see a rash of 200 games bowled this year.

Good Luck, and Happy Bowling.



## Leisure Village Chorale

by Joan Woodenschek

The Chorale had their Annual Concert in June, superbly directed by Bob Riggs. The theme, "nostalgia", was enthusiastically received by capacity audiences. So many of the well-known songs lent themselves to duets, all of which were ably sung by our guys and gals. There were three solos interspersed throughout the performance, beautifully delivered by Bill Shasberger, Ruth Hart and Joan Woodenschek. All in all, it was a most enjoyable evening.

The summer found us having a weekly workshop under the guidance of Margaret Wilson. Everyone learned a lot from these sessions.

We will be entertaining for the Village Anniversary on September 27. Our program will be short but fun with several songs from the concert.

Thanksgiving will find us singing at the Ecumenical Service as we have done in the past.

On December 18th we will have a Christmas Hanukkah program with the traditional Christmas songs and Hebrew songs you will recognize and some others you will enjoy.

March is the month of St. Patrick's Day and the Chorale will put on a show with various solos and duets and dances and jokes in the Irish vein. A truly fun and entertaining evening that is March 12.

That brings us up to our spring concert time and we are already formulating our plans for that on June 4 and 5.

## Organ Club

by Harold Wickham

The Leisure Village Organ Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Assembly Room.

Officers of the current year are: Piff DeSimone, President; Rosalie Beck, First Vice-President; Harold Wickham, Second Vice-President; Dorothy Koncko, Secretary; Marion Van Gorp, Treasurer.

During spring and summer the Organ Workshop was busy meeting on the second Monday of each month. This was followed by a practice session on the fourth Monday of each month. You know, practice makes perfect!

Sunday evening, March 1, a concert was given by Bill Million, a prominent professional organist and teacher. The concert was well attended.

Members of the Organ Club played continuously from 12:00 noon till 9:00 P.M. for the Village Painters Art Show on Sunday, May 17th. Those contributing their time and talents were: Ethel Belanger, Belle Dominguez, Florence Krueger, Maxine La Porte, Bill Marvel, Marion Van Gorp, Zita Wayne and Harold Wickham.

At our May 22nd meeting Bill Marvel's mother entertained with some fancy piano playing and Bill accompanied on the organ for some fine duets.

On August 23rd a large group of Organ Club members and other Villagers went to Pipes and Pizza in Reseda to hear the Great Wind Machine. It was an enjoyable outing.

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# NEWSCLUB

## The World Travelers of Leisure Village

by Lee Edwards

Life in Leisure Village is truly beautiful, and I, for one, believe that I never had it so good; nevertheless there comes a day when we yearn to explore foreign lands with their culture, scenery and famous buildings. And that is exactly the purpose of the "World Travelers of Leisure Village". We search out interesting trips to all corners of the globe, and with the aid of the airlines and travel agencies, put together tour packages that are competitive in price and appeal to our Villagers.

How often in the past have you met interesting people on a trip to Rotterdam or Rio de Janeiro, but they lived in New Jersey, while you hang your hat in North Hollywood — never to meet again. Well, now we can travel with companions from our own Leisure Village, form lasting friendships and exchange memories and photo slides for years to come.

We elected a new Board in the spring of 1981 with Richard Behrman as our president. We continue to hold our monthly meetings in the Assembly Room. We usually meet the **Second Thursday of each month** (exception: The forthcoming November meeting will be held on **Friday, November 6**). We always draw a large crowd for we schedule an interesting movie or slide show. Even armchair travelers enjoy these views of foreign lands.

All summer long our members enthusiastically travelled to Hawaii, Europe, Israel and Alaska, keeping our research chairman, Helen Behrman, constantly busy ferreting new and stimulating destinations.

Here are a few samples to whet your appetite:

**TRANS PANAMA CANAL:** This 14-day cruise on the "Sun Princess" leaves November 28 from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Fly free to San Juan, then cruise thru the Canal to Los Angeles Harbor. Price starts from \$1,928.00 depending on cabin selected. For cruise information call Hal Convissar at 482-9797.

**MEXICO:** We have planned two extra special trips for December:

**PUERTO VALLARTA:** 7 days and 6 nights at the beachfront Playa de Oro Hotel, and the price, including return air fare is only \$375.00. This trip leaves on December 8.

**MAZATLAN:** This one is a real bargain: We leave December 1 for 4 days and the price is a terrific \$275.00 including the Hotel "Casa de Oro" and 4 Continental breakfasts as well as air fare.

For more details on Mexican trips call Herman Mogill at 484-1615 — Ole —

Our trips include round-trip transportation to LAX, and require membership in our club which is only \$2.50 per year.

Adios and Auf Wiedersehen, we look forward to greeting you at our monthly meetings.

### Organ Club (Continued)

The theme of our August 28th meeting was the music and songs of Irving Berlin. Harold Wickham started the entertainment with a medley of Irving Berlin numbers. Then Evelyn Garbe presented a most interesting summary of Irving Berlin's career. Next, Piff DeSimone, Evelyn Garbe, Dorothy Konecko, Virginia Moon and Marion Van Gorp entertained on the Gulbransen. To close the program, Nell Crane played "Alexander's Rag Time Band" and "God Bless America".

The Organ Club is steadily growing and now has 45 members. All Villagers are invited to attend our meetings on the fourth Friday of each month. If you wish to join, membership is only \$2.00.

So come to our meetings to play or just to listen. You are all welcome!

## The Racquet Club

by Lorraine Friedman

The Racquet Club meets every second Wednesday of the month and it has been a full and fun year under the Presidency of Jerry Doctrow.

There were many tournaments, paddle and regular tennis, as well as singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team tennis. Prizes were given at the end of the tournaments and the team tennis winners were awarded



wooden trophies at the Awards Picnic in July.

In May the Spring Fling was held in the Assembly Room with over 200 members and friends in attendance. Slides by Abe Milman were shown of the players in action accompanied by a witty script written by Ben Smithkin. Parodies were sung by Bob and Miriam Hasen.

On October 31st we will be having another dance with an international flavor. Meanwhile the nominating committee is working on the slate of officers to be presented to the members soon.

It has been an active and productive year and next year is expected to be even better!

## Village Painters

by Marion Jayne

Our summer got off to a good start with our Spring Art Show in May with 48 artists and over 200 paintings. It was our best show to date as we continue to grow. Our guests, the China Painters, displayed china and

other hand-painted items of exquisite beauty.

In June we had our luncheon for 65 people with Barbara Campbell of Village 33 presenting a demonstration of Bonsai planting; such a strange and beautiful art which we can all better appreciate now that we know how difficult the technique is.

Our art tours having conquered Norton Simon Museum, Los Angeles County Museum, the Huntington Museum and the Santa Barbara Art Museum. The final tour this year was the J. Paul Getty Museum in October.

Our Painters Workshop is an all-year "bee hive" and we include many activities in addition to painting. As a preliminary to our Christmas workshop, we had in September a splendid demonstration of Holiday greeting cards by Ethelwyn Dills and Marion Jayne.

Our Christmas party in December is the last activity of this year and we always end it with a bang. Our 60 members and their guests will eat and drink in grand style and joyful spirits as we celebrate another fruitful year.





# CLUBNEWS

## The Variety Guild

by Ethel Goldfarb

The Variety Guild has given us just that — a variety of entertainment in the Village, as well as outside of it. A performance was given at the Camarillo State Hospital, filling a great need to a most appreciative audience. There was song, dance and fun that day in May.

A hilarious TICKY TACKY TALENT SHOW was presented July 24th. A carnival mood was set with bags of popcorn being tossed to the audience which filled the Assembly Room to capacity. The Hostesses and Ushers were dressed in festive as well as comedic attire, as did some members in the audience who "got into the act". At intermission, 5¢ root beer disappeared immediately. Wonder why?

And so on with the talent, ranging from the musical saw effectively played by Harold Hughes; Ann and Jack Fosdick in a comedy bit with Jack emitting (musical?) sounds with his palms pressed together and Ann in "Tacky" clothes whacking him over the head to get him off. Miriam Schwartz, the many faceted lady, mimed a segment of "Milk and Honey", jumping from one prop to another in her "Hymn to Hymie"- real showmanship. Smiley Billie Pachter offered a "Tearful Little Earful" with husband Al coming to the fore. Morris Katz was outstanding on the harmonica. The Arthur Kates Quintet, with Arthur on several instruments (when he wasn't playing on words for a laugh), Don Horodas on drums, Larry Killeen, guitar; Carol Hitchcock, violin and bass; Bill Marvel, piano, with sweet-voiced Miriam Hasen as vocalist (slightly overpowered by an electrically magnified instrument), presented a musical, fun, loud and most entertaining segment. Miriam Dubowsky, dressed as an 1890 prima donna, couldn't achieve Chopin's "Minute Waltz" in one minute and was unceremoniously carried off stage by timer Jim Zupa and assistant, to the audience's shouts of "unfair" and boos.

The men's Quartet, comprised of George Goldfarb, Norman Friedman, Norman Mace and Sam Perren, sounded good enough to encourage them to continue as the "Musicateers". To see Jean Silverstein in her slinky gown and fur singing "Some of These Days" aroused the audience to a pitch. An "admirer" presented her with a bouquet of roses, hmmm. Rawza Kates, in addition to her many talents, is also an exceptional Puppeteer, besides making her own own Puppets. Her "Suzy Walks to Kansas" was a snappy disco number. Some legs Rawza, also the Puppet's. The lament of Ruth Cohen to the melody of "Sweet Little Alice Blue Gown" had you "weeping".

Anecdotes, funny and with pathos are told, but the prize goes to Murray Bois-Smith for his stories. A laugh a minute. Don Horodos dropped his drums to sing "Impossible Dream" and "Exodus". Does singin' and drummin' well. The High Steppers, a new group of lively young-uns, tapped away, wearing the most elegant, brief pink and white costumes. Could have created a riot if let loose. Dancers were Kay Collier, Lila Berger, Jerrie Oeswein, Doris Siegel, Jean Fox, Bea Perren, Miriam Schwartz and Vi Cohen.

In all, there were 15 acts. Marcel Lerner exuding his Continental Charm, musically introduced the acts; Roie Beck and Piff DeSimone horse-playing with wisecracks and jokes. Our fun trio, Piff, Roie and Daisey Bien, in cowboy attire, didn't know the gun was loaded as they pitifully sang "Miss Effie's Lament", which was the opener of the evening.

Organist Marion Van Corp and Piano Accompanist Fred Drezner contributed their talents to the show. Did you see the Rabbit (Mimi Chuntz) with giant-size carrot in hand, running through the audience with Jim Zupa, gun in hand, in hot pursuit? Could it be the same rabbit that inhabited our stage during the 1980 follies?

The show was put together by capable, dedicated members of the Variety Guild too numerous to mention, who deserve much acclaim. It hit the spot as Summer fare — seeming like old-time Vaudeville, emitting shouts, handclapping, stomping of feet and lots of boos and "ticky-tacky". Good release, since there were no baseball games!!

The regular meetings during June, July, August and September had show-stoppers for entertainment so ingeniously planned by

Program Chairperson Miriam Hasen, which filled the room to capacity each time.

The performance on June 18th with Rawza Kates on piano and Arthur Kates on Tenor Sax, was a musical treat with presentation of Fritz Kreisler's Liebesfreud and Valse Hilda. A real fun night was July 2nd, when "Baby Night" was the theme with members bringing their baby pictures to be ooooed and ahhhed over. Why not, weren't we once beautiful babies? . . . "but baby look at you now"! Petite Sylvia Beber and Faith Saunders were dressed in little girls' clothes, sitting on the floor with toys around them, singing and teasing "I don't want to play in your yard". Didn't they look like adorable little girls — future heartbreakers?

Bob Hasen tenderly singing "Daddy's Little Girl" was followed by Mimi Kaufman at the piano singing "Children, Children". Visualize Sylvia Altes, wearing a bonnet, hamming up her part, and with her torchy voice singing "Baby Face". A natural comedienne! Murray Hertzberg effectively sang "Sonny Boy" to a baby picture of his son. Miriam Hasen completed the program singing "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby" walking through the audience tossing lollipops.

July 16th meeting offered our very own "Clown" Dorothy Karlin as narrator (also scriptwriter) presenting a Melodrama with versatile Marcel Lerner, the Villain, Ginny Cordell, the sweet young thing, and Gesele Winston as the siren, tantalizing in her "stick to the ribs" gown. Again a fun, fun evening.

You traveled on a magic carpet at the July 30th meeting to a Tess and Hal Kueffer presented an evening to be long remembered. Hal, a native of Hawaii and former member of Harry Owens' Royal Hawaiians Orchestra, sang beautiful Hawaiian songs as his wife Tess swayed to the rhythms of the Islands in lovely costume. Sheer poetry in motion and song.

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## Current Issues Forum

by Harry Becker

Residents at Leisure Village who find it necessary to supplement their swimming, golf, and bridge-playing with some intellectual stimulation find the answer in the monthly meetings of the Current Issues Forum.

Not only do Villagers benefit from attendance at these forums (limited to residents and their guests), but extensive reports of the discussions are carried to thousands of Camarillans by the **Daily News**, which assigns reporters and photographers to cover these events.

For example, a debate on handgun control in July was described by this headline: "Handgun debate hotter than a pistol."

A special meeting on state reapportionment, addressed by Alan G. Rosin, staff director and principal consultant to the state Senate Committee on Elections and Reapportionment, was headlined on page one of the **Daily News**: Camarillo heart of state controversy."

The Forum's June meeting on El Salvador and American foreign policy, with Professor Blase Bonpane of California State University at Northridge, likewise received a two-column spread in the local newspaper.

Jack Lambie, general manager of the Ventura Regional County Sanitation District, addressed the forum in August bringing reassurance that Ventura County does not have a Love Canal situation. "We're blessed here and we have to keep it that way," he said.

On September 18th Alan Tratner, publisher of **Geothermal Energy**, gave an audio-visual presentation on the mind-boggling topic: "Windmills for Leisure Village? — An Update on Alternate Energy Sources."

Moderator at the Forums has been Harry Becker, of Village 28, assisted by Program Chairman Karl Cannon, Village 4, who, incidentally, is a member of the Board of Directors of Leisure Village Association. They are backed up by an energetic executive committee, which includes Mollie Silversher, Village 23, treasurer; Julia Redholtz, Village 19, secretary; Bernard Fireston, Village 23, membership chairman; and Harold Lee, Village 20, hospitality chairman.



# NEWS CLUB

## Variety Guild (Continued from Page 8)

The August 13th evening was a nostalgic review of the "80 Spoof" and the "Village Folly", with Art Kaufman showing slides and the Variety Guild singers completing the evening with lyrics to "Camelot" applying to our Village life, and "Camarillo", with the breezes blowing from the sea . . . (melody from "Oklahoma").

The next August meeting had a skit from "Hello Dolly", the Hat Shoppe scene performed by Daisey Bien and Kay Avery. A delightful presentation with Freda Drezner at piano.

With summer over, installation of new Officers was in order on August 30th, and what an event. The evening began with food fit for a king so capably handled by Dolores Tribich, Mimi Chuntz and their assistants. At the organ, Florence Kruger furnished delightful background music. Her early years at the organ in Nickelodeon must have been something. The program was chaired by Miriam Hasen; Dorothy Karlin, script; Helen Gold, art work; Al Pachter, lights, and Al Levinson, genial photographer. Fun and laughter was the order of the eve.

The format was a Beauty Pageant, brain-child of Bob Hasen. The Banner on stage proclaimed "Variety Guild Pageant". Bob, as M.C. "Pert Barks", proceeded to sing the familiar theme song, substituting "Miss Variety Guild", accompanied by Freda Drezner at piano. "Contestants", future officers, buzzed around excitedly anticipating the Winner, the next President of the Variety Guild. After little speeches, the former Officers relinquished their Crowns to the "winners": Ginny Cordell, President; Miriam Hasen, 1st Vice-President; Ethel Goldfarb, 2nd Vice-President; Faith Saunders, Treasurer; Millie Silberman, Recording Secretary; Jim Zupa, Executive Vice-President, and Sylvia Altes, Corresponding Secretary. Special thanks was given to Freddy Bauch for a job well done the past year.

With the spotlight on the "winner", President Cordell walked regally down the aisle followed by her entourage of new officers. Rob Karlin, announcer, proceeded with the entertainment portion. The Arthur Kates Combo with Rawza Kates on piano, Arthur Kates on violin, Don Horodis, drums and Larry Killeen on guitar gave a beautiful rendition of a favorite Mozart composition. Arthur Kates followed on Clarinet, sounding so much like Benny Goodman with his old familiar melodies. A musical treat! "Once in a While", sung by Miriam Hasen, vocalist with the Combo, added a sweet note. "Orange Blossom Special", a well-known Blue Grass selection performed by the Combo, with Arthur Kates on Violin, elicited a lively response having everyone tapping feet and clapping hands.

The very talented Happy Hoofers followed this lively session, doing a snappy number in their sharp silver and black brief costumes. The "youngsters" were Daisey Bien; Piff DeSimone; Helen Gold; Miriam Hasen; Dorothy Karlin; Rawza Kates; Sophie Lebetkin and Betty Murray.

President Cordell had a lively musical program to start the year. Formality of the meeting over, Miriam Hasen set the scene for the evening's fun. We were on a luxury cruise, late into the night milling around the Piano in the Bar, singing away to the accompaniment of charming and talented Roselle Mayfarth. It was a good old-fashioned songfest with old melodies, requests, men only singing thunderously, Dorothy Karlin frolicking on top of the piano — and so it went to the point of hilarity with everyone participating.

One can't help the superlatives in reporting the programs following the meetings. September 23rd reached a new height — how do you top this? Labelled "An International Potpourri", we toured musically into the land of beauty and heather, Edinburgh, Scotland. Our delightful Scottish Lassie, Margaret Wilson, sang a charming 16th Century Melody about Mary, Queen of Scots, accompanying herself on an autoharp which has a most beautiful sound coupled with her sweet voice. She presented a true Scottish figure in her white lace jabot with a Stuart-like tartan draped on the shoulder.

We traveled to Southern Italy with Gus Cappello singing in Italian "Mama I want to get married", the familiar Butcher Boy Song, with Miriam Schwartz at piano. Everyone joined in. Traveling over the Alps we were in Germany before long to hear Trudy Orson on accordion and husband Andy on harmonica telling of the beer halls, comradie and song. Trudy, performing before a group for the first

time, volunteered these words of wisdom "We may not be good as we used to be, but we would be worse if we didn't keep trying". She did magnificently despite her trepidation, as did her husband. The audience was in full swing at this point joining in song.

We travelled to the City of wine, women and song with Marcel Lerner setting the mood of Vienna, singing some romantic melodies accompanied by Trudy on accordion, and naturally with the audience joining in. A bit of travel over the blue Mediterranean and before long in the golden City of Jerusalem with George Goldfarb masterfully singing in Hebrew "Jerusalem of Gold" and then "Hava Nagela" (come brothers let us sing and rejoice), with everyone joining with spirit.

Then off we went to the beautiful Philippines. Lois Bello in an elegantly embroidered gown, the artistry of the Islands, created a masterpiece of charm. In the language of the Philippines, accompanied by Artie Mae Buch on piano, she sang "Taga Bukid", telling of the purity and innocence and then "Kalesa" (Horsedrawn carriage). Sound and beauty personified.

After much applause, the performers had the members join in the singing of "Old Smokey" with Margaret Wilson at the helm, ending the evening with "God Bless America". Magnificent evening! Miriam Hasen does wonders in program planning.

The Variety Guild did its bit at the Women's Bazaar Celebration September 26th, in the lively Bazaar atmosphere. Perky Mimi Kaufman sang "Walking Happy" with members dressed and walking in every conceivable manner seen on the Village streets . . . very amusing — followed by little country girl Grace Back in appropriate bonnet and dress, and George Goldfarb singing tenderly to each other "I Remember It Well", to the piano accompaniment of Ethel Belanger.

Behind the scenes of the Variety Guild are the writers, executive Director John Pommer, executive Producer Lil Heimowitz and many others busily engaged in preparation for our big spectacular show in February, 1982. We're always "On Stage" with high hopes for another fantastic year.

## The Travel Committee

by Sylvia Altes

Travelling with the Travel Committee continues to be one of the most popular activities and pastimes in Leisure Village.

More and more Villagers rush over to the Recreation Office early in the morning on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to make sure that they will be in for the various trips before they are sold out.

Coming up in the near future is apple picking in Tehachapi; an exciting trip to Phoenix and Laughlin; one of the finest China Painting exhibitions in the country; Los Angeles Art Museum; Death Valley; a mouth-watering barbecue and show at the Circle B Bar Ranch; an intriguing day aboard the Queen Mary; and a twelve-day trip up the North coast through Washington, Oregon, Vancouver and Victoria.

Interspersed between all the above beautiful trips is our almost monthly sojourn to Las Vegas. The Mint, Sahara, Golden Nugget and the Tropicana are just a few of our stopping off places.

So far this year there were two trips to Yellowstone National Park. Our people are still talking about the beauty and grandeur of that part of our country and more and more groups are ready to go.

There is a trip for everyone, whatever your heart desires. So join us, won't you?



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# CLUBNEWS

## Village Swingers Square Dance Club

by Romaine Lambert

It would seem that a Square Dance Club which meets weekly would feel hard-pressed to keep its activities varied and interesting, but the Village Swingers under capable leadership and dedicated committees continue to do just that.

At the June general meeting Al and Ruth Siegel were elected to a second term and installed at the annual potluck dinner which also honored new officers. Installation ceremonies were performed by A-Square D Representatives Bill and Dot Boyd. In addition to the Siegels the following were sworn in: Irv and Millie Litrownik, First Vice President (Refreshments); Sol and Rae Gimpel, Second Vice President (Activities); Jack and Lenore Broude, Secretary; Art and Mae Gregerson, Treasurer. Ernest and Maxine Bridgman, long-time dancers, were appointed delegates to the Associated Square Dancers.

Other Appointees by the president consist of: Membership, George and Bertha Abbott with Mary Kay Franey, Bob Franey, Norm and Jerry Fuller; Historian, Scrap Book and Photographer, Mort and Fran Linick; Bulletins and Posters, Art and Mae Gregerson; Table Decorations, Norm and Jerry Fuller and Fran Gunningham; Sunshine and Retention, Murray and Helen Hertzberg; Telephone Tree, Max and Dora Polley; Publicity, Romaine Lambert; Advisory, Bob and Joan Guhl.

In July the Club celebrated its Seventh Anniversary and marked the event by displaying a unique table cloth which hereafter will be used on the head table on special occasions. The table cloth is a result of a project chaired by Helen Hertzberg which involved every member of the club. Each couple created its own square in applique, embroidery or paint and included the couple's names and date of entry into the organization. Colorful designs depicted many appropriate themes, with no lack of dancers in various graceful poses. The center square im-

mediately caught one's eye. It read, simply, "Founders, Glenn and Frances Rominger, July 1974."

The Romingers moved to Leisure Village when the community had but a couple of hundred residents, but these dancers of some thirty years saw the potential for a successful club right in their midst. They rounded up enough interested Villagers to form a couple of squares and then inveigled Bruce Johnson of Santa Barbara to teach a class. There was no stopping after that. Other dancers and would-be dancers moved in from many areas until now the club has a membership of one hundred.

It was appropriate, then, at this anniversary, that the Romingers were summoned to the microphone. President Siegel requested that they turn over their badges. Unable to conceal a puzzled look, Glenn unpinned his badge and handed it to Al, and Frances followed. Al quickly reassured them, however, that the badges would be returned, after special bars were attached which would bear the title, "Honorary Life Member." The enthusiastic applause which greeted this award was a reaffirmation of the esteem and affection which the club holds for its founders.

By September nine new couples were added to the roster, all of whom graduated from beginners classes with the Barn Burners of Camarillo. These new Villagers represent several areas in the Southland. Jerry and Elsie Banchik came from Sunland and had never square-danced. Clint and Louis Coddington had had a taste of square-dancing in El Segundo before moving to Yucca Valley where they got into the act in earnest by taking a class in Twenty-nine Palms and danced for two years before leaving the desert for cool Camarillo. Jerry and Flo Doctrow arrived a year and a half ago from Marina del Rey. Hal and Minna Hudson also lived in Marina del Rey and after moving here took lessons with Pi R Squares of Thousand Oaks as well as with Barn Burners. Joe and Hildi Lustig from Studio City took multiple classes, too, Barn Burners, Pi R's and Square Knots. Sid and Doris Siegel hail from Westlake Village and have been dancing for two years with

the Buckles and Bows in Agoura, but nevertheless brushed up with the Barn Burners. Bernie and Jackie Solway also lived in Westlake Village, danced with the Buckles and Bows and brushed up before joining us. Murray and Blanche Kanner lived in Tujunga for 27 years and have been dancing in Camarillo for a year. Ed and Pat Holly from Santa Monica learned to dance with the Barn Burners and also with the Rip Snorters during the past year.

All of these new members were welcomed just in time for them to enjoy the annual picnic at Oak County Park on September 13, and found that there were other fun activities besides dancing. Not that there was not dancing, too. Norm Fuller always brings his excellent tapes, and brave picnickers always attempt to dance under less-than-desirable conditions. Concrete floor and hub-bub of activities around do not make for proper dancing, even with caller Wyane Simpson and Mary Ann in a square, but these things do not seem to diminish the fun. Hamburgers were done to each precise specification to go with the varied

menu, and prizes were awarded for the Swingers Special Bingo, Darts, and Balloon Races, the latter resulting in several drenched but laughing losers.

All participants were back in proper form by the following Tuesday and for the Fall Frolic of Root Beer Floats when Bill Donahue appeared as guest caller. September ended with Wyane's ALL SINGING CALLS Dance.

Now all look forward to the Halloween Dance with caller Ray Godfrey and to the Fall Promenade.

The Fall Promenade is one of the semi-annual Sunday Dances to which we are privileged to invite all of our square-dancing friends. This year it will be Hawaiian Style again but will take place in the evening from 6:30 to 9:30 on November 1. Mike Seastrom of Northridge will call and Ron Ray will cue rounds at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday dances feature Wyane Simpson except for the last Tuesday of each month. Other guest callers in the near future will be Phil Farmer and Ray Rose.

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# CLUBNEWS

## Leisure Village Women's Golf Association

by Marty Gregory

The Women's Golf Association ended their 1980-1981 year with a lovely luncheon held at the Hungry Tiger on June 25th. The table decorations by Bonnie Coffin and her committee were spring bouquets topped with Lady-Bugs designed by Helen Gold.

After lunch Marge Long, a former president, conducted the installation of new officers. They are: Carra Hatfield, president; Lois Kissinger, first vice president; Marie Story, second vice president; Sylvia Zittell, third vice president; Fran Thomas, recording secretary; Jane Gifford, corresponding secretary; Rae Sohr, treasurer. Carra then introduced the rest of her board and gave a little history of their qualifications. They are: Membership, Martha Nunn; Handicap, Fran Mead; Hospitality, Evelyn Bearman; Rules, Jeanne Brown; Trophy, Ellen Moore; Long Golf, Wini Moffett; Parliamentarian, Mildred Hayward; Hole-in-One, Em Norvig; Historian, Marty Gregory; Bridge/Cards, Alma Locke; Greens Committee Rep., Gussie Lancaster, Advisor, Shirley Johnston.

One of the high points of the luncheon is the awarding of trophies for the winners of the three major tournaments during the year. Sylvia Zittell was in charge of the trophies and she selected a variety of gifts — crystal bowls and vases, personalized handbags, planters and trays. With each came a Lady-bug card personally designed by Helen Gold. The winners were:

### PRESIDENT'S CUP

October 1980

#### FLIGHT A

1st Lo-net. . . . . Jeanne Brown  
2nd Lo-Net . . . . . Lola Bacigalupi  
3rd Lo-Net . . . . . Carra Hatfield

#### FLIGHT B

1st Lo-Net. . . . . Paula Lawless  
2nd Lo-Net . . . . . Joan Johnson  
3rd Lo-Net . . . . . Ruth Kuh

#### FLIGHT C

1st Lo-Net . . . . . Vi Haley  
2nd Lo-Net . . . . . Miriam Hockman  
3rd Lo-Net. . . . . Mitzi Ellmore

#### NINERS

1st Lo-Net . . . . . Dorothy Kelly

### MEDAL PLAY TOURNAMENT

April 1981

#### FLIGHT A

1st Lo-Net . . . . . Lindsey Merrill  
2nd Lo-Net . . . . . Gert Gessick  
3rd Lo-Net . . . . . Jeanne Brown

#### FLIGHT B

1st Lo-Net. . . . . Pat Holly  
2nd Lo-Net. . . . . Millie Hayward  
3rd Lo-Net. . . . . Sylvia Tockerman

#### FLIGHT C

1st Lo-Net. . . . . Hazel Cazier  
2nd Lo-Net. . . . . Vi Haley  
3rd Lo-Net . . . . . Edith Dowsing

#### NINERS

1st Lo-Net . . . . . Dorothy Kelly

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

June 1981

1st Lo-Gross . . . Dorothy Caster  
2nd Lo-Gross . . Shirley Johnston  
3rd Lo-Gross . . . Jeanne Brown  
1st Lo-Net . . . . . Lu Wilson  
2nd Lo-Net . . . . . Rose Fleiner  
3rd Lo-Net . . . . . Ellen Moore

#### NINERS

Lo-Gross . . . . . Ginny Leffingwell  
Lo-Net . . . . . Louise Young  
Most Improved Golfer  
of the Year: . . Nikki Goodman

After awarding of the trophies, Marge Kelly, outgoing vice president, was in charge of door prizes which had been contributed by local merchants. Everyone received a gift so no one came away empty-handed.

Shirley Johnston, outgoing president, thanked her board for all their support the past year and was presented with a gift from everyone for all her efforts.

The activities of the group include weekly golf tournaments and month-end tournaments to which all members are asked to participate. On the last Sunday of each month a tournament is held for couples followed by a 19th Hole party co-hosted by the Men's and Women's clubs. In July, Lou Garcia, head professional at Camarillo Springs Golf Course, gave us all tips on correct grip, stance, and swing. He was a great hit as many of those attending had been his students, and those who hadn't were eager to improve. Future 19th Hole parties promise more good entertainment.

In mid August the Women's and Men's Scotch Twosome was held with play starting on Tuesday the 18th and finishing the 19th at noon in time for the picnic planned by Sylvia Zittell and her committee. Free beer, soft drinks, hamburgers, baked beans, cole slaw, fresh fruit and yummy cakes were the delight



of all. After lunch the following couples were awarded Top Dollar for their play:

1st Lo-Gross . . . Dorothy Caster  
Al Lawless  
1st Lo-Net . . . . . Gladys Scane  
Donald Dance  
2nd Lo-Net . . . . . Marjorie Rice  
Charlie Kent  
(Tie). . . . . Vera Koblin  
Cecil Ganyard  
3rd Lo-Net . . . . . Louise Hare  
Nels Pedersen

Also in August, a Friendship Tea was given in the multipurpose room at which time fourteen new members were welcomed by president Carra Hatfield. Membership chairman Martha Nunn planned the tea so new members could hear from the tournament, rules, handicap and long golf chairmen. Since the group has grown to 288 members, it is important for everyone to understand our rules of play here at Leisure Village.

Plans are being made for the annual Holiday Dinner Dance to be held Wednesday, December 16th at the Lobster Trap. Sylvia Zittell reports her committee is busy with decorations and excited about the selection of a new orchestra for the dance. Having just seen the end of summer and feeling fall in the air, realize the holidays are just around the corner.

The weather this year has been so delightful there were no tournaments cancelled and only two occasions when the extreme heat forced some from completing play. Each Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. you see — and hopefully don't hear — about 100 to 150 women making their way around our 18 hole course . . . that's why we call it Leisure Village in Pleasant Valley.

## The Garden Club

by Sylvia Malkin

The past year has been one of explosive growth and enthusiastic achievement at the Leisure Village Garden Club. Due to the dynamic leadership of President Mary Hale, attendance at the monthly meetings has soared to over 60 Villagers. The beautiful results of Mary's help and direction, plus the efforts of our members are apparent as you stroll by our gardens and patios. A little knowledge and a little work can change "tract" to "attractive" in one short Season. We are looking forward to an even more verdant year ahead with your attendance and participation.

We particularly wish to thank the following for their dedication and their sharing of their expertise with all of us: Margaret Wilson, Virginia Preece, Lee Vaughan, Roy Lester, Melanie Herrick, Helen Nash, Beulah Lester, Kay Avery, and too many to thank individually.

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# CLUBNEWS

## Gem and Mineral Club

by Don Holmes

It has been some time since I've had the pleasure of reporting to you what the Gem and Mineral Club has been doing. The Club was formed a little more than a year ago with your author as first President, and we have had a full and rewarding year. The Club's purpose is to advance the knowledge and enjoyment of gems and minerals and related arts. To do these things we have programs at each monthly meeting dealing with some aspect of our hobby, and we go on Field Trips every month to interesting locations. Current President Jack Bennett holds regular Board meetings each month with his officers to coordinate activities of his committees.

The Club programs have included outside speakers as well as members of the Club and residents of Leisure Village. We prefer to limit our speakers to half an hour knowing that this short time period tends to produce lively, to-the-point talks. But, when Dave Champion, the Manager of Bourget Bros. gem and mineral store in Santa Monica, spoke to us on "What It Means To Be A Rock-hound" we listened to him for an hour and a half and took another half hour asking questions and looking at the rock and mineral specimens he had brought. Again, Dr. Rudy Edmund, Professor of Geology and a Leisure Village resident, spoke and showed slides of the Mount St. Helens eruption that had not been released to the general public. His short talk ran well over an hour, but everyone agreed that it had been a very short hour.

Several Club members have given talks on their hobby: Bill Brown told us of "Geological Ages", Don Holmes spoke on "Fossils" and related them to the geological ages, Garnette Holmes gave us her favorite subject — garnets, of course, and showed part of her collection which she calls "Garnette's Garnets". Joe Poliak explained the process of copper enamelling as related to jewelry making, and Ben Smithkin, the past Field Trip Chairman, showed slides of Field Trips. In addition to being Vice President, Garnette Holmes is Program Chairman and has several good programs lined up for the winter season. As an example, Bill Marshall instructed us in the art of gold panning, and as he is this year's Field Trip Chairman, we hope to have a Field Trip up to the Gold Country this Fall to try our luck.

Our Field Trips in the past have taken us to the Conejo hills behind Leisure Village for agate and jasper, to Topanga Canyon for fossils of clams and snails, to Point Mugu beach for coquina (fossilized shells in limestone), to Seacliff for "Skellite", and agate formation which we named after Bill Skellenger, the Club member who found the deposit, and to Faria Beach for agate, jade and fossil bone. Our most ambitious trip was to Alf's Museum in Claremont. This was a long way to go so the Club chartered a 38 passenger bus and made a day of it. Leisure Village Resident Dave Kenyon knows Dr. Alf, the Curator of the Museum personally, and Dave arranged for Dr. Alf to conduct a special tour of the museum for our club. This museum specialized in geology and in fossils. The most thrilling moment was when Dr. Alf let us touch some moon-rocks which the astronauts had brought back from the moon and presented to Dr. Alf. Following this we spent the afternoon at Grieger's in Pasadena. They claim to be the largest gem and mineral store in the world and when we left we were inclined to agree with them. President Don Holmes had contacted the store owner before the trip and so the store manager took the group on a guided tour of facilities to show how they handle all their materials. We were given a demonstration in faceting and one of our ladies won the drawing for the finished stone the demonstrator had made. As a final gift, Grieger's gave each Club member a specimen of manganese nodule which had been dredged up from the deep floor of the Pacific Ocean.

Each Fall, Leisure Village has an Anniversary Celebration. The Gem and Mineral Club gets involved in this providing a large display of gemological activities to show and a wide variety of gem and jewelry items for sale. The Club calls this their "SHOW-AND-SELL", and it is held in the Lapidary Shop. The materials and craftsmanship are donated by the Club members and all money received is used for something that will benefit the Village. Last year the Club bought a

\$200.00 drilling machine for the Lapidary Shop. It will use all kinds of drills, including diamond drills, and will drill any material including the hardest stones. We are told that it will drill diamonds, but so far no one has offered a diamond to experiment. The drill, like the Lapidary Shop, is available to all Leisure Village Residents after the necessary instruction in its use and care. This year's "SHOW-AND-SELL", under the direction of Ed and Frances Donahue, was even bigger and more attractive than previous shows. The Club has not decided what this year's money will be used for.

As a side activity, the Club has taken the display cases in Leisure Tech's Sales Office under their wing and has tried to have interesting displays on show. They are changed from time to time and are arranged to show off the various talents and abilities of the Club Members.

Membership in the Gem and Mineral Club is open to all Leisure Village residents. Knowledge of Lapidary work is not necessary, in fact, the operation and instruction in the Lapidary Shop are kept separate from Club activities. Bill Skellenger and his Lapidary Committee are all members of the Gem and Mineral Club but they function on their own as a separate volunteer group.

## Billiard Club

by Joseph Carfagna

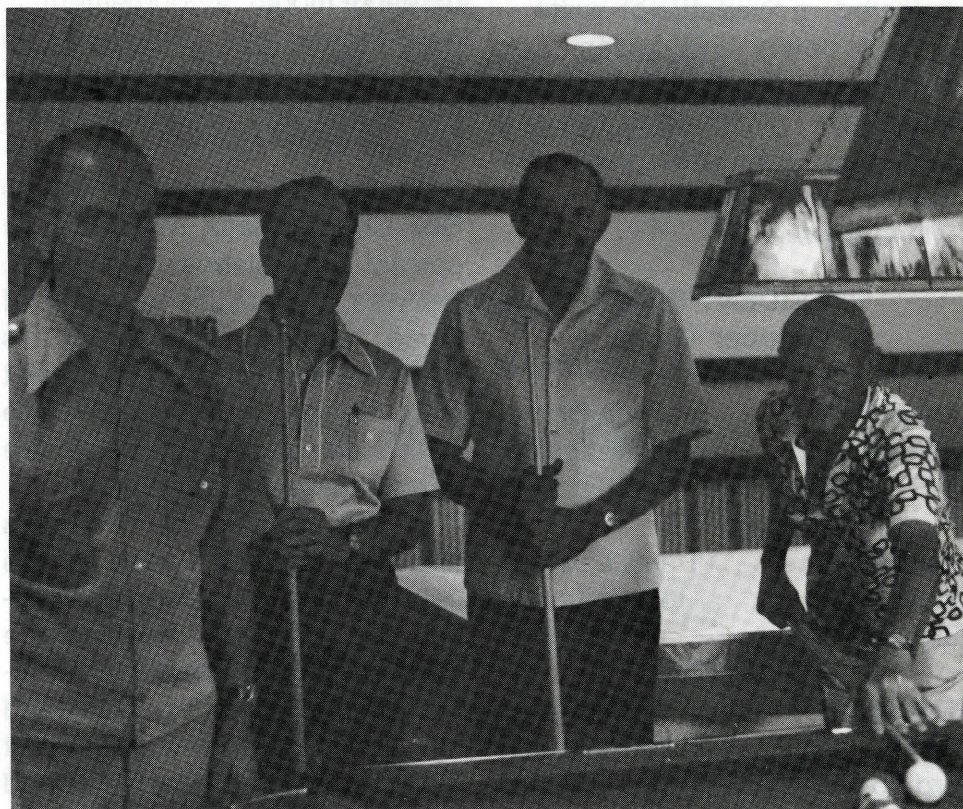
On October 1, 1980, the Billiard Club held its first meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room. The election of officers of the Club took place and the following men were selected: Jim Dobbins, President; Joe Carfagna, Vice-President; Stewart Siers, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Billiard Club is now meeting on the first Wednesday of each month in the Women's Club Room at 7:30 PM.

Due to an increasing number of new residents wishing to play pool, we find that there is not enough pool tables to accommodate all who desire to play. Therefore, the members of the Billiard Club presented a letter to the Education and Recreation Committee for an allocation in the 1981-1982 budget to purchase two additional tables. The electrical receptacles for light fixtures over the tables are already in place for this purpose.

We are in the process of formulating a billiard tournament and propose to award trophies to the winners at a dinner-dance held at the conclusion of the tournament.

Plans are now in effect to have a new slate of officers for the 1981-1982 year. We trust that the new year will yield an increase in membership and that the planned events will give satisfaction and pleasure to all members of the Club. All residents are invited to join the Billiard Club. Contact Jim Dobbins, Joe Carfagna or Stu Siers regarding membership.



Officers of the Billiard Club



# Welcome to Our New Neighbors

# Calendar of Events

|            |                    |                     |
|------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Baptiste   | Lee K.             | Carpinteria         |
| Bos        | Cornelis & Clasina | Pacific Palisades   |
| Broadwater | Eugene & Jeanne    | El Segundo          |
| Campbell   | Chester & Virginia | El Monte            |
| Chalumeau  | George & Simone    | Encino              |
| Cleis      | Austin & Ethel     | Newbury Park        |
| Conae      | Jean               | Culver City         |
| Condron    | Ruby               | Los Angeles         |
| Cowan      | Kenneth & Joanne   | Encino              |
| Corwin     | William & Nettie   | Camarillo           |
| Doty       | Arnold & Helen     | Santa Monica        |
| Dye        | Glenn & Katie      | Van Nuys            |
| Feingold   | Herbert & Norma    | Encino              |
| Garber     | Jesse              | Los Angeles         |
| Gollub     | Esther             | Phoenix, Ariz.      |
| Grant      | Joseph & Yoshie    | Beverly Hills       |
| Henderson  | James & Buvetta    | Olmsted Falls, Ohio |
| Highfield  | Harry & Lynette    | Panorama City       |
| Hilton     | Annie Mae          | Los Angeles         |
| Horowitz   | Martin & Alice     | Beverly Hills       |
| Indictor   | Alan & Marlene     | Montecito           |
| Jerome     | David & Pauline    | Santa Puala         |
| Johns      | Lois               | Los Angeles         |
| Keeler     | J. E. & H. M.      | Los Angeles         |
| La Prell   | Roger & Doris      | Van Nuys            |
| McCleary   | John               | Oxnard              |
| Magedman   | Louis & Bernice    | Los Angeles         |
| Mark       | Jack & Dorothy     | Santa Monica        |
| Miller     | Regina             | Santa Monica        |
| Platt      | Mildred            | Woodland Hills      |
| Raif       | Sidney & Evelyn    | Westlake Village    |
| Schare     | Samual & Marion    | Beverly Hills       |
| Schneid    | Sol & Beatrice     | Highland Park, N.J. |
| Shimada    | George & Marsuye   | Omaha, Nebraska     |
| Stern      | Charlotte          | Northridge          |
| Taylor     | Sidney & Eileen    | Santa Monica        |
| Tutt       | Lloyd & Marie      | Camarillo           |
| Urbach     | Louis & Blanche    | Van Nuys            |
| Waneslow   | Robert & Clara     | Palos Verdes Est.   |

|                     |                          |              |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>       |                          |              |
| 9:00 AM             | * Creative Stitchery     | MCR          |
| 9:00 AM             | China Painting           | MPR          |
| 9:15 AM-10:00 AM    | Slim & Trim              | Pool         |
| 12:30 PM            | ACBL Duplicate Bridge    | WCR          |
| 1:00 PM             | Variety Guild            | AR           |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | 3-D Deco                 | MPR(T)       |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | Card Players             | MPR(C)       |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | General Cards            | MCR          |
| 7:00 PM             | Duplicate Bridge I       | WCR          |
| 7:00 PM             | Cards                    | MCR          |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>      |                          |              |
| 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM    | LV Men's Golf            |              |
| 9:00 AM             | Weight Loss              | MPR          |
| 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon  | Sewing                   | Sewing R.    |
| 9:00 AM-11:00 AM    | * Autobiography Writing  | MCR          |
| 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon  | * Current Issues         | WCR          |
| 9:00 AM             | LV Women's Club Workshop | MPR          |
| 9:00 AM-11:00 AM    | Tap Dance                | AR           |
| 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon | Ballet Exercise          | AR           |
| 1:00 PM             | Non-Smokers' Bridge      | WCR          |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | Sewing                   | Sewing R.    |
| 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM    | Rhythmettes              | AR           |
| 1:00 PM             | General Cards            | MCR          |
| 1:00 PM             | Chess                    | MPR          |
| 3:30 PM- 5:00 PM    | Dance Workshop           | AR           |
| 7:30 PM             | Party Bridge             | WCR          |
| 7:30 PM             | Village Swingers         | AR           |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>    |                          |              |
| 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM    | LV Women's Golf          |              |
| 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon  | China Painting Workshop  | MPT(T)       |
| 9:00 AM-10:30 AM    | * Ethnic Dance           | AR           |
| 9:15 AM-10:00 AM    | Slim and Trim            | Pool         |
| 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon  | * Sewing II              | Sewing R.    |
| 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon  | * Conversational Spanish | MCR          |
| 10:30 AM-12:00 Noon | * Introduction to Yoga   | AR           |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | Painter's Workshop       | MPR          |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | * Sewing I               | Sewing R.    |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | General Cards            | MCR          |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | Ceramic Workshop         | Ceramic Room |
| 2:00 PM             | Women's Golf Bridge      | WCR          |
| 7:30 PM             | Bingo                    | AR           |
| 7:00 PM             | Chorale                  | MPR          |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>     |                          |              |
| 9:00 AM             | Ceramics Class           | Ceramic Room |
| 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon  | * Sewing I               | Sewing R.    |
| 9:00 AM-11:00 AM    | Tap Dancing              | AR           |
| 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon  | * Frontiers of Thought   | MCR          |
| 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon | Ballet Exercise          | AR           |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | * Sewing Specialties     | Sewing R.    |
| 1:00 PM             | Duplicate Bridge II      | MCR          |
| 1:00 PM             | Party Bridge             | WCR          |
| 7:30 PM             | Scrabble Club            | MCR          |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>       |                          |              |
| 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon  | * Beg. Oil Painting      | MPR          |
| 9:00 AM-10:30 AM    | * Ethnic Dance           | AR           |
| 9:15 AM-10:00 AM    | Slim and Trim            | Pool         |
| 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon  | Needlers                 | WCR          |
| 1:00 PM             | Bowling                  | Wagon Wheel  |
| 10:30 AM-12:00 Noon | * Introduction to Yoga   | AR           |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | General Cards            | MCR          |
| 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM    | * Int. Oil Painting      | MPR          |
| 1:30 PM             | Dance Workshop           | AR           |
| 7:00 PM             | ACBL Bridge              | WCR          |

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Club News (Continued)

# Saturday Night Ballroom Dance

by Vi Kasner

The Fifth Anniversary Ballroom Dance was held on June 27th hosted by the Executive Committee. This year the theme for this festive affair was pink and white, the tablecloths, flowers, balloons and even the three large, decorated sheetcakes and punch carried out the theme. It was a most beautiful occasion.

It was followed by the Hawaiian Night Dance on July 25th when the Ballroom dancers in their colorful clothes created an illusion of a field of flowers swaying to the rhythms of the lovely Hawaiian tunes. Truly, Leisure Village has the most handsome men and beautiful women.

The Halloween Dance was the next special dance held on October 24th with the Assembly Room decorated fittingly for the affair. The originality of the costumes worn attested to the creative ability of our Villagers.

Looking forward to our future events, we will have our traditional Christmas Dance on December 19th which is always a lovely affair.

Then we will close out the year by playing our ever-fabulous Ballroom Dance tape music for the big New Years Eve Party being presented by the Leisure Village Recreation Department. We are flattered that our music has been selected to replace the usual live band for this gala night.

Our thanks to all those wonderful Villagers who have so graciously given of their time in serving on the many Ballroom Dance committees and to those who acted as Hosts and Hostesses at the dances. Their dedication makes our Ballroom dances so enjoyable and successful.

The Saturday Night Ballroom dances are usually held twice each month. Remember, you haven't really lived until you've danced to our music !



## GREEN THUMB BEAUTIFIES EVERYWHERE SHE GOES

by Harold Kinsch  
Camarillo Daily News

You can always tell when Mary Hale moves into a neighborhood. It suddenly begins to look better.

Front and side yard landscaping takes on a more colorful, better-balanced appearance while backyards flourish with new trees and shrubs and patios sprout pots, tubs and baskets of flowers and other trappings of natural beauty.

An ex-woman Marine who is married to a retired Marine Corps captain, Hale has lived in more than 30 places and each one was left looking better because of her energetic green thumb and her willingness to share her landscaping and gardening talents with others.

A former model and charm school director who also worked as a Naval investigator, Hale has studied and practiced the horticultural arts as both a sideline and profession most of her adult life. Her main interest has been landscape design. Among her projects was the complete relandscaping of the yacht club at Corona Del Mar.

At present, her neighbors in Camarillo's Leisure Village are the chief beneficiaries of Hale's gardening expertise, but she is always willing to provide gardening or landscaping tips to anyone seeking her advice.

Environment-conscious Leisure Villagers were alerted to Hale's talent soon after she and husband Edward, who goes by the nickname of "Frosty", moved to Camarillo nearly two years ago. Since maintenance is provided by a homeowners association, Leisure Village residents are permitted to do only a minimal amount of landscaping and gardening on their own.

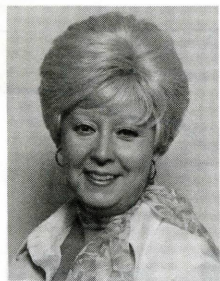
Hale began her beautification efforts at Leisure Village by helping neighbors and other village residents on an individual basis. She didn't immediately become involved with the village's garden club, but when she did the club immediately appointed her first vice president and last February she became president.

Now Hale conducts workshops and demonstrations for Leisure Villagers eager to improve their gardening skills. Hale also serves on the Village's landscape review committee which, among other things, approves landscaping plans submitted by "red stake" villagers who have obtained permission to do maintain their own yards. The term "red stake" is derived from the method of alerting Leisure Village landscape maintenance crews to the "do-it-yourself" residences.

Ladies of the Leisure Village Women's Club and Chorale participating in the Village's Annual Bazaar.







## Leisure Fair

by Donna Andreen

The "GREAT HOME ECONOMY SALE" is on at Leisure Fair this month. It's Winter time and you can save on heat loss through your windows. Did you know you could decorate with energy-saving window coverings? Have you seen the new "Softlight Shades" advertised in many of the home magazines? We have a sample on display at Leisure Fair which you may find interesting. We have sheer Softlight and Solarized Softlight shades, made of permanently pleated woven polyester fabric. These are soil and stain resistant and dust won't cling, thanks to the fabrics' anti-static properties. (Who needs more to clean?) As the manufacturer claims . . . their window coverings save energy . . . and that's **VERY** Fashionable!

Also, while you are doing a new look for your windows, how about replacing that old bedspread. We have custom-made or stock bedspreads available. You may even decide to wallpaper the bedroom and choose a matching fabric to be made into a bedspread.

Whatever your needs, please stop in Leisure Fair and let me attempt to help you with new draperies, shades, wallpaper, new carpeting, etc. and take advantage of the "GREAT HOME ECONOMY SALE".



## Recreation Center

by Kathleen Broder

Things in the Recreation Department have finally begun to settle down. After having no Recreation Manager for several months, scheduling had gotten behind. Hopefully all problems have been alleviated till June, 1982.

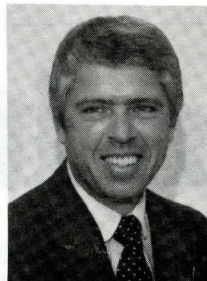
One of our goals is to bring enjoyable Special Events to the villagers as well as maintain the craft and recreational facilities. In place of the annual Luau, the Recreation Department sponsored a Country-Western Dinner Dance on August 29 out in the pool area. Everyone seemed to enjoy the chicken dinner, catered by Goodies and Greens, and the country-fiddle band, Southern Comfort. The entertainment was furnished free by the Cloggers of Camarillo, an off-shoot of the Square Knots Square Dancers. All were delighted when these festive tap dancers joined our party after their performance in the Assembly Room, giving informal clogging instructions to all. The festive evening ended with the awarding of four raffle prizes, two sets of dinners to Goodies and Greens and two \$25.00 gift certificates for Miller's Outpost.

Oxnard College classes began September 8, most of the classes immediately filled by Leisure Village residents. There have been small problems with accommodating all of the classes desired by residents since room space is so limited. Rest assured that the Recreation Department is making every effort to offer those classes which seem to be in the greatest demand. This semester we are having the ever-popular **Frontiers of Thought, Current Issues** and **Spanish Conversation** as well as newly introduced phases to the sewing program.

As we move into the traditions of the holiday season, there will be the Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical/Inter-Religious Celebration on Thursday, November 26. This Village tradition is a shared responsibility which rotates in a three-year cycle among Catholics, Jews and Protestants who come together in a spirit of thanks and unity. This will be followed in the evening by the Thanksgiving Dinner which will be served in the Assembly Room.

December will be headed off on Friday the 5th with the Christmas Tree Trimming at 4:30 in the Assembly Room. Chanukah and Christmas will share their central themes of the season on Friday, December 18. This evening of shared tradition featuring the lighting of the Menorah and the reciting of the Christmas Story will be embellished with special presentations by the Village Chorale and community singing.

To fill out the holiday programs, we have Thanksgiving and Christmas balls, a New Year's Eve Party and Dance, and many joyous events. Scheduled happenings include a play, "Design for Murder" by the Village Players, parties, banquets and balls by various clubs.



## From the Sales Manager

by Jim McBride

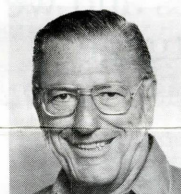
How long has it been since you told someone about Leisure Village?

I would be willing to bet that seldom does a week go by during the course of your life that you don't mention where you live and elaborate about what living here means to you. When we ask our visitors about how they heard of Leisure Village, the overwhelming response is, "Someone who lives here told me about it." That is what is known in this business as a resident referral; very simply, people telling people.

People tell people about things that happen in their lives for one of two reasons: 1) to warn them about bad situations or, 2) to share good things with them in hope that others might take advantage of what they found to be good and rewarding.

Recognizing that our residents do the best job of spreading the word, we always have some sort of program to say "thank you"; something as simple as dinner out on us to something as elaborate as a cruise to Mexico.

We invite you to participate in each of these programs as they come along. Each one is different, but they are all our way of showing our appreciation for your help in making Leisure Village the success it is today.



## Sports Stuff

by Al Podewils

Once upon a time there was a beginning to Leisure Village in Santa Rosa Valley. Well do the earlier residents remember the tomato fields where Villages 25 and 23 now stand and the pepper plants off the third fairway where Village 17 later grew instead. The speed with which the Village grew is amazing. A few houses and a partially finished Recreation Center and swimming pool seem to have suddenly become a comfortable little city with all the extras many others don't have — an eighteen hole golf course, a huge shuffleboard facility, four tennis courts, bocce courts, horseshoe and table tennis areas, in addition to the big swimming pool and a well-equipped billiard room.

Most of the advantages we have now were available in the early days of Leisure Village. But one thing has changed a great deal and probably for the best. The change is in the caliber of the competition in just about everything. It was easy, at one time, to be one of the best golfers on the course. Now a par round is nothing much. Thank heaven for the fellow who thought up handicaps to even things up. The best snooker player in the Village a few years ago is not that anymore. Although he probably plays better now than he did then. Names that were well-known as the tops in bocce and shuffleboard not a long while back have all they can do to remain competitive. The tennis players were so few in number that they many times couldn't find opponents of any ability at all — much less a really able player.

Leisure Village is an adult community. As such you would think that bridge, checkers, chess and similar activities would be the principal popular games. They are popular, too, of course, but the surprising thing — maybe even unexpected to most of us — is the fact that there are so many people who move in to the Village with no intention of really retiring and have the health and skills to enter into activities usually associated with youth.

The days of wine and roses have not really passed for most of our residents. Instead it looks like they have just arrived.



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You want to buy one of our new homes, but you need a mortgage. We'll give you a 12 $\frac{7}{8}$ % interest rate (APR 13.1%) for the first three years. After the first three years, you can either continue with the interest rate and APR set at the time of your loan approval, or you can refinance at any time, with no pre-payment penalty when interest rates are lower. Either way, you have the security and certainty of a thirty-year mortgage.

## **If you have lots of cash and don't need a mortgage.**

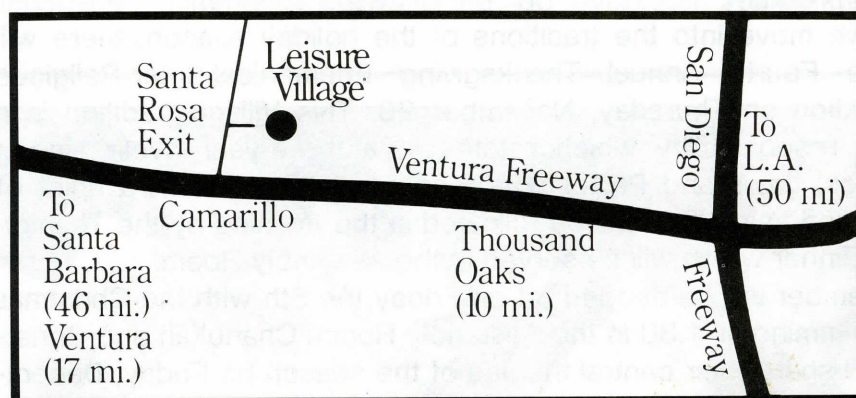
Buy one of our new homes with all cash and we'll give you a \$5,000 retail credit at our

Leisure Fair Home Furnishings Center. Or, if you have already sold your home and will obtain cash at the closing, we will provide you with a "Bridge Loan" at 12 $\frac{7}{8}$ % (APR) interest rate to close on your new Leisure Technology home, *and* give you a \$5,000 retail credit at our Leisure Fair Home Furnishings Center.

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