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LEISURE VILLAGE CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY



THE ONE-HUNDREDTH MOVE-IN AWARD goes to Tom and Bea O'Brien. That's Leisure Village Sales Manager Bob Dull presented the coveted trophy to the O'Briens, who, will never have to fumble for keys again.

LEISURE VILLAGE as it looks today, one year after its Grand Opening. Here's a good view of the Recreation Center behind a portion of Village Eleven.

It seems like it was only yesterday; the Grand Opening, Rudy Vallee, new homes, a few new residents, a brand new Recreation Center—Well, we've come a long way, baby!

During the year with its share of difficult times, a new President, economic uncertainty, energy and food shortages, Leisure Village has blossomed into a community of over two hundred citizens. Villages Six, Eight, and Eleven are completely sold and fully occupied. Our five original home models have been expanded to seven with the addition of the beautiful Fiesta and Camarillo models. Our golf course is maturing into one of the finest in the area. But, out of all the things which we can boast about, the most important by far are our *human resources*, the Leisure Village residents. This issue of the "Villager" is dedicated to those men and women who have pioneered living here and who have made Leisure Village an active and friendly community. HAPPY BIRTHDAY everyone!



MYRON FLOREN TO TOP ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES

Myron Floren, Lawrence Welk's fast-fingered accordionist and assistant conductor will highlight the Leisure Village First Anniversary Celebration with a personal appearance on Sunday, September 22nd for two shows that day, at one and three o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Floren is making his return visit to Leisure Village, having entertained at the Village last September 30th.

A native of South Dakota, Myron first took up accordion at age 7, beginning, like Welk, with a Sears - Roebuck Catalog instrument which cost \$19.95. With no teachers in that farm country, long hours of practice took the place of formal instructions. He stuck with it, and by the age of 19 he was working his way through college by teaching accordion and playing professionally over radio station KSOO. During WWII he joined a U.S.O. unit and entertained the troops in Europe. Myron was "discovered" by Lawrence Welk in 1950 and has been with Mr. Welk's band ever since.

His favorite music is, of course, the polka, although he is fond of all types, and is equally adept in playing all kinds. Myron and his wife Berdye, have five daughters; their oldest daughter, Kristie, is married to Bobby Burgess, dancing star of Welk's popular program.

So come on out on Sunday, September 22nd and be entertained by one of the finest musicians and performers in the country. It's all on us, just bring a smile, and-a-one, and-a-two.

THE POET'S CORNER

"WHAT'S TO DO"?

It's oft been said throughout the years that variety's the "spice". Sure got "it" in the Village to make each life quite nice. When folks review the list of sports and things to keep them busy, They'll count at least some twenty-five - it fairly makes one dizzy. There's golf and bridge and shuffleboard, ceramics, woodwork too, Arts and crafts and swimming, just mentioning a few, Bocce, movies, bowling, and sewing have their fans, And bingo every Tuesday eve brings many folks with "cans". Fashion shows and concerts, trips and "Meet Your Neighbor", And don't forget the garden plots for those inclined to labor. The library's delightful where many books are loaned, And lapidary's right nearby -- come, get correctly "stoned". For those who wish to tempt the Fates, there's Vegas, also Reno, Where one-armed bandits take your dough - perhaps you may like Keno. And with the passing of each day, the list becomes more long -- Get in the swing - relax - enjoy - just join the Happy Throng!

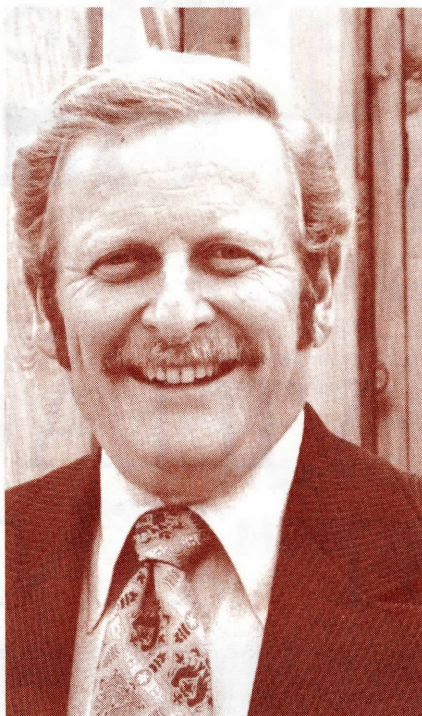
Bob Fitch

AN OLD SCOTTISH POEM

"Oh the wee little pill, went rolling down the hill; and rolled right into a bunker.

From there to the green, I a thirteen, and then, by god I sunk her."
Walt Whitaker

IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR



By: Jerry Lawrence, President,
Leisure Technology of California, Inc.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of Leisure Village, I have been asked to say a few words to you, the residents. I can't remember a year when I have had an opportunity to work so closely with so many people, all of whom are oriented toward the same goal. Everyone involved in the development and growth of the Village, Leisure Technology employees and, most important of all, Leisure Village residents, has shown a fantastic spirit and willingness to put his or her efforts and energies into all the various facets that are necessary in order to start and build what surely will be a fine environment for living.

It is a temptation for me to go into great detail outlining and reviewing that various events which have taken place in order to get us where we are today. I think, however, at this time it is more appropriate to thank those involved for their efforts and to renew our pledge to do everything reasonable to make Leisure Village the kind of happy, secure and vital community that you, the residents, need and desire.

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VILLAGE ANECDOTES

An old gent went to his doctor, accompanied by his lucious and obviously much younger wife. Examining the old geezer, the medic found him suffering from exhaustion.

"What's wrong with me, Doc?" asked the patient as the doctor wrote out a prescription. "Am I overweight?"

"No," said the doc, taking a long, long look at the very well proportioned bride. "Just over-matched."

Grace Troxel





BY DOTTI EASTMAN, RECREATION DIRECTOR

With the publishing of the Anniversary Edition of THE PLEASANT VALLEY VILLAGER, your Recreation Department stops a moment to catch its breath. The pains of growing have been far exceeded by the pleasures derived from the work which has been our labor of love for you--the wonderful people who have chosen to spend the best years of your lives in this beautiful village in our Pleasant Valley.

Just one year ago, classes in sewing, ceramics, lapidary and wood-working were first offered. Today, one year later, we have two full classes a week in ceramics and sewing. Woodworking and lapidary classes are increasing in popularity. Our Swim and Stay Trim Classes in and out of the big pool, the swirl spa and our covered lounge are real winners with our ladies. Residents are enjoying our bocce courts weekly. Shuffleboard and golf tournaments with the accompanying 10th hole party are being well organized by our newly-formed Shuffleboard Club and Women's and Men's Golf Associations. Three bridge groups meet weekly. The Leisure Village Women's Club meets monthly and is always welcoming new members. Bingo is a regular Wednesday night favorite. We actually have residents tell us in response to our question, "how do you like your retirement?" that they have never been so busy in all their lives. "There's always something going on" they say. Music to our ears!

A ten-week square dance course was started in July in response to many of your requests. An enthusiastic resident bowler has taken the initiative and a bowling league now meets at our local lanes every Tuesday morning. Another very knowledgeable resident is teaching a class in automotive mechanics. Juke box dances on Saturday nights, a continental breakfast on the second Sunday of each month, travel films, book reviews, dances on special occasions are but a few of the special events which are available to you. We are very pleased to announce the beginning of three new classes in September: crafts, beginning Spanish and art (painting).

Travel tours range from one-day trips to local tourists attractions and sporting events to weekends in San Francisco and the Hearst Castle in San Simeon to three weeks in Hawaii and are a major part of our planned program of recreational activities.

You are not guests in the Recreation Center; it BELONGS TO YOU. We love the pride we see you taking in it and appreciate your persistent efforts to help us maintain it and the beautiful equipment by which you are constantly surrounded. "It takes a heap of livin' in a house to make it a home." The easy living Leisure Villagers are truly making the Recreation Center a very important part of their home.

ADULT EDUCATION TO BEGIN THIS FALL

Adult Education classes will begin in September and will continue for the school year. Leisure Village will be the campus and the Oxnard Union High School District Adult School will provide teachers for the following classes;

Crafts - Exploration in creative macrame, weaving, candle-making, mosaics, printmaking, decoupage and more.

Spanish - Beginning conversational; especially useful for those planning to travel to Mexico.

Art - Beginning and intermediate painting.

ATTENTION—HOBBYISTS

We are looking for people interested in stamp collecting to form a Philatelic Association in Leisure Village.

For further information, please call Morris J. Katz at 482-8469.

FIRST LEISURE VILLAGE HOLE-IN-ONE

Charles Ward has the honor of sinking the first hole-in-one on the Leisure Village links. Mr. Ward "aced" the 131-yard, par 3, sixth hole, during a round which he played with his wife Dorothea. Charles, who is an avid golfer, claims "The Leisure Village Par-3 course is the very best we've ever played."

The golf course is really getting a workout lately as everyone is practicing to qualify for the Leisure Technology Corp. National Golf Tournament being held this December in Ft. Meyers, Florida. This year's is the Second Annual Tournament. Each Leisure Technology Corp. community throughout the country will send a three man and a three woman team to represent their community at the tournament. Good luck Pleasant Valley team!

The castle of life that you build is only as strong as the mortar of integrity that holds it together.



WHAT IS LEISURE VILLAGE?

(Editors note: The following is a speech that was given by Leisure Village resident Ed Coleman at the Annual Homeowners Meeting. Mr. Coleman, was elected by the residents to serve on the Board of Directors of Leisure Village Association, Inc. He is currently Vice-President of the Association.)

What is this thing called Leisure Village? Is it the security gate? Is it the paved streets? Is it the green belt? Is it our houses? Is it this building? Or maybe Leisure Village is someone calling you on the telephone to say, "I'll take care of your garden." Maybe it's someone you haven't even met calling and saying, "I hear you have been in the hospital, can we help?" Maybe it's your neighbor with a newspaper clipping telling you, "This is about your home town. I thought of you." Possibly this is Leisure Village--The other day I was on the practice greens, a family that just finished a game of golf--I thought how nice, here is a *family* enjoying Leisure Village. Then they disappeared behind a building. I sort of forgot about them. Then I looked up and there they were with a lunch basket at one of the picnic tables. Isn't this what Leisure Village is all about? A family playing together, sharing together, living together, and growing together.

I like to think of Leisure Village as more than concrete and stucco. I like to think of it as *people*. People more interested in *someone* else rather than themselves. People more interested in giving rather than receiving: Just plain delightful folks, active, alive, vibrant, and enthusiastic. Beautiful people--that goes for the staff as well as the residents.

The recreation facilities and programs are excellent--but good as they are, I have always thought there ought to be more to retirement than "Fun & Games." When those of us that are not now employed were working we were a part of something. We belonged to and we contributed something. Now, suddenly nothing. These motives are gone. How better can we again become a part of something than by *becoming involved* in the *affairs* of our very own community, Leisure Village.

How do we do this? *By Communicating*--If there is something you don't like, tell your Board of Directors. If you have an idea on how to do something better, say it. Just because something has been done the same way for a hundred years doesn't mean there's not a better way. We were given an information package when we moved in. Among other things in this package were a set of "Rules & Regulations"--there were 155 of them. I counted them. Now if you don't like 154 of them or 3-4-10-of them or you think there should be 214 of them, say it. You know there are provisions for changing the rules. One I can think of has already been changed. The golf course was to have been closed only till noon, well anyway its been half changed.

Now if by chance there is something you do like, say so. Everyone likes a pat on the back and this will help two people, yourself, and the person you are talking with. *One of man's most priceless possessions is imagination.* We all have it. Because someone used theirs, we now have, autos, T.V.'s, electric lights, and yes, a Leisure Village. Let's use this imagination to make our community a better one. *Let's not* be satisfied with a Leisure Village that's just *as good* as Sun City, LeisureWorld, or another Leisure Village *Let's have a better than community.* There is more experience and know-how in this room than in the entire city. You are all experts in one field or another. Why not use this talent to produce a *better than* Leisure Village?

The other day I saw something in the Voice of the Village. The gist of it was, "We don't sell homes, we sell happiness." Happiness isn't something you barter like a bushel of wheat. You wouldn't want it that way either. But I'll bet when you move into your homes and become acquainted, you found *Happiness*.



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WEEKLY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Monday	9:00 am	Ceramics
	10:00 am	Swim and Stay Trim
	2:00 pm	Squaredancing
	7:00 pm	Automotive Mechanics
Tuesday	9:00 am	Intermediate Sewing
	1:00 pm	Beginning Sewing
Wednesday	9:00 am	Lapidary
	10:00 am	Swim and Stay Trim
	2:30 pm	Bocce
	7:30 pm	Bingo
Thursday	1:30 am	Bridge
	7:00 pm	Shuffleboard
Friday	10:00 pm	Swim and Stay Trim
	2:00 pm	Meet Your Neighbor
	7:30 pm	*Movie
	7:30 pm	*Men's Activity Night
Saturday	9:00 am	Woodworking
Sunday	7:30 pm	Bridge

* Movies and Men's Activity Night occur on alternate Fridays.

MOVIES

The next movie will be on September 13th and will be the Academy Award winning epic *HOW THE WEST WAS WON* starring Spencer Tracy, Gregory Peck, Eli Wallach, Henry Fonda, Debbie Reynolds, James Stewart, Robert Preston, Carolyn Jones, Karl Malden, Carroll Baker, Richard Widmark, Lee J. Cobb, George Peppard, and the "Duke." On September 27th it will be Katherine Hepburn starring in *SONG OF LOVE*. The movie on October 11th will be the classic Hitchcock thriller, *NORTH BY NORTHWEST* starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint. On October 25th will be showing *WILL PENNY* starring Charleton Heston.

***** MONTHLY ACTIVITIES *****

Armchair Travellers, Book Review, Archaeological Lecture Series, Continental Breakfast, Golf Tournament and Cooking Lecture.

AROUND THE VILLAGE



SQUAREDANCING classes are now being held every Monday afternoon at the Recreation Center. Instructor Bruce Johnson calls 'em as he sees 'em.



OUR POOL gets quite a workout every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings by the "Swim and Stay Trim" gang. The ladies claim it's the perfect way to start the day

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What do you get when you cross a furniture maker with a rabbit?
Answer: A multiplication table.
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"No, I'm the Chip-Monk."

Bernice Levy

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