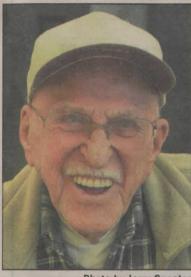
LEISURE VILLAGE





Walter Maich spent eight months trying to get to safety after being shot down over Italy during World War II.

MIA in WWII: Villager tells his story

Editor's note: Walter Maich, 92, has lived in Leisure Village for 12 years. He recently spent more than four hours telling his amazing story to Bob Cohen. This article is appearing in two parts, with Part II running in the May 3 edition.

By Bob Cohen

January 31, 1944. For most, just another day in a war that had already dragged on for more than four years.

In the Pacific, men of the Photo by Jerry Spector 4th Marines assaulted Roi-Namur in conjunction with the Army's 7th Division assault on Kwajalein. In Europe, Mark Clark's 5th Army had landed

at Anzio a week earlier and was struggling to break out of the beachhead. And all across both theaters, wave after wave of bombers took to the air to destroy the enemy's strongholds.

At a base in Grotalia, Italy, located in the arch of the Italian boot, members of the 449th Bombardment Group, 47th Bomb Wing, 15th Air Force, the Flying Horsemen. prepared for the day's flight. Among those B-24s was the Brady's Gang with a crew of 10, including a 23-year-old future resident of Leisure Village, Walter Maich.

"We were a diverse group from all over the U.S.," Maich remembered. "Brady, the pilot, was from Alabama; Tom O'Keefe, the co-pilot, was from Boston, as was McFerson. the tail gunner. Graham, our navigator, was from Chicago; Becktold, the bombardier, was from San Francisco; the radio operator/waist gunner, Bashaw, was from Vermont. The ball turret gunner, Sjoberg, was from Minnesota, and the flight engineer, Adamo, was from Brooklyn. And of course, there was me, the nose gunner, from Los Angeles.

"I don't know where Harrington, our other waist gunner, came from. He was not part of our regular crew, just

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For the record: The photos of the Writers Club that appeared on Page 16 of last month's ILV were erroneously credited to Jerry Spector. Harvey Brosler took the photos.

On Page 22, the photo of Joan Levy was taken by Bob Kaplan.

Ever wonder how long you should keep important documents? Look for answers on Page 5.

For the fifth year, The Mavericks put on its highly successful Cash in the Attic event, proving the accuracy of the old adage that one man's trash is another man's treasure. For a story and photos of this year's event, held Feb. 22, see Page 16.

From Santa Barbara to Hawaii and Las Vegas to Italy, the Travel Committee has spent 30 years getting Villagers to their dream destinations. Trips are shorter now, but they're just as enjoyable. Read all about it on Page 17.

Town Hall meeting democracy in action

Associate Editor Bob Cohen expresses his opinion of the recent Town Hall meeting.

In more than one respect, the recent Town Hall meeting was a smashing success: The turnout was spectacular approximately 450 people! Whether it was the subject (the proposed Fitness Center) or the free food we may never know, but there is one thing we do know: This was an example of traditional American democracy, a la the town hall meetings of New England.

Not to say that it was all peace and love. It wasn't. There was at least one outburst that can only be characterized as rude. But then again, no one ever said that democracy was perfect. The difference of opinion merely reflected the diversity of the membership.

The meeting was advertised as an opportunity for the Board to recap the actions of the last two years that have led to

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Photo by Bob Kaplan

From left, Stan Reshes, Ida Zeller, Ken Walker, Sylvia McGinnis and Al Botta rehearse a scene from "Play It Again, Sam." The Players Guild performance runs April 17-21, and tickets are on sale now. Story, Page 20. am appalled at the residents who do not seem to realize the importance of rules. One example is the following:

On my early morning walk, around 6 a.m., I turned down Village 20 to be met by a big black dog that growled and snarled at me.

For a moment, I didn't know what to do. This wild animal might have attacked me if I had moved or he sensed my fear.

Then I noticed a man rounding the corner about 25 feet behind the dog. I believe he was calling the dog, but it kept growling and snarling at me.

I said, "Please walk a little faster and get this dog. I am scared!"

Much as I don't like to make a noise at that time of the morning, as he walked away with the dog I called out, "In the first place, that dog should be on a leash!"

If his dog had even touched me, I would have sued him and won! It might have made me a rich woman!

— Aurelie Zachary, V. 24

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Tue	2	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED
Wed	3	10 am & 8 pm	Viva the Village! Calendar Girl/ Debra Guill, Interviews w/Richard Weiss, Piff DeSimone, Mary Jane Porter (Health Fair), Officer of the Quarter, Matt Harrison
Thu	4	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows
Fri	5	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING – TAPED
Mon	8	10 am & 8 pm	Cooking Show - What Can I Bring? (24 mins)
Tue	9	10 am & 8 pm	Showtyme – Beatles Tribute Band, 2009 (1:53)
Wed	10	10 am & 8 pm	What Was My Line? - Shirley Jacobs, John Mayer, Christina Kahn, 2008 (47 mins)
Thu	11	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows
Fri	12	10 am & 8 pm	What's Happening in LV – Arts Club, Bldg. & Grounds, Men's Golf, Musicians Club (40 mins)
Mon	15	10 am & 8 pm	The Best of Players Guild Workshops 2011 (39 mins)
Tue	16	10 am & 8 pm	Quilters Club: 2012 (28 mins)
Wed	17	10 am & 8 pm	Viva the Village! Calendar Girl/ Debra Guill, Interviews w/Richard Weiss, Piff DeSimone, Mary Jane Porter (Health Fair), Officer of the Quarter, Matt Harrison
Thu	18	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows
Fri	19	10 am & 8 pm	Women's Club – Fashion Show 2008 (59 mins)
Mon	22	10 am & 8 pm	LV Goes to the Movies
Tue	23	10 am & 8 pm	The History of Leisure Village - Part 1
Wed	24	10 am & 8 pm	Players' Guild - Annie & Friends, 2009 (40 mins.)
Thu	25	10 am & 8 pm	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows
Fri	26	10 am & 8 pm	What Was My Line? - John Bravos, Fran Yasney, Joseph Benti (41 mins)
Mon	29	10 am & 8 pm	Village Voices: Patty Ecker and John Wirtz (38 mins)
Tue	30	10 am & 8 pm	Players' Guild: Those Were the Days 2008 (51 mins)

For those committees or clubs that would like to be interviewed, contact Bob O'Connor, 437-6798. LVTV Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the MPR.

May deadlines

Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads for the May 2013 issue is Thursday, April 18, at 5 p.m. The Display Advertising deadline will be Friday, April 19, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Friday, May 3. Please e-mail stories and photos to editorilv@yahoo.com. Typed copy, double-spaced, should be deposited in the ILV box in the Recreation Center hallway. Handwritten material should be submitted early to allow for typing.

265 wear St. Paddy's green

By Frank Seiden

Some 265 — for the evening at least — honorary Irish mellowed to the lilt of "Danny Boy" and swayed to a raucous "H-A-double R-I — G-A-N spells Harrigan."

The 17-piece swing band with its lovely vocalist, Wendy Kurtzman, moved the dancers and enlivened the watchers at the March 12 event.

Wearin' o' the green was on parade.

Leprechauns danced while pipes were played.

The Emerald Isle touches us here On St. Patrick's Day every year.

There weren't actually any pipes, but the spirit was there, and the leprechauns did fill pots with valuables — 525 pounds of food for FOOD Share, Ventura County's Food Bank, enough to make 404 unhappy tummies smile. Bonnie Weigel, president and CEO of FOOD Share, expressed her gratitude for the bounty, outlined the organization's activities and

advertised their need for volunteers. In introducing her, Dick Guttman, the emcee for the night, described how Bonnie had about doubled the work done by the organization in her four years as president.

Time during the band's two intermissions was well planned. In addition to Bonnie's thank you for the food and the sing-along, there were drawings for several gift certificates to nearby restaurants and Vons on Mission Oaks Boulevard, which gave the geriatric brains the healthy exercise of being aware of their ticket numbers. We thank our generous benefactors, Jersey Mike's, Al Fox Realty, Barlow Realty and Safire Restaurants for donating the drawing prizes. And, to fill some time, Dick did a bit of stand-up comedy.

The evening ended with everyone appreciating the work of the LV Musicians Club and warmed by the joy of the camaraderie and of helping the needy.



Photo by Bob Kaplan

Irene Olson and Joe Aaronson dance to the beat of a 17-piece swing band during the St. Patrick's Day dance in Leisure Village.

Music and Motion can get you goin'

By Barbara Yago

Are you looking to energize your mind, body and spirit? Then this is an open invitation to try Music and Motion, formerly Jazzercise. It is a fun hour of easy dance steps combined with exercises to enhance your balance, strengthen your muscles, maintain your bone density, burn calories and relieve stress — all choreographed for our age group.

Our instructor, Renee, has more than 20 years' teaching experience and is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine. She is an expert in keeping us motivated with her encouragement and humor. Renee also constantly reminds us how to modify what we do to suit any restrictions we may have and always emphasizes safety.

So, come check us out any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 9 a.m. in the AR for a fun, healthy hour.



Lillian Hawthorne, formerly V. 2 Marvin Berman, V. 39 William P. Hegan, V. 17 Judith Netza, V. 41 Jerome Curran, V. 11 Lucy Gerhardt, formerly V. 29 Dorothy Weiss, V. 20 Loyal Frazier, V. 5 K.L. Darus, V. 6 Jimmy Schmidt, V. 29 Susan P. Burke, V. 20 Ernest Slabotsky, V. 35 Sylvia Mopper, V. 1

To submit a memoriam call Loretta Reshes at 388-7116.

AARP Driver Safety Class offered

By Claudia Roberts

If you want to improve defensive driving habits and learn how to adjust to age-related changes in vision. hearing and reaction time, then an AARP Driver Safety Class is for you.

These classes are provided to LV

residents only.

After attending and completing the AARP Driver Safety Class, you will receive a certificate which, when presented to your insurance company, will provide you with a discount good for three years.

For those of you who have never taken this class before — or if it has been three or more years since you last took the class - here you go.

The two-day beginners class will be taught from 1 to 5 p.m. in the MPR on the following dates: May 15 and 17, July 17 and 19, and Sept. 18 and 20. You must attend and complete both days to qualify for the discount certificate.

The one-day refresher course is offered to those of you who take it every three years. It will be taught from 1 to 5 p.m. in the MPR on the following dates: April 2, June 4, Aug. 6 and Oct. 1.

The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members.

Pre-registration by calling Claudia Roberts 482-9904 is required.

Classes are limited.

Better Breathing class meets April 16

By Lorraine Comer

Our last Better Breathing meeting was in January, and as usual there were questions that I hope I answered During the April class I hope to answer any questions that you might

still have and help each of you enjoy exercising more.

I hope to see you for the April 16

It will be held in the Sun Room at



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Realtors Corner: Keep documents

By Sharron Parker Troop Real Estate Inc.

As we prepare our taxes, questions sometimes come up as to how long we need to keep certain records.

According to one of our local title companies, we should keep all records documenting the purchase price and the cost of all permanent improvements — such as remodeling, additions and installations — from six years to permanently. The same is true of all records of expenses incurred in selling and buying the property, such as legal fees and real estate commission — up to six years

after you sell your house.

Holding on to these records is important because any improvements you make on your house, as well as expenses in selling it, are added to the original purchase price or cost basis. This lowers your profit for tax purposes when you sell your house. Therefore, you may lower your capital gains tax, if there is any.

As always, verify all concerns and questions with your tax expert and/or attorney.

- Sharron Parker is a licensed Realtor with Troop Real Estate Inc. She can be reached at 805-443-1998.

LOOKING BACK

By Marilyn Holthouse Village historian

April 1978, 35 years ago: LV Rhythmettes presented a show titled "Third Extravaganza."

April 1983, 30 years ago: New craft facilities were proposed.

April 1988, 25 years ago: 32 names were presented to the Nominating Committee. One accepted.

April 1993, 20 years ago: The Sing-Along Club was approved.

April 1998, 15 years ago: A new pool lift was placed in operation.



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NEWS TO KNOW

'The other dance' is third Friday

By William Lamar

Buddy Holly, The Supremes: What do these names bring to mind?

Chubby Checker, Brenda Lee — more of the legends from a time when you ... well, you fill in the blank.

Let's take a trip back in time, back to the first dance or first date, with that first kiss, and whatever else was the first in one's life.

Back when music was played on vinyl or wax, not tape or digital. Back to just good old rock and roll.

Now we have, for your dancing pleasure, "the other dance" here in the Village.

This dance will be held on the third Friday of each month. Bring your '50s,

'60s '70s and some '80s-type live music to dance the night away and just to have good old fun.

On May 17, the band will be "Retro Station," which also happens to be the band that is booked for the Village's New Year's Eve Party. On June 21, the band will be Smokin' Cobras. Both of these bands bring the energy that we remember from the decades this music comes from.

So come and enjoy a Friday night with your honey for a date night, or to dance or just listen to the music that is still worth listening to.

It's the third Friday of each month in the AR. Cost will be \$7. And BYOB.

There will be no dance for the month of April.

THEATER BEAT

Camarillo Community Theatre: "Company," through April 28. 330 Skyway Dr. Camarillo, 388-5716.

Conejo Players Theatre: "Damn Yankees," through April 13. 351 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, 495-3715.

Elite Theatre Company: "God of Carnage," April 19 through May 26. 2731 Victoria Blvd., Oxnard. 483-5118

High Street Arts Center: "Inherit the Wind," April 12 through May. 12.

45 E. High St., Moorpark, 529-8700.

Rubicon Theater: "Lonesome
Traveler," April 24 through May 19.
1006 E. Main St., Ventura, 667-2900.

Santa Paula Theater Center: "In the Next Room," April 19 through May 26. 125 South 7th St., Santa Paula, 525-4645.

Simi Valley Cultural Art Center: Monty Python's "Spamalot," April 13 through May 28. 305 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley, 583-7900.

Strength training class starts April 9

A new semester of strength training starts Tuesday, April 9, in the AR. Cost is \$30 for 10 weeks. Class meets from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Come join the fun. The class consists of

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a sub that day. And I never really knew what most of the guys' first names were. We always used just the last name.

"This was our ninth mission and was supposed to be a milk run. We had fighter cover all the way, and recon photos taken the day before showed no anti-aircraft guns at the target, a railroad marshaling yard in northern Italy."

Just another day at the office.

"But that night, after our recon planes completed their mission, the Germans moved in a battery of 88's," anti-aircraft guns.

Another day at the office was soon to segue into eight months of MIA, evading both the Italian fascists and German army. It would be eight months of boredom punctuated by brief moments of intense fear, much as each mission had been hours of boredom punctuated by intense fear the few minutes over target.

Flying the big, slow World War

II bombers was once described as sitting on a telephone pole while people threw hand grenades at you — nowhere to hide, nowhere to go.

Seconds over target, the ground fire started.

"I saw two of our planes go down.

Next thing I knew we suddenly started banking sharply to the right — right into our formation," Maich recalled. "Squeezed into the nose compartment as I was, my vision was somewhat limited. I think what happened was that a shell went through the wing without exploding."

The shell may not have exploded, but the wings were where the gas tanks were located, and gasoline suddenly was streaming from the wing and across the fuselage. In what seemed like hours, but was probably a minute or two, Maich waited.

"Suddenly, there was a tap on my foot. I looked back to see the navigator motioning for me to jump. I didn't wait. I squeezed through the opening in the nose wheel well and jumped.

"We all wore our parachutes, so

I was ready to go. Problem is, I had never jumped before, not even in training! But, they had told us not to open the chute too soon. A slow decent makes you a great target I bailed out at about 21,000 feet and waited to pull the rip cord until I thought I was about 4,000 feet above the ground.

"I landed somewhere in the mountains of northern Italy, quickly buried my chute and then just sat in the snow, 'What do I do now thoughts' swirling through my head. I looked up and saw the plane still flying, other crew members slowly descending, and then the plane erupted in flame. Whether it was hit by another 88 or the gasoline caused the explosion, I'll never know.

"I did learn the fate of the remaining crew members. The pilot, co-pilot, bombardier and navigator all bailed out and made it safely down, though their slow descent meant that the Germans were waiting for them when they landed. Adamo, a Brooklyn boy who spoke Italian, managed to blend in with the locals and somehow

landed a job with the Red Cross. Don't know how he did that.

"When the plane exploded, Harrington, Bashaw, Sjoberg and McFerson were still on board, never having received the abandon ship command. The force of the explosion threw McFerson, badly burned, clear of the plane. The others died in the explosion."

Maich was safe, for the moment. He had an escape kit that consisted of a map of the area, \$48 in U.S. money and some K-rations. But he was alone in a hostile world.

"I was frightened, excited and disoriented all at the same time. I just sat in the snow and looked at the maps. I knew I was in the northern Italian mountains. Switzerland looked close — just an inch away on the map, so I decided to walk there."

And the eight-month journey began.

"I was dressed in my electrically heated flight gear, so I was comfortable," Maich said. "I headed north across the rugged terrain,

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trudging through the snow and quickly grew tired. And then I made the worst decision of the journey, I discarded the heavy (but warm) flight boots — a decision that would come back to haunt me in later days. As it grew dark, I found an opening in the hillside and crawled in for the night.

"On the second day, I continued my trek toward what I thought was the nearby Swiss border. The hills were completely deserted. I didn't hear or see any human activity. I never felt so alone in my life. That night, I improvised a cave in a snow bank."

On the third day, things improved dramatically.

"As I walked through the countryside, I didn't hear a sound, didn't see any signs of life, human or animal. The snow was a perfect blanket of white, no tracks," Maich said.

"I came over a rise and there, in the middle of the snow patch, was a small clearing, maybe 8 foot square. In the middle of the clearing I saw a green jacket with a loaf of bread in the pocket. No one was around, and I was hungry so I helped myself to half of the loaf. To this day, I don't know where that food came from — manna from heaven?

"I moved on until I heard noises that sounded like human voices. I approached cautiously, not sure if they were friendlies or a ticket to the POW camp. There were two men and a woman so I took a chance and approached them. I think I scared them more than I was frightened by them. I didn't know if they were fascists, and they thought I was German because of my flight suit."

But neither was true. The De Lucas were anti-fascist farmers who were illegally gathering firewood in a national forest. Things got even better when De Luca senior explained in broken English that he had worked in San Francisco in 1906 and would help the American airman.

They set up a tentative meeting

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for the night when De Luca's son, Louie, would bring Maich to a local partisan camp. Things took a Hollywood twist when a voice in accented English suddenly said, "There's no need for that." Three South African POW escapees emerged from a nearby hiding place.

And yet another chapter in this strange story was about to unfold.

In September of 1943, the Italian government had signed an armistice agreement with the Allies. At that time, the Italian army opened the gates of the POW camps and walked away. There was an Italian camp near where Maich landed, and hundreds of mostly British troops had escaped when the Italians left. Unfortunately, the Germans moved in the next day and rounded up most of them. The three South Africans — John, Blue and Honus — were among the POWs who evaded the Nazi search parties.

The South Africans took Maich under their wing and brought him



The crew of the ill-fated flight. Maich is on bottom row, second from left.

to their home-away-from-home, an unused stable in a summer pasture.

That night's rest was to be short. The South Africans roused Maich in the middle of the night with a "We have to move – the Germans are coming" warning.

"After we arrived at their backup

hiding location, a nearby cave," Maich continued, "John told me about the early warning system that was in place. The leader of the nearby partisan camp was a professor from the University of Turin. His sister was

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a nurse at the now German-run POW camp. Whenever a patrol was sent out, she tried to get a message to the known POW hideouts. This night, she was successful; other times she would not be.

"The next morning, I awoke to find two of the South Africans gone, only Honus remained. Shortly after, breakfast in the form of a tub of pasta arrived. John and Blue had learned Italian while in captivity and had put it to good use making friends with the locals — risky but necessary.

"The morning didn't stay peaceful very long; the Carabinieri were in

the area. A mad dash to the stable ensued, complicated by the fact that my feet (without the heavy boots) were nearly frostbitten. The two big South Africans half carried me, being careful to avoid the trip wires the Germans had hidden to trap escapees.

"After safely making it back to the stable, Blue offered me a spare pair of boots," Maich remembered with a smile. "The only problem was the boots were size 12! Blue quickly came up with two pair of heavy stockings to help fill the space. I never did learn how he had those boots and extra socks, but I didn't care; they were warm."

Thus ended the first week of the eight-month journey.

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this point. In my opinion, it would have been better if the Board was given that opportunity before being attacked.

Treasurer Ted Lansing recapped the history of the project:

- A resident committee first proposed the center two years ago as part of a long range plan,
- That committee held open, advertised meetings over the two-year period that the plan was developed with resident input solicited,
- Three Boards of Directors approved the plan,
- The funds will be taken from excess reserves. He firmly denied the rumor that we would be assessed to

pay the bill.

- We are required by law to keep the Reserve Funds separate from the Operating funds,
- The project has been discussed in multiple Board meetings and detailed recently in depth in the Village Voice and Inside Leisure Village.

It is doubtful that all who listened agreed with the Board, but all can agree that the purpose of the meeting was fulfilled: The membership is informed.

An election to fill three seats on the Board is happening soon. Hopefully, those who object to the current Board's actions will challenge those directions in the American way, by putting your time where your mouth is and running for the Board.

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By Carol Cannell

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Lee Clukey took first place in the Assigned category of Leading Lines, Different Angles for "Bowman Lake, Glacier National Park, Montana" during the monthly LV Camera Club competition for March.

of "funny money."

There will be prizes awarded at the end of the evening when you

redeem the "funny money" you've won, and for each \$100 you will be given a raffle ticket to be put in the

raffle drum for the drawings. The top two prizes are a three-day, two-night stay at Sam's Town Resort in Las Vegas. and there will be many other wonderful prizes as well. The club will provide water and numerous snacks. Beer and wine will be available, and donations will be accepted. As always, you may BYOB.

The Mavericks Club is starting its eighth year in May. This all started with two gals thinking about what to do to get people together socially. Several of us answered their invitation in ILV asking for people to come and discuss ways of meeting people in the Village who may have common interests. We met in a family room in Village 11 — and so it began. We progressed quickly from that family room to the Garden Room to the MPR and eventually to the AR, where we have met in for six years.

We are a "social" club and have many fun events on the fourth Friday of the month. We have approximately 150 members and many popular functions, including the Winter Ball

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Dinner-Dance, Casino Night, Game Day and Pienic, Prize Day In The Park, Bowling Night, Pizza and Dance Night, Picnics in the Park, golf tournaments, ice cream socials. Halloween Masquerade Dance and the Pet Parade — before the Pet Club started. And, we are always looking for new ideas from all our members.

So, let us know what fun things you may like us to do. We are always open to new ideas.

Membership dues for the year May 2013 to May 2014 of \$5 per person are now being collected by Ellie Edwards, and you can contact her at 987-8660.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact President Sharon Loney at 987-8292 or Jeanne White at 207-9869.

Showtyme

By Elva Levine

We are thrilled to bring back Dean

Regan on Friday, April 12. He has had many Broadway stage performances and concert appearances across the nation on television and film. He also had a command performance at the White House

Dean is creating a Sinatra spirit performance just for us. He will be accompanied by Nick Fryman on the piano. This will be a "don't miss" performance.

If you haven't yet signed up as a member, please do so at this meeting. We need to know how many members we have so we can plan our shows accordingly. Membership is still only \$7 per year for monthly shows quite a bargain and always a pleasure.

The Booster Club

By Lin Grant

The Booster Club has contributed to the Village in many ways. In addition to providing fun and

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But lack of participation may cause the club to fold in the next few months. If you do not want to join another club or if you don't want to attend another meeting, join The Boosters as an associate. Being an associate means that when fundraisers are held, you would provide an extra pair of hands to set up, serve or clean up.

The Boosters will again be sponsoring the Spring Sale on May 11. Tables will be sold several weeks prior to the sale. Watch LVTV for details.

The club is also considering providing service help to any person or organization who needs assistance in giving a party or celebration. What



John Kingsley took first place in the Open category in the monthly LV Camera Club competition for March with "Early Morning Risers."

this means is that if you want to hold a celebration in the Rec Center but you want time to enjoy it and not spend all your time preparing and serving, the club will provide people to do this for you at a per hour price, depending on what is required.

The Boosters meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the MPR. Please come and join the club, as a member or as an associate, to keep the club alive.

Please call Lin Grant at 714-878-7323 if you have any questions.

Village Arts

By Harvey S. Brosler

The general meeting of the Village Arts members is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the MPR.

At the March 6 general meeting, members of The Stoners, a group that does handcrafted jewelry, provided displays and demonstrated their work.

In April, there will be a sale on Sunday, April 28, at "Ye Olde Crafts Faire III" to be held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the AR. The May 3 general meeting will be a 100th birthday party for Rea Williams, a longtime member and Village resident.

Visitors are welcome to all general meetings.

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Village Arts is comprised of members who paint using different mediums such as acrylics, watercolor and oil, or members who draw using graphite or pen and ink.

The painting class meets on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Lanai Room from 1 to 3 p.m. The drawing class meets on Fridays in the Lanai Room from 1 to 3 p.m. Basic instruction, assistance and supplies are available. Membership is \$7 a year. Members have the opportunity to attend workshops and have finished products displayed in shows and exhibits.

For more information, contact Gwen Zimring at 389-5469 or Pat McGregor at 822-7111.

The Stoners

By Fil Barton

There is a correction and an addition to last month's article. The handcrafted jewelry items in the atrium showcase will be on display during April. Most of these items are available for purchase. Please check the display periodically, as we will be taking down and adding new items.

Also on Sunday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Stoners will be sponsoring Ye Olde Craft Faire III in the AR. Please note the time change from last month's article. Other participants in the Faire are Lapidary, Ceramics, Origami and Village Arts, all of which will be displaying their hand-crafted items, many of which will be available for purchase.

In addition, hot dogs, chili and drinks will be available for a small donation to Lapidary.

Don't forget that The Stoners will do most jewelry repairs for a donation to Lapidary.

Our meetings are every Monday, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the MPR. You may stop by anytime during these hours. Men are also invited to join us.

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Martha Mandel buys a bread machine at the Feb. 22 Cash in the Attic event.



Jeanne White has money to spend thanks to The Mavericks' Cash in the Attic event



"One man's trash is another man's treasure" is the saying that explains the success of this event, now in its fifth year.



Photos by Bob Kaplan Above, John Wirtz is a man wearing many hats at the Cash in the Attic event. At left, Bill Foeller makes a bid during the auction as Kathleen

Craig looks on.

Mavericks event turns trash into treasures Willage bring in items they no longer 40-year-old bottle of bourbon with

On Feb. 22 the LV Mavericks held its fifth annual Cash in the Attic event.

The event is the brainchild of John Wirtz, who is our world-famous auctioneer. It is one of our most fun events. People from around the

Village bring in items they no longer want and donate them to the club. We (meaning John) then auction them to the highest bidder, and the club gets the proceeds. We spend that money on our other events that are free to members.

We have sold a purse for \$40 and a

40-year-old bottle of bourbon with the seal still intact — plus a lot of other great items at very low or not-so-low prices.

I believe we will continue to have this event annually as it is one of our biggest money-makers and so much fun for all.

For 30 years, Travel Committee helps Villagers hit the road

By Marion Green

Do you know how much fun it is to NOT be the driver and be able to sit back and look out the window as the marvelous scenery passes?

After being so relaxed, you might even catch a little shut-eye.

You are on a luxury bus with comfortable and roomy seats. There is no pressure to be attentive, you aren't driving. Snacks are offered and you help yourself. Someone says, "It's Bingo time!" and cards are passed out. This is really fun!

This is the LV Travel Committee's 30th year offering its services to residents. Volunteers sit at the Travel Desk window on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings to assist residents in making their travel arrangements.

There are seven volunteer escorts led by Judy Foxman.

Many tasks go into the coordination of each trip, including planning for the transportation. collecting the money and notifying the travelers the day before a trip. An outside travel agency affiliated with the committee does its best to offer the most comfortable transportation at the most reasonable prices. For some residents who no longer drive, this service is a real gift, a chance to get away, see new places. For others who still drive, this is also a gift.

Trips run the gamut from stage plays, gambling trips to Laughlin and Las Vegas, the Santa Anita Racetrack and Santa Barbara's Culinary Institute. Future trips will include

viewing the USS Iowa and the Laguna Beach Pageant of the Masters this summer.

Years ago, there were trips as far away as Italy, Alaska, Yellowstone, the Canadian Rockies, Hawaii, New Orleans, Washington, D.C, and Philadelphia. In 1998, when the trip to Italy was announced. Isabel Blau recalled that 37 people were waiting at the office when it opened for signups. They would love to bring those types of trips back and would if there was enough interest. Information about what is on the travel schedule can be found on the message board, available 24 hours a day, in Inside Leisure Village, on eNews and at their office in the lobby. Stop by and say hello and let one of the volunteers know of any ideas you might have for new excursions and/or your interest in longer trips.

Mary Jane Porter was the escort on a recent trip to Santa Anita Race Track. The first race was dedicated to Leisure Village, and two residents, Howard Koehn and Marie Donnell, got to be in the Winners' Circle at the end of the race. The weather turned out to be perfect and 50 people enjoyed their day out. Chi Chun accidentally placed a bet for a different race track and later realized her bet was for the Golden Gate Track. All turned out well though; her horse won and paid \$13!

The Travel Committee schedules a minimum of two trips a month and often more. There is an exciting schedule planned for 2013.



Photo by Marion Green

Watching a kitchen heat up was among the events Village residents experienced during a visit to the Santa Barbara Culinary Institute.



Photo by Jerry Spector

Photo by Sam Lak Dick Guttman purchases his tickets from Mary Jane Porter for an upcoming adventure.



Betty Dean and others enjoy the Big Bear Oktoberfest during a 2012 trip.

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Travel Committee

By Glenn Whitlock

Spring is right around the corner, so join us as we bask in the serenity of the beautiful Descanso Gardens on April 10. Make your way through 160 acres of magnificent gardens, visit the Japanese Garden and Tea House, visit a bird sanctuary and stop by the Boddy House mansion with its beautiful art gallery. The tour includes deluxe motorcoach with water on board, tram ride, admission into Descanso Gardens, boxed lunch, a special chocolate treat and Curt Tucker as your guide. Price is \$77. Departure is at 9:30 a.m. and return is at 5 p.m. Escort is Isabel Blau.

Sam's Town in Las Vegas May 7-9 is our next overnight casino trip of the season. The price of \$137 for a double or \$172 for a single includes roundtrip deluxe motorcoach transportation, two nights hotel accommodations at

Sam's Town in Las Vegas, bellman services and fun book. Guests of Sam's Town may use their free shuttle to downtown and the Las Vegas Strip. Departure is at 9 a.m. and return is at 6 p.m. Escort is Kathy Wirtz.

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Coming later this year are trips planned for: Taste of LA on May 14. space shuttle Endeavor on May 16, "Priscilla" at the Pantages Theatre on June 9, and the Hollywood Bowl with special guest performer Josh Groban on July 2.

Suggestions for future trips are always welcomed.

Camera Club

By Marion Green

The Camera Club is fortunate to have talented and prestigious photographers critique their work. In a recent issue of The Star, Dan Holmes, a frequent judge at our meetings, was featured in an article highlighting his career in photography.

We welcomed back returning judge Greg Cooper, photography teacher at Brooks Institute. The assigned category was Leading Lines/Different Angles. The following won in that category: first Lee Clukey, second Jerry Spector and third Laura Greffly. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Rita Linsey and Frank DeSimone.

In the Open category, John Kingsley won first, Frank DeSimone took second, and Al Sarnelle took third. Honorable Mentions were won by Larry Forkner and Don Treadwell.

In the Creative category, first went to Jerry Spector, second to Marlene Votion and third to Lee Clukey. Our club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the MPR with judging on the first Wednesday. The assigned subject for April will be Animals, Birds, Insects.

The club is continuing to offer workshops on the third Wednesday. Our judges have offered to give instruction and provide valuable information to our club members. Guests are welcome to attend these

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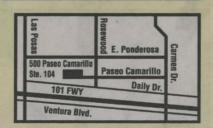
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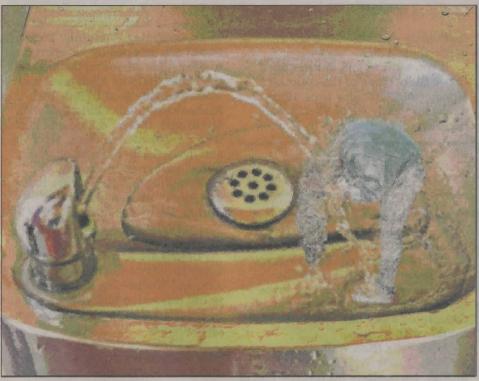
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Jerry Spector took first place in the Creative category in the March LV Camera Club competition for "I'm Going to Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair."

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workshops and hopefully become members in the future. The meetings are designed to help members improve their picture-taking skills, either by guest photographers or members sharing their expertise. All residents are invited to attend our meetings, no camera required.

The club is proud that winning photos adorn the walls of the lobby and the MPR.

If you have any questions, please call the club president, Judy Spector, at 384-9039.

New York Club

By Marc Stone

Wow! Thank you, Leisure Villagers! The New York Club meetings in 2013 were above and beyond our wildest expectations.

Everyone enjoyed the special visit of Patsy Cline, aka Karen Sweeney, along with Talya Ferro and John Rodhy at the piano. We added more than 60 new members to our growing roster.

We installed our new officers by acclamation. Margaret O'Hair was elected secretary and Art Titan treasurer. Florence Sklarz, one of the club's founders, was re-elected vice president of membership, and Lou Schwab and Marc Stone were re-elected as co-presidents.

Bocce Club

By Jan Tamburro

Our third monthly meeting of the year was held on March 28, followed by a pizza party. Raffle tickets were sold at the door and again after the meeting. Two former winners of cash prizes of \$15 each were Cela Foster and Nancy Guirell.

Our next meeting will be on April 25, followed by our annual pot luck dinner. All members are asked to

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Photo by Jerry Spector

The cast of "Play It Again, Sam," being put on by the Players Guild this month, includes, bottom row from left, Annie Robinson, Ken Walker, Sylvia McGinnis, Stan Reshes and Ida Zeller, and top row from left, Al Botta, Carol Miller, Cathy Friedman, Fil Barton, Vivian Hollander and Debra Guill.

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participate with their own favorite home-cooked dish.

If you want to join our fun-filled Bocce Club, come to the court on Monday and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. Our yearly fee of \$5 is a real bargain.

Players Guild

By Joyce Beicher

Upgraded Valencia

April 17 through April 21, Players Guild will be holding our annual play. We will be presenting Woody Allen's "Play It Again Sam," directed by Ken Walker and produced by Joyce Belcher. This play is a very funny play concerning a shy film critic who has trouble with women.

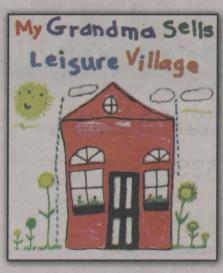
Allan Felix (Ken Walker), a writer for Film Quarterly, is consumed by movies, particularly his favorite film of all time, "The Maltese Falcon." Allan's wife Nancy (Ida Zeller) has just left him and is filing for a divorce. Unable to deal with this emotional turmoil, Allan seeks solace in the movies he loves, imagining Humphrey Bogart (Al Botta) has dropped by his apartment to offer Allan advice on dealing with the ladies. Helping Allan meet new women are his good friends Dick (Stan Reshes) and Linda Christie (Sylvia McGinnis). Dick and Linda fix him up with a succession of dates, all of which end disastrously because of Allan's nervousness and insecurity.

Rounding out the cast are funny and quirky women played by Fil Barton, Cathy Friedman, Debra Guill, Vivian Hollander, Carole Miller and Annie Robinson.

Tickets are \$10 and are on sale every Monday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the recreation lobby. They will also be on sale half an hour before each performance.

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Woodshop

By Chuck Russell

The LV Woodshop members volunteer their expertise and time to offer repair service of wood items for residents.

Leisure Village residents are welcome to bring items to the Woodshop in the Recreation Center Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon. There is no guarantee that all damaged items can be fixed, only that the volunteers will try to restore them to the best of their ability. There is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted for materials and supplies. For more information, contact Sid Alweiss at 482-5341 or Chuck Russell at 383-3043.

The adjoining photograph is an example of very old chairs that have loose and separated parts. Repairs will



Photo by Chuck Russell

A "before" photo of a broken chair. See the "after" photo next month.

be made to broken spindles, and the loose joints will be reglued. See the result in the May issue of ILV.

The Woodshop is available to residents with woodworking experience, provided that they can demonstrate the ability to operate power equipment safely. Residents interested in having key access to the shop should contact a Woodshop Committee member for an appointment to be checked out on the equipment.

SAS Dinner Out

By Zelda Greentree

Now that daylight savings has returned, I'm hoping that those of you who do not drive at night will feel more comfortable about meeting the Single Active Seniors for our monthly Dinners Out at Ottavio's. We meet at 5 p.m., and last time we were home before 8 p.m., and it was still light

We'd like to see more singles come to this very enjoyable evening out. The food is great, we get our own

private room, the service is excellent and we each get our own bill. All you need to do is call Lee Edwards at 484-3289 for your reservation. Our next dinner will take place on April 9, the second Tuesday of the month. Come to meet some old friends and make new friends. See you there!

Racquet Club

By Trish Zakas

There will be no Racquet Club meeting in April; the next racquet club meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in the MPR. Note the time change: We now meet at 7 p.m., not 7:30 p.m.

Free lessons are ongoing for both pickleball and table tennis. Pickleball lessons are every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the paddle tennis courts. Table tennis players meet every Monday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Paddle Palace located in the

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Annex. No experience is needed for either sport; just show up and some of the more advanced players will help you learn the game. Everyone reading this announcement is encouraged to participate, Racquet Club member or not.

Time to clean out your closets and garage to find items to donate to the May 11 spring yard sale. Last year the Racquet Club had a sales table at the spring sale and made about \$300 from items club members contributed. This fundraiser is how the club replenishes the treasury that pays for the fun events all year. For more information, call Diane Carroll at 419-4325.

Congratulations to all the paddle tennis enthusiasts who braved the cold, damp weather on March 16 to compete in the first paddle tennis tournament of the year. There were 32 players slugging it out for high honors, plus other Villagers cheering them on. Each of the following people placed first in their division: Arlene Bergman, Marion Green, Bill Givens, Pat Brown, Gary Carroll,



Photo by Len Zakas

Gary Carroll and Trish Zakas score a winning point against Bob Brabon and John Peterson during the March 16 Spring Paddle Tennis Tournament.

John Peterson, Bob Brabon and Buster Hayslett. These outstanding competitors will be the defending champions in the next tournament scheduled for this summer.

What is the difference between

a paddle tennis league and a paddle tennis tournament? A league goes on for seven weeks; a tournament is a one-day event. In both, high-level paddle tennis play is evident. Two of the four winter leagues have ended. Sybil Totten took first place in the Tuesday afternoon league, and Diane Knopf was in first place in the Friday mid-morning group. Bravo to both ladies. As of this writing, two leagues are still in progress.

Friday Night Country Western Dance

By Sue-Ellen Colp

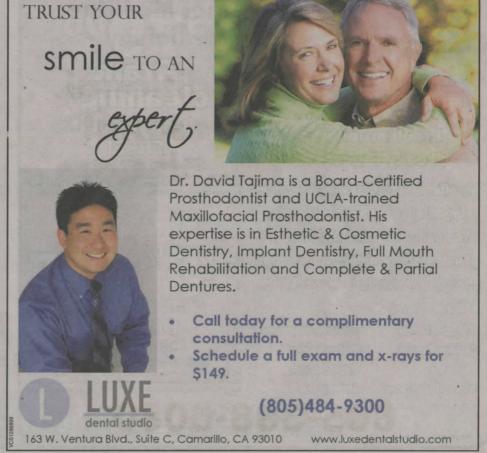
Our next dance will be April 5 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., and it will be our three-year anniversary for our club. So come join us for cake to celebrate.

Sharon will be teaching the line dance at 8:15 p.m., so come join the fun

Thank you last month to Judy for teaching such a cute dance. It was enjoyed by all. We have learned so many line dances that our list is so long that we can't get through them all, but we are trying.

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The cost is still only \$5, and where can you go to a dance for that and get snacks, punch, water and coffee? So come check us out and join the fun. I want to thank everyone for supporting us, and I'm looking forward to another wonderful year. Again, come join the fun. BYOB and also come by and say happy birthday to Buster.

Saturday Nite Dance Party

By Andrea Moran

Spring is in the air, the flowers are blooming. The St. Patrick's Party was great. The AR was decorated and refreshments served. Sure hope you did not miss the fun. Our new group, Tropic Starr, was a success and hopefully will be back.

The schedule for April: April 6, Sherri Merry, two talented ladies who sing to all different music; April 13, Rhythm Kings; April 20, no dance because of the Players Guild show; April 27, Dick Parent.

Hope everyone is enjoying our Saturday Nite Dance as we continue on through the year. See you there.

LV Bowling

By Bob Cohen

This month's report covers five weeks. During that period, eight bowlers bowled a total of 18 games that were 200 or better-scratch.

At this point, perhaps a word of explanation is due: Our league is a handicap league. Scores are determined by adding the actual (scratch) score to the individual's handicap. In terms of competition, this levels the playing field. And that, in part, explains why the high scratch bowlers often do not win the sidepots; those are handicap scores. This, of course, does nothing to diminish the achievement of those 200-plus scores.

This month, Len Belcher bowled

200, 202, 211, 222 and 223 games!

Not to be outdone, Bob McQuivey bowled 200, 209, 219, 225 and 238 games!

Dennis Durand had a good month with 212, 217 and 226 games. Vi Guzman bowled a 204 to outshine husband Tash's 202. Ted Ryan (202), Alan Singer (211) and Art Titan (205) had one plus game each.

Sidepot winners for week 22 were Herb Fogel, Bill Kirkpatrick and Len Belcher for the men and Ellen Neally, Barbara Schmerling and Billie Stimac for the ladies.

Sidepot winners for week 23 were Len Belcher, Ted Ryan and Herb Fogel for the men, and Betty Hermann, Gail Singer and Vi Guzman for the ladies.

Sidepot winners for week 24 were Jerry Schneider, Dennis Durand and Bob McQuivey for the men and Barbara Leigh, Betty Hermann and Lucy Fiore for the ladies.

Sidepot winners for week 25 were Bob McQuivey, Stan Reshes and John Albany for the men and Ellen Neally, Vi Guzman and Nora Potter for the ladies. Sidepot winners for week 26 were Dennis Durand, Len Belcher and the duo of Jerry Schneider and Bob Cohen tied for the men and Barbara Leigh, Claudia Roberts and Mary Ahern for the ladies.

In all fairness to Jerry Schneider, his scratch score was about 40 pins better than mine, but I have the higher handicap. On the other hand, Jerry is 20 years older than me so he has had more practice.

Men's Golf Club

By Rob Sollett

"This is wonderful!" said Mary Ann Balcom, a member of the LV Women's Golf Association as she attended the golf class one recent Saturday morning at the putting green. "I am learning so much. This is hole in one fun."

Balcom confesses she is a selftaught golfer with a thirst for improvement.

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This particular class, held in early March, concentrated on putting. Further instruction on other fundamentals followed later in the month.

Lead instructor Pat Gunning of the LVMGA donated his time providing our sister group with the tools for improvement.

Gunning found the classes fun and invigorating.

"My class was filled with eager students. Watch out guys, I'll wager the women's club outplays the men in the next joint competition," he said proudly.

Stay tuned readers, stay tuned.

The Reunion Luncheon was a huge success thanks to John Hislar and his dedicated volunteers.

It reunited Joe Silver with his golfing buddy, Ben Goldberg.

"I was looking forward to this luncheon and seeing Ben again. It's been awhile," Silver admitted as the two sat together chatting about golf and matters of lesser importance. Silver stopped playing last Labor Day



Photo by Rob Sollett

Joe Silver, left, and Ben Goldberg enjoy the LVMGA Reunion Luncheon.

and Ben put his clubs down two years

"It's really nice seeing Joe again," Goldberg confessed.

Hole-in-one congrats to Reuben Ruiz who made his Feb. 19 on No. 14 and Joe Miller for his ace on March 5 on No. 12. Can they do it again in April? Only the little white ball knows.

Congrats to Ernie Ohmstead for

winning the Match Play Tournament.

Congrats also to the winners of the Super Seniors Tournament, which was played April 2, after this writer's deadline. More to follow next month.

Welcome back returning member Frank DeSimone. He joins new members Dan Turner, William Lamar, Chuck Kiskaden, Don Nicksay and Wayne Porter.

Greens aerification will force the closing of the golf course through April 5 for the front nine and April 10-12 for the back.

LV Pet Club

By Mary Ann Robnett

The Pet Club is open to everyone in the Village with pets. We have a \$5 membership fee.

At our March meeting, EPO Chair Karen Eckles talked about how to prepare our pets for a disaster in the Village. Every pet owner should have a pet carrier with supplies for at least

three days. That includes food, water and medications. The Pet Club has a recommended list of supplies and a laminated Pet ID card created by Martha Harris that are available to all members. Any Villager can order these items from Bette Greene at 437-6633. There will be a \$2 charge. They will also be available at the Pet Club meetings and May Sale.

It is very important that we prepare for pet care during emergencies. Do keep the Administration Office aware of what pets you have so emergency medical technicians and firefighters will know what pets they will encounter when they are called to a home.

Saturday, April 6, the Pet Club is planning a trip to Moorpark College to see their Spring Spectacular. This is put on by the EATM (Exotic Animal Training and Maintenance) students. They have numerous animals that they care for and train. We can tour the teaching zoo, watch food preparation, get up close and personal

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with the animals and view a show put on by the students. There will be celebrity animal guests and food vendors. We will carpool from the East parking lot at 9:30 a.m., and we plan to return after lunch. Please call Mary Ann Robnett at 484-9694 to sign

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the MPR. Rita Linsey will give a presentation on a possible unleashed dog activity area in the Village for our consideration. We will also discuss a "phone our neighbors" survey to determine how many pets there are in the Village. Remember to bring donations of household and pet items for our table at the Spring Sale in May.

Sing-A-Long Group

By Roy Badger

The Sing-a-Long Group will be singing in the AR on Mondays, April 8 and 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All Villagers, friends and neighbors are invited to join in and have a fun evening singing songs from long ago. It will bring back memories of your ehildhood.

We have a piano accompaniment and songbooks. Come and join us for a fun evening.

Big Band

By Roy Badger

The Big Band will be playing in the AR from 7 to 9 p.m. on April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Come listen to some great music. This band consists of 16 good musicians.

LV Musicians Club

By Roy Badger

March was a very busy month for our club. We had a St. Patrick's Dance on March 12. We raised 525 pounds

of food for FOOD Share. There were about 265 people that attended this event and all had a great evening.

Then on March 15 we had a blues music group from Los Angeles play some great music for a little over two hours.

We will be holding our regular meeting April 11.

The LV Musicians are Villagers who play musical instruments and enjoy entertaining other Villagers.

Dues are \$5 a year and can be paid at the April meeting. If you have any questions regarding this club, call Roy Badger 388-9335.

Shuffleboard Club

Hawrylo had the highest score of 181 on Feb. 6. Everyone is doing very well and enjoying shuffleboard at the

The Shuffleboard Club looks forward to having two more lanes this year, a Shuffleboard shed and the other items as submitted for this year's budget. There is a lot of enthusiasm and interest in shuffleboard.

We still play shuffleboard on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Villagers are invited to join. There are no dues. You can practice at any time. Come and join the fun.

Writers Club

By Diane Hawrylo

High scores for an eight frame game were: Feb. 20, Susan Kusak, 130; Feb. 27, Alice Beumkes, 139; March 6, Diane Fleisher, 180; March 13, Milt Krapes, 158; and March 20, Al Sarnelle, 163. Diane Fleisher had the second highest score in 2013. Bob

By Harvey S. Brosler

The Writers Club meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. The purpose of the club is to bring together residents to present stories or poems on any

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subject, real or fictitious, including thought-provoking topics. Many stories or poems relate to events in member's lives. The club provides a fruitful avenue for residents to document meaningful aspects of childhood and adult memories, or family anecdotes that they may never have shared or had the opportunity to share with others or their own families.

Microphones are set up around the table for the members to use so that everyone can hear. The only limitation are stories that have as their primary purpose religion or controversial partisan political issues.

Some members read stories or poems while other members may just only come to listen, enjoy and learn. No special ability or prior experience is required. It is not that difficult. Everyone is welcome to attend. Members do not critique stories but may comment.

The stories of the month are located on the wall just inside the

entrance to the Library. Suggested topics are furnished to each member. Suggested topics for April are An April Fool's Joke, What Foreign Leader I Respect Most, My Favorite TV Program, How I Reduce Waste, and A Poem. For further information about becoming a member and participating, contact Harvey S. Brosler, president, at hsbros@ roadrunner.com or at 805-465-0006.

RV Club

By Fred Sass

The club this year voted to have meetings every other month. So this month we have no meeting. But we do have a campout at Lake Casitas April 11-14 and another campout in May at Point Mugu. These campouts are full. Come to the next meeting to learn about future campouts. Our next meeting well be Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m.

We have a date for the next Pancake Breakfast — it's June 1. That means we need people to sign up to help work the breakfast. Please call Sharon Loney at 987-8292 to sign up to help. Thank you.

Beginner Line Dance pace sinute Class

By Tina Nunnally

The Beginner Line Dance Class meets on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the AR. Extra help is available from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Class is from 3 to 4 p.m.

Sharon O'Connor is the dance instructor. Regular attendance is recommended in order to learn basic steps and dances. We dance to various styles of dance. Come join

This is an activity that is great for the mind, body and spirit. Contact Sharon if you have any questions regarding this class at 805-389-6834.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Women's Golf

By Ann Rogers

Despite some rain and cold weather, Women's Golf has enjoyed some lovely days for golf in February and early March. We invite other Village women to join us for the fine days coming up.

We just completed our Winter Eclectic tournament and are looking forward to the Tee-Timers Tournament and Luncheon hosted by the Men's Golf Association on April

Join us any Saturday at 8 a.m. or Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. to get started with our club.

LV Women's Club

By Chi Chun

March came in like a lion, full of

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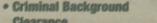
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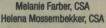
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Adding to that great beginning was the annual Spring Fling, which required countless hours of service and creativity from members and friends. Thanks to everyone who shared talents of all kinds and for all the time freely given. Thanks also to the generous donors of jewelry and other items to sell. We can't overlook the buyers, whose support made the boutique sale a success. Treasure hunters found many happy bargains.

In 2012, LVWC donated \$4,695 to causes within Leisure Village and \$1,500 to charities outside of Leisure Village. The numbers and charities are posted at the General Meeting.

Bring your letters and items for the men and women serving in the military to the April 9 General Meeting or to the MPR on the Tuesday workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. Come



Photo by Chi Chun

Betty Anderson, Sally Douglas and Barbara Mooreland work on a quilt during a Women's Club workshop in preparation for last month's Spring Fling. Phyllis Angers is on the sewing machine.

early to the General Meeting to pick up your new handbook and meet new friends. Bring canned or packaged foods for FOOD Share. Justin Ramos will be the entertainment for the afternoon. He is an exceptionally talented young musician — pianist, composer, singer and more. He may bring additional talent with him to add to the depth and variety.

Look forward to Bingo in May. June will feature the fashion show under the direction of Lin Grant. This is a major event that many look forward to every year.

If you are not yet a member, you are invited to join. Membership is only \$5 for women and \$4 for men. Contact Winona Rocha at 482-8292 for more information.

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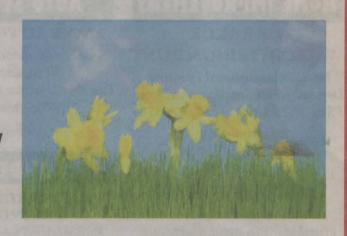


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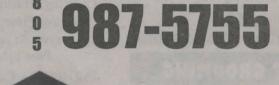
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