

# INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE

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## Editor's farewell

The day has arrived. Inside Leisure Village may take on a new slant or point of view as yours truly turns over the editorial reins, effective with the next issue, to Bob Cohen, who has been my right hand since joining the staff over four years ago.

Since informing the staff of my retirement plans, the questions that have been asked the most were "Did you finally have enough?" "Are you glad to be done with the pressure?" "Are you looking forward to just relaxing?" And my answer is a resounding "None of the above!" When I took over the editor's chair, I told the staff at that time, (which I was not a member of) "You have one year to find someone to take over as editor." That was February 2008, eight years ago! What I discovered is that I loved the job, loved working with the staff and had the incredible support of Andrea Howry, my liaison to the Ventura County Star, who became my teacher, my guru, and kept me on the right path of not allowing me to make a fool of myself (most of the time). To her I am eternally grateful.

So why now? Because, The Moon is in the Seventh House and Jupiter has aligned with Mars. In other words, after 96 ILV issues and reaching age 83, no epiphany; just a sense of it being the right time for change. And with our present staff, who are the most dedicated group of people (see ILV page 2, ABOUT INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE) that I absolutely love and admire, and who have my enduring gratitude, there will hardly be a blip on the horizon with my departure.

One cautionary note: You haven't heard the last of me. I have a few thoughts on "What next?" So, 'Til we meet again.

## New landscape team gets to work

The outsourcing of Village landscape and golf course maintenance that was announced in November is nearly complete, as a new team of workers takes on the tasks of caring for the lawns, trees, and shrubbery. The crew hired by Camarillo Landscape Partners (CLP) is about 75% complete, and mowing plus some pruning in the Village is almost on schedule. "The transition is a lot smoother than I thought it would be," said General Manager Bob Scheaffer, who credits the new company as well as remaining Village employees for facilitating the changeover.

In November, the Board of Directors voted to turn over Village maintenance to an outside company. The action meant that 22 Leisure Village workers were laid off. The move was required, said Board

See LANDSCAPE, 11



Photo by Bob Kaplan

Workers from Camarillo Landscape Partners will wear bright vests and badges as they take over maintenance of Village lawns and the golf course.

## Energetic is his middle name

By Patty Ecker

"I've been active all my life," says Village-er Jerry Schneider as he prepares to head to the bowling alley where he competes three times a week. "On the days I don't bowl, I walk, usually at least a mile," he adds. He loves to read – usually on his iPad ("The Wright Brothers" is a recent recommendation.) Years of volunteering inside and outside Leisure Village has benefited organizations including Food Share of Ventura County as well as LVTV where he punched in Village news for more than five years. All that helps explain his trim figure, his quick step, easy conversational style, and the headline: Jerry Schneider turns 100 years old on January 27, 2016!!!

He doesn't miss a beat when asked for his secret to long life. "I keep in shape," he says with a smile. "Leisure Village is a great place to do that." However, so were

New York and New Jersey well before he came to California.

Jerry was born in Brooklyn in 1916, the youngest of six children. His father died when he was four; his mother and siblings raised him. "We didn't have a lot, but I didn't realize that our life was any different from other families," he recalls. "As a boy, I played outside a lot – handball, softball, all kinds of sports. I was good at most of them. Someone had a pair of boxing gloves; I even tried that." He remembers his childhood fondly, "There were blocks of children. We played at school. We played in our neighborhood. Then we all went home. Families stayed together."

Jerry's wife Helen was a Brooklyn girl who lived across the street from him. They married in 1940 and had a son and a daughter. Jerry was intrigued by

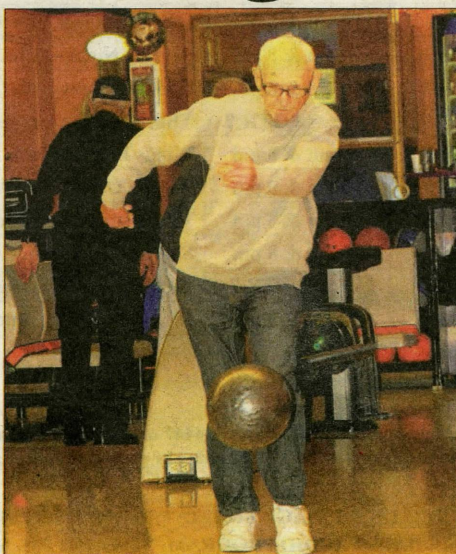


Photo by Bud Bradley

Jerry Schneider aims for another strike as a regular member of the LV bowling league.

See SCHNEIDER, 11



## AT THE BOX OFFICE

Box Office hours are 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Box Office is located in the Rec Center lobby.

### Club dues we collect:

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- Women's Club, \$5

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## FEBRUARY DEADLINES

Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads for the February 2016 issue is Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 5 p.m. The Display Advertising deadline will be Friday, Jan. 22, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 5. 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.

## LETTERS

As much as I appreciated seeing all the pictures from the Veterans Day Canteen in your last issue, I was sorely disappointed that there was no mention of the Booster Club who have honored our LV veterans with a celebration for many years now.

— Lin Grant, V. 35



### LVTV PROGRAM SCHEDULE JANUARY 2016 Channel 1390

LVTV Committee Email: [lvtvcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:lvtvcommittee@gmail.com)



DAY		TIME	PROGRAM	*Note: OTR = Old Time Radio
Daily		<i>Calendar Diva</i>	Debra Guill & Ken Walker – 8:00 am; 2:00; 5:00; 7:00 pm	
Fri	1	10 am & 8 pm	LVA #17: Welcome & Insurance Committees – 7/27/15 (38 min)	
Mon	4	10 am	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - LIVE	
Tue	5	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED	
Wed	6	10 am & 8 pm	Music Appreciation—Richard Weiss—Who was Beethoven 10/2015 (1hr.41 min)	
Thu	7	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase – See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	8	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED	
Mon	11	10 am & 8 pm	Players Guild - Joyce & Cathy's 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversay Show 2015 (1 hr. 14 min)	
Tue	12	10 am & 8 pm	What Was My Line- Sharon Loney; Ruth Stubba; Al Benderkey (50 min)	
Wed	13	10 am & 8 pm	New York Club - Tatjana – 6/5/15 (54 min)	
Thu	14	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase – See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	15	10 am & 8 pm	Mavericks Thrift Shop Fashion Show – 9/25/15 (25 min)	
Mon	18	10 am & 8 pm	L.V. Musicians Concert - 2008 (1 hr. 4 min)	
Tue	19	10 am & 8 pm	Patriots Night - (1 hr. 15 min)	
Wed	20	10 am & 8 pm	Cooking Show with Larry Swartz - Single People Cook - 3/2013 (30 min)	
Thu	21	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase – See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	22	10 am & 8 pm	Wings Before Wars - (35 min)	
Mon	25	10 am & 8 pm	Players Guild - All About The Blues- 10/16/14 (42 min)	
Tue	26	10 am & 8 pm	The History Of Leisure Village Part 1. (2 hrs. 52 min)	
Wed	27	10 am & 8 pm	Shared Experience - A.D. Flowers & June Hirsh - (1 hr. 6 mins.)	
Thu	28	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase – See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	29	10 am & 8 pm	LVA 101 - #18: Buildings & Grounds Committees – 8/31/15 (20 min)	

Contact: Chairman Bill Foeller at 384-4447 or for New Programming call John Mayer at 388-4642.  
LVTV Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM in the MPR.

DAILY AUDIO ON MESSAGE BOARD: 9:00 AM, 11:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM, Narrated by Debra Guill.

\*OLD-TIME RADIO AUDIO PROGRAM: Thurs. 7:00 PM, featuring Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Burns & Allen, etc.



# I love to eat and to cook

By Larry Swartz

“

Ask not what you can  
do for your country.

Ask what's for lunch.”

— Orson Welles

I don't remember if my mother was just a rotten cook or if she worked so hard that coming home and boiling the heck out of a can of green beans was the best she could do. Well, on second thought, there were a few things she cooked that I remembered hating when I was twelve but dying for when I became an adult. Okra fits that bill as does eggplant and Brussel Sprouts. In fact, I cooked some mean baby Brussel Sprouts tonight that could only be classified as tasty morsels. More on this later.

You probably realize, if you are a regular ILV reader, that this column was not a part of ILV in 2015.

So, for 2016, I hope you'll find this space to be an interesting, unique and fun diversion. And one that you will help me fill with great food ideas.

You see, I suggested to the editors that we have a monthly column about the ethnic diversities that exist in Leisure Village that are played out in what people cook. “What if there are not enough people who cook?” I said, “well, there may not be enough people who cook (although I doubt it), but there are certainly enough people who like to eat, and that's all it takes.

Starting with the February issue, we will feature someone from LV and a dish they want to share with you. We may talk about how they grew up helping their mother or father prepare the dish. We may find out some pretty dog-gone exciting things about some of our neighbors and at the same time, find some new dishes to add to our time in the kitchen.

Your ideas don't have to be fancy. If I was going to send in a recipe, I'd send in my famous dill pickle and mayonnaise sandwich on plain ole, no good for you, white bread that I made when I was 8.

So I want to know what your favorite ethnic dishes are, the ones you cook on



Photo courtesy of Larry Swartz

Larry Swartz shops for fresh produce to prepare another delicious meal.

special occasions; and if you don't cook, then I want to know what are the ethnic memories you have of dishes you like to eat on special occasions or just any day. Like I said, it doesn't have to be fancy, but it should have some ethnic diversity. Is it Plov? Koosharem? Muhammar? Amok Trey? Even a dill pickle sandwich with mayo on white bread.

I do remember my mother used to make this eggplant dish. I would come home from playing on Saturday and the kitchen would smell like somebody burned some weeds. Then, I looked at the kitchen stove and there was an eggplant, sitting right on top of the burner. She would turn it slowly, let it sit, turn it again, let it sit and continue this process until all the skin was burned. I'd leave the house cause I couldn't stand the smell but when I'd come back home, there'd be this bowl of ...well, funny looking stuff and my father had a loaf of bread and he was lapping it up.

Years later, I got the urge to try it and it was very spicy and very tasty and very fragrant. I will give you the recipe for it next month. But before then, I want you to promise to tell me what you like to cook and eat. You can write me at editorilv@yahoo.com. In the subject matter window put “Food.”

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Richard Weiss of Village 42, is rarely seen without a hat from his vast collection.

## IN MEMORIAM

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## A DOG'S LIFE

By Miss Bella



Hi, it's me again. I know, it has been a couple of months, but let me tell you, there were a few stressful events during that time. Oh, everything worked out ok in the end, but I wasn't always so sure.

It all started when the folks decided to take a vacation on the East Coast. Try as I might, I could not convince them to take me with them. So, the question was—where was I going? I wasn't party to that discussion, so when the day came and we all bundled into the car, I was a bit nervous to say the least.

After a short ride, they brought me to Kelly. Now, don't misunderstand; I like Kelly. She is the lady who rescued me from a pretty rotten life. (She runs the local chapter of S.A.F.E.—Save Animals From Euthanasia.) Still, I didn't know what was going to happen next. After all, for all I knew, they were going to abandon me.

Of course, that is not what happened. What happened next was we drove to Kelly's house in Bakersfield, and surprise, there were my old friends, a couple of Yorkies named Faith and Hope. That kind of turned things into Camp Granada. Do you remember Camp Granada from the 1963 song "Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah—a letter from Camp Granada"? It was sort of like that. Ten minutes after we arrived home, the three of us were chowing down like I had never left. Then the play time began. I even got to sleep in bed with Faith, Hope and Kelly—right after a suitable amount of playing, that is. I also got to meet another young lady named

Bebbe. She is a Chihuahua and lots of fun. More running around and playing! Well, the time went by so fast, I hardly realized that it was time to go home. And, as we all know, there is no place like home.

The next stressful event took place at home just recently. It was after daylight savings time went off and it was totally dark by the time we took our evening walk around the block. All went well until we started to cross the street where our Village intersects with Leisure Village Drive. Somebody was in a hurry to get home and, well, Dad grabbed Mom and Mom pulled on my leash. The car stopped and nobody got hurt, but that tire did look awfully big from my perspective!

Thinking about that, I was going to make a comment about being extra diligent after dark. But, a few days later, on a cold, but clear morning with the sun shining and nary a cloud in the sky, something else happened during our morning walk. We were walking along, minding our own business when suddenly an animal came out of nowhere and scooted past us mere inches from my rear. It was one of those feline animals and they are nearly as tricky as the coyotes—but the point is it could have just as easily been a coyote! It is not that I was afraid, after all, I am a Yorkshire Terrier and we were bred to fight those nasty rats hiding in tunnels. But, I will admit that I would probably be out of my weight class when tangling with a coyote. So, I guess the moral of the story is: night or day, be careful out there.

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# Sshhh! The roses are sleeping ... or they should be

Don Marquardt, known in Leisure Village as "The Rose Man," has been interested in roses for over 25 years. "I bought a house in Oxnard that had rose bushes in the yard," he recalls. "I didn't know how to tend them. So I began to learn." He took that education so seriously that he taught a class at UCLA and has been teaching rose care every year since.

He says his passion for the popular plant is returned by abundant blooms. "Roses are unique among plants. The more tender loving care they receive, the more they will return in joy of flowers." Proof of the success of the Marquardt method can be found in front of his Village home. And Don says he's available to answer questions that Villagers may have.

That TLC for roses begins in January, which he calls the most important time for the plants. "They must be put to bed - pruned severely now because the plants need four months to rest," he says. In April, reddish leaves start to form. In May, blooming will begin.

So here is Don's Rose Ritual. Starting now!

1. Cut the foliage down to 18 to 24 inches. Remove half of all branches and



Photo by Joseph Benti

Roses are Red, and now is the time to put them to bed by pruning.

all the blooms and leaves that are hanging on to the remaining branches. Prune way back. Without that, roses can't re-energize in order to rebloom.

2. Water the plant once a week all year. Don't spray the plant. Pour water around the base of the plant, or better yet, use a drip system. Don suggests watering in the morning, "Nobody likes to sleep in a soggy bed," he says.

3. Feed roses once a month beginning in April. An acid-based fertilizer specifically for roses (usually a powder) mixed with water should be poured around the base. Don marks "Feeding Day" on his calendar on the first of every month from April through October.

4. Deadhead (remove dead blooms) weekly once the flowers appear. Cut the stem right above an outward-facing bud. Removing dead blooms starts the blooming process again.

5. Cease fertilizer and deadheading at end of October.

Don says most other plants don't show their appreciation like roses do. "If we take care of them with these simple steps, they will reward you with blooms, blooms, blooms."

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## NEW SIGNS INCOMING



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The first phase replacing all fifty Village and Informational signs began two weeks before Christmas with the sign at Village 1 and will be accomplished in phases throughout the year. The first phase will involve approximately 20 signs from the West Gate to the Main Gate. Materials for the project are budgeted at approximately \$16,000, with the labor being performed "in house" by Resident Services.

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## Budget Town Hall is Thursday

The confetti, empty champagne glasses, and party hats will have just been swept out of the AR as the video screen, cameras, and microphones were set up in preparation for the first Town Hall meeting of the New Year. The proposed 2016-2017 LVA budget will be explained to homeowners on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. in the AR.

A preliminary total of projected expenses of \$12,618,832 was released at the Working Board meeting in December. Detailed income and spending numbers for the next fiscal year will be explained at the Budget Town Hall by LVA's Treasurer Ted Lansing and Robert Riveles, Presi-

dent of the Finance Committee and Vice President of the LV's Board of Directors. The facts and figures of the budget will be shown in a video presentation. Lansing and Riveles will provide details about the costs, and the audience can ask questions about the proposals.

The Board of Directors will take the final vote on next year's financial plan on Feb 1. The January Town Hall gives all residents the opportunity to hear about the specifics ahead of that decision. For those who do not attend in person, the meeting will be televised live by LVTv.

## CAMERA CLUB YEAR-END WINNER



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## CLASSES

### AEROBICS

**When:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11 a.m. - noon

**Where:** Santa Rosa Room

**Cost:** Free

**Instructor:** Debbie Woodard

**Info:** Debbie Woodard, 484-0280

### BEGINNER'S CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

**When:** Tuesdays, noon - 1 p.m.

**Where:** Sewing Room

**Cost:** Free

**Instructor:** Ben Racowsky

**Info:** Ben Racowsky, 445-8284

### READING HEBREW

**When:** Tuesdays, 1 - 2 p.m.

**Where:** Sewing Room

**Cost:** Free

**Instructor:** Ben Racowsky

**Info:** Ben Racowsky, 445-8284

### BONE BUILDERS

**When:** Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m., Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Santa Rosa Room

**Cost:** Free

**Instructor:** Mamata Kalle

**Info:** Mamata Kalle, 388-9360

### TAP CLASS

**When:** Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** AR Stage

**Cost:** \$3 per class

**Instructor:** Linda

**Info:** Sue-Ellen Colp, 312-1991

### STRENGTH TRAINING

**When:** Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** AR

**Cost:** \$30 for 10 classes

**Instructor:** Sue-Ellen Colp

**Info:** Sue-Ellen Colp, 312-1991

### BETTER BREATHING

**When:** Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** MPR

**Cost:** Free

**Instructors:** Lorraine Comer

**Info:** Lorraine Comer, 383-7423

### MUSIC AND MOTION

**When:** Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 - 10 a.m.

**Where:** AR

**Cost:** \$5 per class

**Instructor:** Renee

**Info:** Mary Doyle, 987-9720

### YOGA CLASS

**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 - 11:15 a.m.

**Where:** Santa Rosa Room

**Cost:** \$5 per class

**Instructors:** Craige & Sheryl

**Info:** Bonnie or Holli, 419-4935

## THEATRE BEAT

**Camarillo Skyway Playhouse:** Dark January. 330 Skyway Dr., Camarillo, 388-5716.

**Conejo Players Theatre:** "The Hound of the Baskervilles" Jan. 8-30. 351 S. Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, 495-3715.

**Elite Theatre Company:** Dark January. 31 Victoria Blvd., Oxnard, 483-5118.

**High Street Arts Center:** Dark January. 45 E. High St., Moorpark, 529-8700.

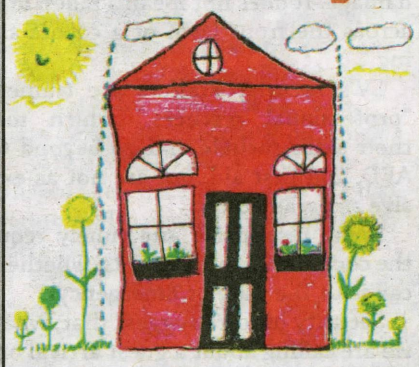
**Ojai ACT:** "Black Comedy" Jan. 22 through Feb. 14. 113 S. Montgomery St., Ojai, 640-8797.

**Rubicon Theater:** "See Rock City" Jan. 27 through Feb. 14. 1006 E. Main St., Ventura, 667-2900.

**Santa Paula Theater Center:** Dark January. 127 S. 7th St., Santa Paula, 525-4645.

**Simi Valley Cultural Art Center:** "Doris And Me" Jan. 15-24. 3050 E. Los Angeles St., Simi Valley, 583-7900.

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## REALTOR CORNER

# Limited inventory, low rates a plus for home sellers

Real estate industry experts have consistently said that the national housing market is recovering, but that recovery has been slow. It has been reported by the National Association of Realtors that U.S. home sales will not rise significantly in 2016. It is projected that 5.4 million homes will be sold in 2016, up slightly from 5.3 million this year and that existing home prices will rise by 4.6 percent next year, down from the nearly 6 percent rise in 2015.

Industry experts say that the reason behind this is expected rising interest rates, tight inventory and an increase in the number of people priced out of the market.

The Federal Reserve raised rates in De-

cember, and that has the potential to bring 30-year mortgage rates to 4.5 percent in 2016 — up from 3.8 percent in 2015. However, the hike will be counteracted by easing of credit score restrictions. People slightly lower on the credit score scale will start to get approval. This can be a compensating factor.

Our California market is also experiencing limited inventory, including our homes for sale and lease in Leisure Village. It may be a good time to sell or lease for those who are considering making a change.

*Sharron Parker is a licensed real estate agent (Cal-BRE#00900167) and Realtor with an emphasis on selling Leisure Village. She can be reached at 443-1998 or [www.ILoveLeisureVillage.com](http://www.ILoveLeisureVillage.com)*



Photo by Bob Kaplan

Security staff at the Main Gate deals with hundreds of calls and contacts daily.

## For our safety: Gate Etiquette

"The Gate:" it's our front door, our butler, a first responder, the answer person, sometimes the safety lock and almost always a welcome mat for more than 3,000 Villagers. Whether at the East, West or Main Gate, LV's Security Lt. Danny Rivas estimates that something requires the attention of the officers on duty in the gate houses at a rate of more than one per minute.

"We all multi-task a lot," he says with a chuckle, "Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week."

We all notify "The Gate" when visitors or workers are coming to our homes. Most Villagers call 805-482-0716 (the Main Gate) with that information. A growing number email it to [gatepass@leisurevillage.org](mailto:gatepass@leisurevillage.org).

At times, even more crucial is the Village Emergency number: 805-388-3636, which summons officers to your house immediately.

"We can get to any home in the Village in less than 2 minutes," Lt. Rivas says. And simultaneously, the security staff calls 911 for an ambulance or police response.

The key word for 805-388-3636 is

"emergency." That means a medical problem or fire, an intruder or major property damage. It does not mean a fallen branch across the front lawn or a coyote sighting.

LV's security staffers are trained as "professional rescuers," which means their skills include and go beyond CPR, AED, and first aid, but are not as extensive as paramedics.

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Security officers suggest that, whether we are calling about a guest arrival or the plumber, Villagers follow this order:

1. Start with your address and name
2. The name of your guest or the worker's company
3. The day and time they will arrive

Phone calls and emails about visitors can be made up to two weeks ahead. Workers and caregivers are advised to use the name of their company rather than the name of the client.

And, finally, tell visitors to provide your address to the Gate officer rather than your name. It speeds up the process.

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## TRAVEL CORNER

Happy New Year to all. We are offering wide selection of tours for 2016, including one day to two week excursions, with the hope that you will find something that interests you. In December, we travelled to Cambria for two nights and three days of exquisite lights, merriment, new friendships and a special tour of Hearst Castle after dark. For those traveling on our New Orleans/Caribbean Cruise, there will be a special documents meeting on Jan. 21, 10:30 a.m. in the Garden Room. We hope you are able to travel with us soon.

Here is the list of current offerings:

- **MEDIEVAL TIMES.** Join us as we transport you back in time to the days of knights and pageantry including a four-course feast. \$98 pp. Jan. 10.
- **SANTA ANITA RACETRACK.** Spend the day eating, drinking and watching magnificent horse races. \$75 pp. Feb. 4.
- **NEW ORLEANS AND WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE.** Includes round trip transportation and airfare, 2 nights in New Orleans plus tour of city and 7 day cruise aboard the Norwegian Dawn. Offered through Friendly Excursions, Inc. \$2,179-\$3,099 pp double occupancy. Feb. 26 - March 6.
- **PALM SPRINGS EXCURSION.** As we arrive in Palm Springs, we head over to a show - "A Really Big Shooo" to be exact. After a relaxing night at Las Brisas Resort, we will tour the Living Desert and have lunch before making our way back to Camarillo, all with a Tucker Tours Guide.

\$304 pp (double), \$364 (single) Jan. 27-28.

• **GLENDALE THEATER** to see "My Fair Lady" with lunch at the famous Tam O'Shanter. \$90 pp March 12.

• **DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA AND BAVARIA** Transportation, airfare and twelve meals are included on this ten day exploration through Bern, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Oberammergau and more. Stop by the Travel office and ask for a brochure detailing this first Collette trip offered by LV Travel. \$3899 pp (double) \$4199 (single). September 14-22. And save Jan. 26 for a special presentation at 1:00 pm in the Garden Room by Colette Tours to learn more. RSVP is required for the free presentation.

• **PANAMA CANAL CRUISE.** Includes bus and air transportation and a 15 night cruise with daylight passage through Panama Canal. Offered through Friendly Excursions, Inc. \$2,399-\$3,799 pp double occupancy. \$450 pp deposit holds reservation. Oct. 5-20.

Watch for a March Casino trip to go up for sale shortly and a day trip, April 29, to Nethercutt Museum will go up for sale in February. And as always, for more information on current trips or if you want to be on our email list for advance notification of trips, please stop by at the Travel Office Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 9 to 11:45 a.m.

By Susan Amerikaner

I began my holiday treat recipe search looking for something that would be interesting and new, but easy and fast. I noticed a recent trend: baking with tea. Chai Latte Cupcakes: hmmm...very 21st Century. I found a simple recipe calling for cake mix and "instant chai latte tea mix." With recipe in hand, I went shopping. Found the instant chai tea mix: five in a box for \$6.99 in Ralphs. Ouch! I drove to the 99 Cent Store instead. No instant chai mixes. But they did have Instant Cappuccino Mix: 5 to a box for 99 cents. I grabbed a box of the Cappuccino Hazelnut Instant Mix, a box of Pillsbury Yellow Cake Mix, and two containers of chocolate fudge frosting. So instead of tea, I used the Cappuccino Mix. The results were delicious! If you worry about artificial ingredients and preservatives, you can find loads of recipes to make it all from scratch. I was raised on fake food, so I don't mind mixes. If you want something quick and trendy, try my Cappuccino Cupcakes—on the cheap! If cupcakes are not your cup of tea (pun intended), you can follow the same recipe, using the directions on the cake mix box

to make a 13 X 9 cake, layer or Bundt cake. The box provides the bake time for each variation. Enjoy! FYI, I only needed one small container of the icing for the cupcakes, but you would need more for a cake.

### 24 Cappuccino Cupcakes

- One Box of Yellow Cake Mix
- One Cup Water, ½ Cup Vegetable Oil, 3 Eggs (as on box directions)
- Two Packets of Cappuccino Hazelnut Instant Mix (any flavor is fine)
- Container of Chocolate Fudge Icing Baking Cups
- Sliced Almonds for garnish (optional)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place two baking cups in each of 24 regular-size muffin cups. Add two packets of Cappuccino Instant Mix to the cake mix. Add water, oil, eggs and mix as directed on box. Fill each baking cup ½ full of batter. Bake for 15-17 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes. Remove from pans to cooling rack and cool completely, about 30 minutes. Spread frosting on cooled cupcakes and add sliced almonds if desired. Store loosely covered.

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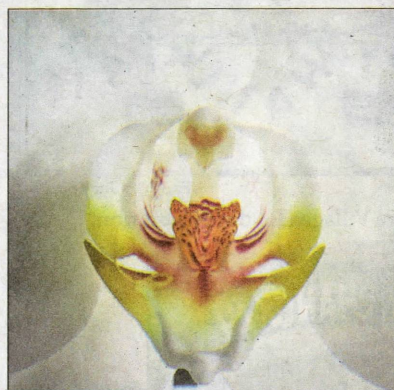






Photo by Jerry Spector  
The outgoing editor of Inside Leisure Village, Stan Reshes, left, hands over the reins to Bob Cohen.

## CAMERA CLUB YEAR-END WINNER



Camera Club 2015 winner, 1st place Assigned, FLYING ORCHID by Gregg Gillmar.

## Did you know that ...

**Babe Spector**, the father of Jerry Spector, V. 34, played baseball with Yogi Berra and Joe Garagiola in St. Louis?

The mother of **Daralyn Rosam**, V. 1, appeared with Lon Chaney in the 1925 silent film "Phantom of the Opera"?

**Frank Seiden**, V. 22, as a child was an unofficial courier for his father, a sector warden for the Civil Defense during World War II?

**Peggy Rebsch**, V. 44, was friends with Gordon Cooper, who would hang out at her parties listening to music in 1957? Cooper became one of the original seven astronauts and flew the last Mercury Mission in May 1963, circling the earth 22 times.

**Joyce Baker**, V. 18, attended a Don Rickles show in Las Vegas sitting at a ringside table. Rickles cracked a risqué one-liner and when her mouth fell open, he turned to her and said "Where do you think you are, lady, at a church revival?"

## SCHNEIDER from 1

mechanical engineering and began taking college courses at night with the focus on designing heating and air conditioning systems for industrial buildings. He got a job as a draftsman in Brooklyn, which launched his career.

Then World War II intervened. He was drafted into the Navy and spent three years in the Pacific. "I was on a LSM 153 (a landing ship medium) in the engine room. We transported food and supplies from freighters to the beaches," Jerry explains. "The first time we were out, we heard airplanes and shot at one. We missed, thankfully, because it was one of our own. We were ordered to never shoot again. We never did and we were never hurt," he says chuckling. After the war, Jerry and family moved to New Jersey where he continued his engineering career.

He has always had hobbies. The walls of his home are lined with oil paintings he's done. "An art instructor gave lessons at our temple in New Jersey. I picked up a brush and I liked it," he says. He loved photography and had a dark room in his New Jersey house.

Jerry and Helen moved to Leisure Village twenty-five years ago to be near their daughter in Thousand Oaks. "It was a marvelous place and still is. In fact, I think it has improved over the years - so many activities, so many friends." Those friends were helpful when Helen died a decade ago. She and Jerry were married for 66 years.

There's no sign of Jerry slowing down. He just renewed his driver's license, and he's looking ahead to his birthday celebration. With two children, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, we'll be able to hear "Happy Birthday to You" all over the Village. Maybe even join in.

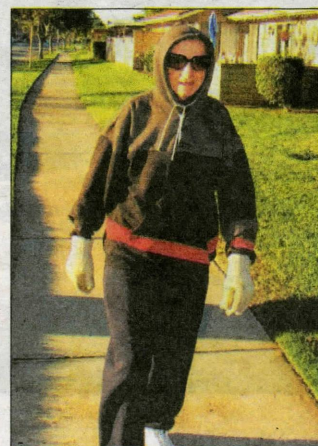


Photo by Bud Bradley

With 41 degree temperatures in the morning, neither snow nor heat nor cold keeps Jerry Schneider from walking early in the day.

## LANDSCAPE from 1

members who called it a "difficult decision," because workers compensation insurance for the group would have cost \$1.5 million. Lawnscape Systems, which has worked for the Village for more than 20 years, formed a second company, CLP, which is taking on the landscape responsibilities at nearly no extra cost.

The new CLP workers are wearing lime green shirts with fluorescent vests, and badges. Mowing lawns is back on schedule, and pruning that was delayed in the changeover has begun again. Scheaffer observed that, "The new crew is more enthusiastic than those before. The Village is saving a little money because there's no insurance to pay for. And the lawns look good."

The maintenance staff still needs a few more workers for the irrigation system. Skilled irrigators are harder to find because of their expertise. However, the goal is to have a full team within the next month.

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Photo by Bob Kaplan

Residents get festive with holiday decorations around the village.



Photo by Bob Kaplan

# Leisure Village celebrates the Holidays



Photo by Judy Spector

The Trim the Tree event brought out a large crowd.



Photo by Judy Spector



Photo by Judy Spector

ABOVE: What's a holiday party without some holiday music? Residents enjoyed the entertainment at the Leisure Village Holiday celebration. LEFT: Susan Rockwell and Betty Dean share a seat with Santa at the Leisure Village Holiday celebration.



Photo by Judy Spector

Hanukkah decorations were also on display at the Leisure Village Holiday celebration.



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Residents enjoy the chili at the Leisure Village Holiday celebration.

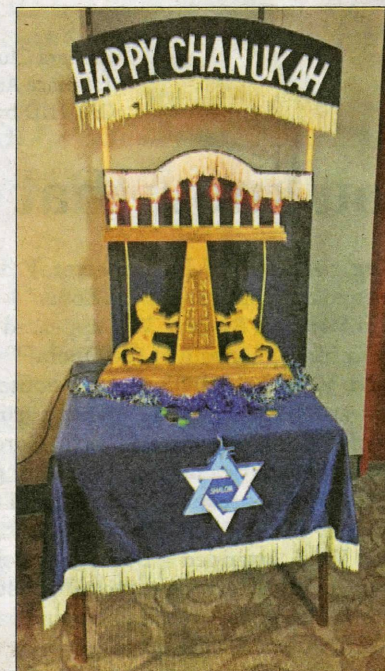


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A Happy Hanukkah display in the AR.



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Volunteerism has long been considered the catalyst that makes Leisure Village what it is—a vibrant, active adult development. But that may not be true. A catalyst, by definition, causes other things to change without changing itself. A recent Forbes Magazine article found that volunteering offered five, surprising, life-changing benefits. To begin with, people who volunteer their time often felt that they have more time, just as people who volunteer their money (donate to charities) often feel wealthier. Volunteering your time offers you the opportunity to develop new skills just as volunteering your experience helps you hone those skills.

A Corporation for National and Community Service report noted that "Research demonstrates that volunteering leads to better health...those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer." That fact alone should convince you that now is the time to volunteer. Finally, volunteering makes you happy. Researchers at the London School of Economics found that the more people volunteered, the happier they were. Clearly, volunteering is a win-win situation. And here are some wonderful volunteer opportunities just waiting for you!

### Associate Editor – Inside Leisure Village

Be responsible for managing and editing Club News. Act as Editor in his absence. Requires strong organizational skills as well as good command of English language and Microsoft Word. Journalism experience, at any level, is a plus but not a requirement. Contact Bob Cohen at: 419-4682 or editorilv@yahoo.com.

### Editing and Proof Reading Leisure Village eNews

Work on your own Mac or PC. Requires computer skills editing and proof reading in Microsoft Word using 'Preview'. Contact Rita Linsey 484-8653 or rdlinsey@gmail.com.

### Staff Writer — Inside Leisure Village

Cover Village events and interview residents whose backgrounds would be of interest to other residents. Good writing skills and knowledge of Microsoft Word required. Journalism experience, at any level, is a plus but not a requirement. Contact Bob Cohen at: 419-4682 or editorilv@yahoo.com.

### Cartoonist— Inside Leisure Village

Use your drawing skills and innate humor to entertain your fellow residents. Computer skills not required. Contact Bob Cohen at: 419-4682 or editorilv@yahoo.com.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

**Second Vice President** – to plan and coordinate functions of the Workshop and Boutique; will work with an existing committee of experienced and reliable members; and be part of the Executive Board.

**Parliamentarian** – to assist in resolution of any parliamentary questions that may arise and be a non-voting member of the Board.

**Refreshment Chairperson** – to be responsible for purchasing supplies and serving refreshments for each General Membership monthly meeting; work with a great committee already in place.

The above positions come with no pay but the rewards for service are priceless! Contact Shearon Millar, President at: 603-2773.



## CLUB NEWS

ILV does not have the staff required to respond to requests for receipt of submissions. We suggest you set your email to Return Receipt Requested.

### LV Bowling

*By Bob Cohen*

Despite being a holiday-shortened month with only three weeks, six of our members bowled 200+ games. Leading the parade (as usual) was Dennis Durand with four games (204, 214, 215 and 240). A bit behind were Fred Diehl (201 and 224) and Art Titen (202 and 221). Bob McQuivey (237) and Alan Singer (205) had one game each.

But, perhaps the most noteworthy score was the 201 game bowled by Jerry Schneider. That may not sound impressive compared to the other scores, but Jerry accomplished that just days before his 100th birthday!

We are nearly half way through the league year with 15 weeks completed but it is difficult to predict who is going to be the first half winner. Only 1-1/2 points separate the top four teams! Given that there are four points at stake each day, that's competition.

We will have a two-week break because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, but by the February issue, we should know the winners. Stay tuned.

Side pot winners for week 12 were Billie Stimac, Gail Singer, Helen Hartman, Fred Diehl, Jerry Schneider and Art Titen.

Sidepot winners for week 13 were Wilma Hutson, Billie Stimac, Gerry Liebowitz, Bob McQuivey, Fred Diehl and Bill Kirkpatrick.

Sidepot winners for week 14 were Vi Guzman, Joyce Belcher, Vivian Hurst, Art Titen, Gerry Rosen and John Neally.

As always, we have openings for mem-



Photo by Cyndee Miller

Members of the RV club including servers Ron Edwards, Jack Miller, Ellie Edwards, and Julie Kingsley.

bers and subs. If interested. Contact Bob at 419-4682.

### Players Guild

*By Stan Reshes*

Appropriately, Players Guild is presenting "Entertainers Night" Thursday, Jan. 21 in the AR. Kicking off the New Year with our talented performers choosing their own favorite songs to perform promises an evening of great entertainment.

Players Guild has been blessed with many new members who are enthusiastically ready to get on stage and display their talents. And every one of our cast members this evening will be a "star" in Leisure Village. So let's support Players Guild and keep these shows going by your attendance and becoming a member if you are not one already. And, of course, the goodies following the show will climax the evening. Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. in the AR. Happy New Year!

### RV Club

*By Darryl Sobelman*

The Leisure Village RV Club happily announces the election of officers for 2016.

Those willing to serve are:

President: John Kingsley

Vice-President: Mary Beil

Treasurer: Julie Kingsley

Secretary: Ruthie Kay

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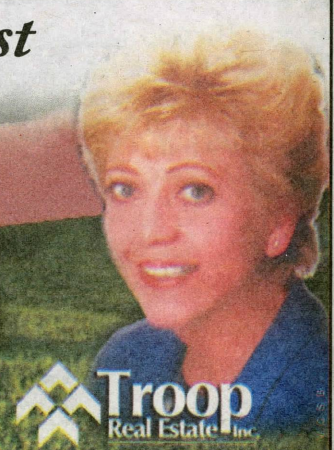
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Publicity — Darryl Sobelman  
EPO Liaison — Darryl Sobelman  
RV lot — Dave McCutcheon  
Education — Bob Zarit  
Pancake Breakfast — Susan Rockwell  
Future Directions — John Kingsley

The officers were installed at our annual Holiday Party, Dec. 6, in the AR. We had a great turnout for our holiday party, with 60 people in attendance. The party was catered by Wood Ranch BBQ.

Our November Campout was held at Pismo Coast Village in Pismo Beach. There were 8 rigs at Pismo with 15 people. These included new members Jim & Sandie Arthur and established members Bob and Verna Cryder, Linda Gordon, Howard and Barbara Jacobowitz, Judy Hope and David McCutcheon, John and Julie Kingsley, Jack and Cyndee Miller and Burt and Arlene Sedlak. All had a great time. We had a Koffee Klatch on Saturday morning and a wonderful pot luck that evening. Friday and Saturday nights around the campfire led to great conversation and camaraderie.

We are looking forward to kicking off the new year with campouts already booked and filled for January at Hobson Beach and February at Camp Comfort in Ojai.

Judy Hope, our Wagonmaster, has put together the following calendar of campouts for 2016. They are:

Jan. 22-24: Hobson County Beach Park, Ventura

Feb. 19-20: Camp Comfort, Ojai - Hosts: Ruthie Kay & Verna Cryder

April 1-3: Flying Flags, Buellton



Camera Club December winner, 1st place Creative, FLOWERS by Al Sarnelle.

May 6-8: Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles

July 1-5: Holloway's Marina & RV Park, Big Bear Lake

Oct. 7-9: Newport Dunes RV Park, Newport Beach

"These dates and places are tentative based on how much interest we get in the next few weeks. I know it looks like a long way off, but if we don't book early, we might not get in at all" said outgoing President Jack Miller. We also need hosts for some of these outings. Please volunteer to coordinate one, or more of these campouts. These, and other Campouts will be developed in the coming months, so join us! In addition to Jim and Sandie Arthur, we welcome new members Mati and Rita Varav.

Meetings are being changed to the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the MPR, starting in January.

For more information on the club, and

its activities, attend one of our meetings, or call John Kingsley, President at 482-2604.

## Showtyme

By Jennifer Stein

On Jan. 8 in the AR, Showtyme proudly presents the magnificent voice of Mr. Ken Shepski. Ken is a Broadway veteran, national and international singing sensation and will WOW you with his beautiful voice and dynamic song stylings. Whether a Gershwin melody, the wit of Cole Porter, the rhythms of Duke Ellington, the fabulous music of Broadway or the pop songs of today, you will be electrified as Ken's voice soars, invoking an era of yesteryears along with charm and charisma that will truly take you on a magical musical journey.

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This show, as usual, is free to members. A \$3 donation is required for visitors and guests. Annual memberships are on sale for \$10 at the Box Office and at the door the night of the show. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and, as always, there will be refreshments after the show.

## Billiards Club

*By Patrick Price*

Attention members: It's time to renew your membership for 2016. You can drop your check for \$7 in the box on the Billiards Club bulletin board. Billiards enthusiasts - join now for only \$7.

Member information should also be entered or updated by the Jan. 26 meeting to make our new directory accurate. Membership cards are near the check box and can also be deposited there. Or, see any Billiards Club board member about any of this.

Congratulations to new Billiards Club President Merle Ruiz.

There is a 14-1 tournament scheduled

to start Monday, Feb. 1. Sign-up sheets will be in the billiards room in January.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7:30. Snack donations are always welcome at the 'after meeting' in the Garden Room.

## Writers Club

*By Harvey Brosler*

Do you like to present short stories or poems? If so, we would like to see you at the Writers Club meeting held every Monday at 1 p.m. in the MPR. No special ability or prior experience required. You may write on any topic or use the suggested topic of the week.

For January, the suggested topics are: "Will 2016 Be a Good Year for me," "What Am I Most Proud Of," "How I Conquered One of My Fears" and "A Missed Opportunity." Listeners are welcome to attend and participate. "Stories of the Month" are displayed just inside the entrance to the Village library.

Contacts: Harvey Brosler 465-0006, hsbros@roadrunner.com or Larry Kalisher 465-0042, larry.kalisher@gmail.com.

## Saturday Nite Dance Party

*By Andrea I. Moran*

Happy New Year to everyone. We wish the best of health and happiness that is just living at Leisure Village. Our January calendar is full with 5 dances (3 Ballroom):

Jan. 2, John/John Duo (Ballroom);

Jan. 9, Country Dance;

Jan. 16, Forever Young;

Jan. 23, Ralph Mathis (Ballroom).

Please give a Leisure Village welcome to them as they are local and play at other dances in the area.

Jan. 30, Rhythm Kings (Ballroom).

Now is the time to shed those extra holiday pounds. Dancing is one of the best all-around exercises. Please join us on Saturday Nites for a special evening of mu-

sic, dancing and just plain fun. All dances start at 7, except the ballroom (7:30). The ballroom dances provide fresh popcorn, punch and coffee. \$7 admission per person. We hope to see to see you there.

## Women's Golf

*By Patti Crichton*

Happy New Year to our golfers and golf followers!

We have enjoyed a December of open play and a chance to hone our golfing skills for 2016. The Women golfers enjoyed a holiday lasagna luncheon on Dec. 9 with some entertaining gift exchanges.

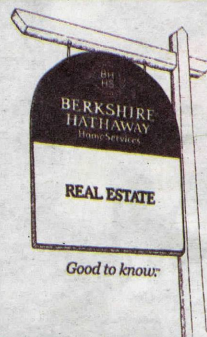
Yes, the President's Cup results are in! The Nine Hole Champion is Mary Ann Ballcom. Runners-up include Ruth Hamilton,

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Patti Crichton, and Verna Cryder.

The Eighteen Hole Champion is Debbie Dolan. Flight A Low Nets are Jan Gerk, Joyce Ehrhart, and Naomi Sklar. Flight B Low Nets are Sharon Loney, Kathy Whitesell, and Gail Hillesheim.

January has regular Wednesday weekly tournaments on Jan. 6, 13, and 20.

Our monthly meeting is Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Garden Room. Come early for snacks, 50-50, and social.

The Men's Golf Club hosts the Chili Bowl on Jan. 23. Buy your tickets on Wednesday mornings.

Jan. 27 is a special tournament for Women's Golf.

Let's enjoy a great year of golf in 2016! New players are welcome. Please join us on our beautiful Leisure Village fairways and greens! Call membership chair, Geri De Simone, at 484-7308, to sign up.

## LV Woodshop

*By Chuck Russell*

It was extra busy in the Woodshop last month as one of Santa's elves joined the members to make a special holiday gift. Bud Bradley crafted a table and two chairs for his grandson Spencer. Using "mostly pine, plus red oak plywood for the table top," Bud called working on the project, "Truly a joy." Word has it that Spencer does almost everything except nap at "his" table.

Things are back to normal in the Woodshop now that the holidays are over. Residents are welcome to bring things to be repaired to the window in the Rec Center on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon. There's no charge for our work. Donations to help with the

cost of materials and supplies are always graciously accepted.

We were busy in 2015. Projects from residents, clubs and the Village Association, and "quickies" – such as replacing tennis balls on walkers – from the past eleven months totaled:

Residential: 246 projects

Clubs & LVA: 56 projects

Quick fixes: 69 projects

If you want to join the Woodshop Team, you should have woodworking experience and the ability to operate the power equipment safely. Contact Chuck Russell at 383-3043. He will answer questions and set up an appointment for you to be checked out

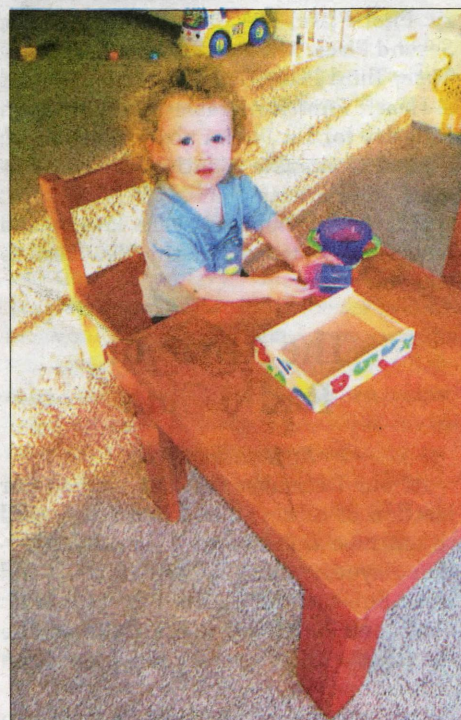


Photo by Bud Bradley

2-year-old Spencer sits at the table and chairs that "Poppy" built with help from the LV Woodshop.

on the equipment.

## The New York Club

*By Frank Seiden*

The New York Club invites you to a tribute to La Bamba! La Bamba (Richie Valens) would set his audience on fire, so we will have a bucket brigade on hand. This tribute, in the AR at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 4, is presented by his cousin Ernie (a.k.a. Valens) Reyes accompanied by Raul Springs at the keyboard. Ernie, who grew up with Richie, will sing his songs and talk about the little things in Richie's life that led to the big things. Either you know the songs Richie Valens sang and know it will be an exciting evening, or you can come knowing it will be a wonderful surprise. This is part of your membership and \$3 for non-members. If you have not already paid your \$10 dues, now is a good time to do so.

Set aside March 3 for a dinner/cabaret night celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The dinner is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. We will have a handout with the menu and other details at the February meeting. We are working between two

performers who specialize in cabaret style entertainment.

This is the start of a volcanic year.

## LV Camera Club

*By Jackie Fishman*

As always, President Ken opened the monthly meeting with business news. Ken explained how important it is to have back up on our computers, for his computer had crashed this past month, and caused him much havoc. He also told us about the outing that Jean Kohut set up for us to go to a duck pond, and how it proved to be very good.

Marlene spoke about the party that we are having, which should be very nice. We are all looking forward to it, and you will read about it next month.

And the winners for December were:

From 16 entries in the Assigned Category (Reflections in Glass):

First Place, Doug Demers for Window Above Patio; Second Place, Larry Forkner for Earthquake Resistant; Third Place,

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Camera Club December Winner, 1st place Assigned, WINDOW ABOVE PATIO by Doug Demers.

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Arnold Singer for NYC Reflections; First Honorable Mention, Lorraine Friedman for Aww, That Hit the Spot; Second Honorable Mention, Bob Kaplan for Garden View.

From 14 entries, in the Open Category: First Place, Jean Kohut for Matched Pair; Second Place, Don Treadwell for Peruvian Native Girl; Third Place, John Kingsley for Riding the Wind; First Honorable Mention, Arnold Singer for Graceful 3; Second Honorable Mention, Gregg Gillmar, for Pink.

From 5 entries in the Creative Category: First Place, R A Sarnelle for Flowers; Second Place, Marlene Votion for Just My Type; Third Place, Jean Kohut for Almost A Heart; First Honorable Mention, John Kingsley for 1st Pitch Cubs Wrigley Field; Second Honorable Mention, Sharon Forkner, The Harvest

Hope your holidays were lovely; and have A Very Happy Healthy New Year to you and yours!

## The Amateur Radio Club

By Jonathan Fox

At our December meeting we had our election of officers. Jonathan Fox agreed to continue as President. Meanwhile Sheldon Hayutin will again be Secretary and Mike Sirelson will be the new Treasurer. Our annual Holiday Raffle followed the elections with everyone going home with at least one gift.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 13 in the MPR. Join us as we make plans for the next 12 months. As usual, we will have interesting speakers each month dealing with items related to the world of amateur radio along with some field trips. This past year we toured CBS Television City in Hollywood and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather station in Oxnard.

If you are curious about what our club has to offer, please join us. You do not have to be a licensed amateur radio operator to be a member. If desired, we will help you get your license; it's now easier than ever since Morse code is no longer required. For more information, contact Jonathan Fox at 377-3697 or KJ6LV@yahoo.com.

## Women's Club

By Chitose Chun

The Women's Club is starting the new year with "Uncharted Waters," performed by a very young, talented brother and sister act, Nicole and Scotty. They will be the entertainment at the General Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 1:30 in the AR. This is the last program planned by Sharon Loney who will be leaving the Village. Thank you, Sharon, for all your time. We will miss you and wish you well.

Come early to look over the boutique items which will be available from 1 p.m. and also the See's Candy. Candy sales have been brisk because of the wide variety and discounted prices. Popular sugar-free candy bars and regular bars are still available.

Remember Food Share and box top coupons are always ongoing. If you forget to bring canned goods, you may donate money.

Jean Hart will be installed as 1st Vice President in charge of programs and has already been working hard selecting a variety of interesting acts. We also acknowledge the dependable service of Nancy Jacobs, Chair of Refreshments and will need someone to take her place. The rest of the committee will remain active. The office of 2nd VP is still vacant and critically needed.

WC Boutique will be open on Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the MPR and the workshop is open every Tuesday. Come see the beautiful items. There will be a huge clearance sale on all jewelry, marked down to sell. We want to start 2016 with new jewelry and ask again for donations. New items sell quickly.

For information, Contact Shearon Mil-lar, 603 2773

## In Other Words

By Frank Seiden

Creative writing is painting with a word brush. The reader sees in his/her imagination the people in the story and hears their voices. By describing situations people are familiar with, a word brush can also paint emotions the reader feels. Writers write for their own reasons, whether for their own pleasure, to tell their life's story or to communicate with family or friends. It is rewarding to know you have achieved your purpose by the reader's response.

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fourth Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Lanai Room. We welcome visitors to witness our friendly discussions of each writer's technique, which is entirely individual and generally affected by the discussions and lessons offered at each meeting.

## The Mavericks

By Margo Secia

The Mavericks' "Winter Ball" Dinner/Dance will be held on Friday, Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the AR. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 per paid-up member and \$30 for a non-member. Tickets are available only from Geri DeSimone by calling 402-1465. The tickets for seats and tables will be sold in the same manner as the New Year's Eve Party the Village hosts each year. The last day of ticket sales will be Tuesday, Jan. 19. There are 150 tickets available for this event, and no tickets will be sold at the door, so make your plans early.

Our caterer for this wonderful dinner is "Command Performance", the exclusive provider for food events at the Reagan Library. The choice of entrée is Slow Roasted Beef Burgundy Tips, Chicken Marsala or Spinach and Cheese Ravioli. Included with each entrée is an Epicurean Salad with Garlic Focaccia Bread, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Green Beans. Wine, beer, coffee and soda will be available but, as always, you may BYOB. Desert Platters will be served at each table with a selection of Chocolate Dipped Amaretto Cookies and Gourmet Lemon Bars.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with an Hors d'oeuvres Station offering a display of fresh fruits, fig preserves, spiced/candied nuts, dried fruit, Swedish meat-

balls, crackers and breads, with dinner being served at 6 p.m. We are happy to have great music for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Please calendar this dinner/dance and come enjoy the very special party we have every January. Start the New Year off right with great food, friends and entertainment.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact President John Wirtz at 384-8508 or Vice-President Ruth Stubba at 496-7188. Remember - tickets are only available from Geri DeSimone at 402-1465.

## Racquet Club

By Leslie Fox

With the new year beginning, the Racquet Club starts with newness. First and foremost is the election of the new officers. As in life, things change, and so did the officers I listed last month. The officers for the year 2016 are: Diane Carroll, President; Trish Zakas, Vice President; Sue Ellen Colp, Secretary; Sharon O'Connor, Treasurer and Sunshine Peterson, Membership Chairman. We have one position still open and that is Refreshment Chairman. Unfortunately Pat Brown can no longer do this. Our deepest gratitude for always making sure at every meeting and event, our tables were artistically prepared and beautifully displayed. We give our thanks to Pat, as well as Sue Stein, and Claire Scott in leaving their positions as Vice President and Secretary.

The meeting ended with singing from Gregg and Sue Gillmar's granddaughter, 11 year old Ava. Fantastic!

Our next meeting is scheduled for March. Stay tuned for specific date and time.

At the meeting, 2016 dues were collect-

ed. If you somehow forgot or would like to become a new member to this great group, contact Sunshine Peterson, 388-1230. If you need any other information regarding the club, call Diane Carroll, 419-4325.

Another great beginning this new year for paddle tennis is the start of league play. Please check the bulletin board for your day and time, have fun and lots of luck! The 2016 schedule remains the same

- Pickle Ball - 9 a.m. Monday and Wednesday
- Round Robin - 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday
- Group play - 8 - 9 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- Open play - 9 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
- Advance players late afternoons Saturday and Sundays.

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## Men's Golf Club

By Rob Sollett

Poised on the threshold of the New Year, randomly selected golfers of the LVMGA were asked what they hope to achieve with

their golf game in 2016.

President Jim Mainland unselfishly asked for "A lot of rain to solve the drought issue." Pat Gunning simply wants to "Play a good game," which was echoed by new member Nick Schellong. John Wirtz wants to beat Ross Edmunds every day," he laughingly confessed.

Jim Gaffney wants "golf balls to roll and fly straight." Bob Michna and Jerry Johnson simply state: "Not much."

Bob Browne and Ron Edwards seek advancement to: "Number one." Stay tuned to this competition readers!

Chuck Dolan, wearing a Tom Kite autographed hat remarked: "To continue playing golf." Max Chopra: "Playing better on a well-groomed course."

Hole in One requests were hoped for by Tony Minero and Joseph Benti who added: "Just like the one by Carl Gregory on #16." Yes, Carl Gregory wants a second Ace. Paul Coffman wants to: "Improve his tee shots," and Bill Crome wants: "To shoot my age." Dave Spring is happy "being able to play." Doug Norton simply stated: "Improve," and Gary Bunch wants to:

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Photo by Rob Sollett

Doug Norton aligns his putt during the last LVMGA Tournament of the year. Read what he and others contemplate for 2016.

### "Shoot Par."

Last but not least, we look to the former Texas resident Geoff Millar who, looking down at this reporter's voice recorder asked: "Is that thing on?"

So readers, stay tuned and see what develops in the coming year. For this reporter, I seek another year of fun and laughs on the course, which many fellow members give me.

Hearty welcome to new member Walter Wilson.

Mark your calendar for the Chili Bowl on Jan. 23 and the Reunion Luncheon on Feb. 24.

## Village Arts

By Gwen Zimring

Happy New Year to all! Our President, David Kiefer and Vice President, Patti Crichton are busy planning an interesting program for 2016.

We are sorry if some of you were unable to attend the holiday luncheon at Ottavio's. The tables were tastefully set up for our club. The food was delicious and service attentive. Good food and good conversation enjoyed by all.

Maxine Mennen called for any new nominations for the Board for 2016. The new Board named David Kiefer President.; Patti Crichton V.P.; Pat McGregor Secretary and Brenda James, Treasurer.

At the Wednesday Jan. 6 meeting, Kathy Whitesell will give a watercolor demo using some interesting techniques. Kathy will also be giving a watercolor class to be scheduled very soon.

Don't forget to visit the library often and see the many different styles of work of our members. For the month of Janu-

ary, Nana Morris' style of art will be on display at the library.

Let's welcome a Happy, Healthy New Year to all.

## Wii Bowling

By Muriel Bannatz

It has been a great year for the Wii Bowling Club. Members have participated in three in-house tournaments and two tournaments with other clubs. Because these tournaments have been so popular, we plan to have more in 2016. The first in-house tournament of 2016 will be held in March.

During the October SCAN Ventura County Senior Tournament, Sylvia Edmonds was presented with a trophy for the Best Individual Bowler for 2015. This has always been an exciting tournament, and we encourage everyone to come and watch next year.

A meeting was held on Dec. 16, during which two new officers were selected. Sylvia Edmonds will be replacing Paul Schiffanelli as Vice-President and Advisor. Barbara Bell will be replacing Lois O'Connor as Membership Chair. This is a time-consuming job, and we thank Lois for her service. We appreciate Sylvia and Barbara agreeing to take their new positions.

Also during the meeting Sam Lak was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his time and effort in making all the Wii Bowling activities fun and exciting. He also received a cap displaying the title of Wii Wizard.

A new plaque is displayed in the Wii Bowling area showing the names of all those who have bowled 300 games.

Dues of \$5 for 2016 are now being collected. If you are interested in joining Wii Bowling, please call either Barbara Bell at 388-2264 or Joan Levy at 482-6871. It is

a fun sport and easy to learn at no matter what age. We have members in their 90 who are active participants. Come and join us.

## Pet Club

By Ruth Stubba

Our December Holiday Dinner Party began with a delicious meal served by Country Harvest, followed by fabulous, favorite recipe desserts from club members. After dinner, we had a pet gift exchange that included a surprise visit from Santa, who handed out the presents to each table. Next was a sing-a-long of Hanukkah and Christmas songs, ending with a hilarious version of the 12 days of Christmas (you had to be there!).

We are kicking off the new year with a speaker series meeting in the MPR on Monday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. Donna Gillespie, Deputy Director of Ventura County Animal Services, speaks passionately and enthusiastically about positive changes and improvements made at the Camarillo animal shelter within the past few years that affect all pet owners. The meeting is open to all residents, and we encourage anyone who has a pet to come to this informative meeting. We offer refreshments, 'free stuff', pet-related business cards and brochures, pet services lists, and a 50/50 raffle. And we still have a few 2016 pet calendars left.

If you would like to become a member of the Pet Club, or renew membership, dues are only \$5 per year. Make checks payable to LV Pet Club. For more information about the Pet Club, please contact Ruth Stubba at 496-7188.

## Shuffleboard Club

By Diane Hawrylo

High scores submitted for an eight frame game in December were: Dec. 2, Milt Krapes, 182; Dec. 9, Diane Fleisher, 166; and Dec. 16, Milt Krapes 147. These are very good scores, which is awesome!

Come on by, and enjoy the fun. We regularly play shuffleboard on Wednesdays at 9:30. Villagers are invited to join. We will teach you if you don't know how. There are no dues. You can practice at any time

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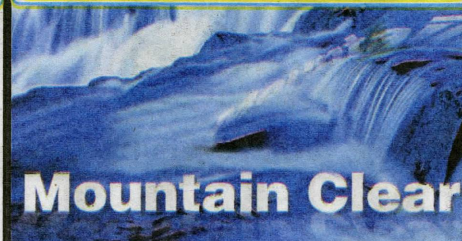
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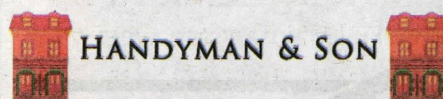
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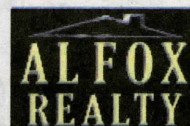
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