

INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE



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Last month I wrote that the changes to Inside Leisure Village would be evolutionary, not revolutionary. Well, the pace of that evolution has increased influenced by factors beyond our control. The exact nature of those factors would take too long to explain here, so I have asked Miss Bella to explain them for you. You will find her column on Page 3 and I urge you to read it.

This month, we are introducing a new column, a series on the Birds of Leisure Village, things of beauty that are with us every day. You will find it on Page 20. Readers who are familiar with our paper might also note that a number of articles normally carried are no longer found in the paper. This is the downside of the evolution being caused by those external factors.

LVHOA Board elections are nearly upon us. Two seats are open this year. A nominating committee has been formed. You will learn who is on the committee this year and learn of their duties on this page.

We are happy to report that some significant progress has been made in filling volunteer openings. However, more positions need to be filled. See the openings on Page 13.

Nominating Committee prepares for board election

"Our job is to make sure that homeowners have qualified candidates to choose from when they vote in the next Board of Directors (BOD) election in June," says Ted Lansing who is the Chair of the 2016 Nominating Committee. The panel is made up of five members (each named by a member of the current Board): Bill Foeller, Natalie Rosen, Pat Gunning, Rita Linsey, and Paul Coffman.

There are two vacancies to be filled by the upcoming election. Patrick Price and Lansing complete their terms in June. Some homeowners have already filed candidates' sheets indicating their interest with the committee. The deadline for filing is 60 days before the Annual Meeting.

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The 2016 Nominating Committee members are: (l-r) Rita Linsey, Natalie Rosen, Bill Foeller, Chairman of the Committee Ted Lansing, Paul Coffman, and Pat Gunning.

Villager now ranks as pioneer No. 1

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BUD BRADLEY

Charlotte Romer moved into the Village, which was still under construction, with her husband in 1973.



By Patty Ecker

Forty-three years ago – that's February, 1973 – Charlotte and Joe Romero moved into their new house in Village 9. They had no neighbors nor any nearby houses that were completed in this under-construction community called Leisure Village. "Santa Rosa Road was one lane each way," Charlotte remembers. "We were pioneers." Now, in 2016, as the resident who has lived here the longest, she is Pioneer No. 1.

The Romeros moved from Oxnard after Joe retired as a civilian administrator on the base at Port Hueneme. Charlotte continued to work in an Oxnard school.

"Slowly, couples began to move in around us," she says. "We were like a family. On weekends, the men would dig a hole and roast a pig for a barbeque. Then we'd have a dance. Joe brought the record player. Over the months, the group grew to about fifty people. We had fun."

Charlotte worked full-time for the first five years she and Joe lived in the Village. She didn't join any clubs during that time. "I decided that when I got old, I'd join things that would be new to me, and that's what happened" she says.

After she retired, she saw a notice for a belly dancing class in Thousand Oaks.

See **PIONEER, 19**

We've got your numbers

Here are some important Village phone numbers and email addresses.

The Main Gate: 805-482-0716 (for guest passes, a security question, etc.) or www.gatepass@leisurevillage.org

LV's Emergency Number: 805-388-3636 (for medical problem, fire, major property problems or an intruder, not minor events like a tree branch down) LV security officers simultaneously call 911 as they respond to a resident call.

Ventura County Alert: To sign up for the Emergency Notification System - 805-648-9283 or www.vcalert.org or text 313131 - to receive 'reverse 911 calls' and alerts to major emergency situations.

Ventura County Disaster Information Hotline: 805-465-6660 or register online at www.vcemergency.com.

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APRIL DEADLINES

Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads for the April 2016 issue is Wednesday, March 23, at 5 p.m. The Display Advertising deadline will be Friday, March 24, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Friday, April 1 (no joke!). 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.



LVTV PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MARCH 2016

Channel 1390

LVTV Committee Email: lvtvcommittee@gmail.com



DAY		TIME	PROGRAM	*Note: OTR = Old Time Radio
Daily		Calendar Diva	Debra Guill & Ken Walker - 8:00 am; 2:00; 5:00; 7:00 pm	
Tue	1	10 am & 8 pm	Players Guild - Joyce & Cathy's 10 th Anniversary Show 2015 (1 hr. 14 min)	
Wed	2	10 am & 8 pm	The History Of Leisure Village Part 3 (2 hrs. 18 min)	
Thu	3	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	4	10 am & 8 pm	Richard Weiss Presents: Chopin - 7/2014 (40 min)	
Mon	7	10 am	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - LIVE	
Tue	8	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED	
Wed	9	10 am & 8 pm	Showtyme - Beverly Wright - 2008 (1 hr.)	
Thu	10	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	11	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED	
Mon	14	10 am & 8 pm	California's Water: Using Water Wisely - 2007 (30 min)	
Tue	15	10 am & 8 pm	Ed & Rec Presents: Financial Abuse Seminar - 2006 (59 min)	
Wed	16	10 am & 8 pm	Cooking Show with Larry Swartz - "A Proper Picnic" - 6/2014 (38 min)	
Thu	17	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	18	10 am & 8 pm	L.V. Art Show - 2013 (40 min)	
Mon	21	10 am & 8 pm	An Evening With Dorothy Parker - 2008 (49 min)	
Tue	22	10 am & 8 pm	What Was My Line - Polly Pride; Barbara Hudson; Terry Connor (53 min)	
Wed	23	10 am & 8 pm	Shared Experience - Helen Gold & Sig Jaffe - (47 min)	
Thu	24	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	25	10 am & 8 pm	Women's Club - Lindsay Scott - 2011 (46 min)	
Mon	28	10 am & 8 pm	Showtyme - 2 For the Show - 2007 (43 min)	
Tue	29	10 am & 8 pm	Needle Works Club, Chess Club, Single Active Seniors - (29 min)	
Wed	30	10 am & 8 pm	Showtyme - Imagine: Beatles Tribute Band - 2009 (1 hr. 53 min)	
Thu	31	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	

Contact: Chairman Bill Foeller at 384-4447 or for New Programming call John Mayer at 388-4642.
LVTV Committee meets the 3rd 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.

A DOG'S LIFE

By Miss Bella



I guess you can tell by the serious look on my face that this is a serious subject. Well, it really is from a number of view points, but let me focus on Inside Leisure Village.

Our community paper is published (make-up, printing and distribution) by the Ventura County Star. It is made available to all readers subscription free (read that as no cost). It is completely independent editorially and not subsidized in any way by the LV HOA. The Star recoups its entire publishing cost, plus hopefully a little profit, through the sale of the display ads that you see in the paper. The creative side writing, editing and photography- is done by volunteer residents of LV.

As in the outside world newspaper business, the size of the paper is determined by the amount of ad space sold. You have probably noticed that your Monday paper (whether the Times or the Star) is much smaller than the Sunday edition. Lots more ads run on Sunday. The news stories compete for the remaining available space.

The same thing is true for Inside Leisure Village. Each month, the staff generates copy and photos without really knowing how much space will be available. Consequently, we prioritize the stories so that when the avail-

able space is known, (generally on the Tuesday after our deadline) the production editor (a Star employee) can complete the layout for our review. This process has been in place for more years than anyone can say at this point. And it has worked primarily because the ad count was relatively stable and we knew with reasonable certainty how much space would be available.

Unfortunately, things are changing in our little world (and the newspaper world in general). Where we used to have 32-page editions, with an occasional bump to 40 pages, we have declined in the past year to 24 pages as the norm and the last issue was only 20 pages!

There are many opinions as to why this is happening: the economy, the internet, lack of response to the ads. Take your pick. There is not much we can do about it other than buckle up and ride it through as best we can. If the situation continues to worsen, we will be forced to take painful actions that we would prefer not to do. Time will tell.

But we do want you to know what is happening and why. And I, along with the rest of the staff, appreciate your understanding and support.

Shop Ahoy helps homebound

Shop Ahoy is a shopping and delivery service for homebound seniors and disabled adults. They also serve those people who no longer drive, have difficulty maneuvering through the grocery store or are unable to carry heavy items.

Shop Ahoy is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization servicing Ventura County. A volunteer will call the customer on Sunday or Monday of each week to take their grocery order. Another volunteer shops on Tuesdays at a local store, and the order is delivered and paid for, along with a small contribution to help the system stay in operation.

Shop Ahoy is always in need of volunteers. To help the growing need for this service as a volunteer non-profit organization, they welcome your support. There are three ways to participate: calling, shopping and delivering.

If you are in need of the services or interested in volunteering, please call Barbara Yago, Village 34 at 388-0419 for additional information.

Hey buddy, can you spare a coat?

By Don Seidler

The Camarillo High School Leo's Club is collecting coats and jackets that we are no longer using to donate to the homeless. If you have any jackets, please take them to the Principal's office at the high school or bring them to Don Seidler at 38009 Village 38. For more information, call Seidler at 987-0917.

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Racowsky honored As Hero of the Week

By Harvey Brosler

KNX Newsradio sponsored a luncheon in Los Angeles on Jan. 22 honoring Leisure Village resident Ben Racowsky and others as the 2015 KNX Heroes of the Week. Ben, who became age 100 on Sept. 17, 2015 was recognized by Diane Thompson, the Afternoon News Anchor/Producer of the KNX Hero of the Week, as a World War Two veteran who spent 30 years in the Navy teaching new recruits how to swim, making a difference to many between drowning and surviving.

She described Ben as a "super volunteer" because of all of the things he does



PHOTO BY HARVEY BROSTER

Ben Racowsky, right, shakes hands with KNX Anchor Frank Mottek.

to help the community. "He's a spiritual man and he's also a tutor, a greeter, and

a crafter. Every morning he helps lead the daily morning service at Chabad of Camarillo. Then he rushes off to two different elementary schools where he tutors struggling students in math. Ben finds time to teach an adult Hebrew language program and also helps train Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. Once a week, he serves as a greeter at the Herzog Wine Cellars in Oxnard. In his spare time, he loves to be in his workshop where he makes wooden toys for children... His philosophy in life is "be nice"....something he learned from his mother."

"Remarkable Women" come to Leisure Village

Usually seniors interested in lifelong learning take classes offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) on the campus of Cal State University Channel Islands. In March, OLLI is coming to Leisure Village.

The eight-week course is "Remarkable

Women in American History" or HIST 1009 to be held on Tuesdays from March 22 to May 10 in LV's Garden Room from 10 a.m. to noon. The course will examine a diverse group of women who, down through U.S. history, challenged laws, expectations, and the authority of men with

spirit and courage.

Roz McGrath, a retired teacher from a fourth generation Ventura County family, will teach the class. The fee is \$75. Enrollment forms are available in the Rec Center Office or you can call the University's OLLI office at 437-2748.

Tickets on sale for 'You Can't Take it With You'

Tickets for Players Guild's production of "You Can't Take it With You" began Tuesday, March 1 and will be available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the AR lobby. This hilarious comedy, which takes place in the 30's, won the Pulitzer Prize when it debuted on Broadway in 1936. And the story of a family that welcomes everyone that crosses their doorstep is a heart-warming tale whose

moral is so relevant in today's obsession with accumulation of wealth that seems to permeate our society.

There are 18 cast members performing this classic story that will be presented in the AR April 13-16. Tickets are \$10 each. You can reserve your seat for the evening performances on Wednesday through Saturday or the matinee performance Sunday, April 17.

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REALTOR CORNER

Which real estate-related deductions are you entitled to?

One of our local title insurance representatives provided information regarding real estate deductions as follows:

Mortgage Interest: The interest accrued on monthly payments can be deducted.

Capital Improvements: The cost of major improvements may be deductible from the taxable gain when you sell your home.

Capital Gains: Single homeowners can take advantage of a tax-exempt advantage up to \$250,000 when they sell their home, as long as the home was the seller's primary residence for two of the last five years. Married homeowners filing joint tax returns get a break on capital gains taxes up to \$500,000 of the profits from the sale of their home.

Repairs to Rental Property: General repair expenses may qualify as deductions in the year they are paid. Also keep track of major improvements as they are deductible when you sell or through depreciation.

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Moving Expenses: If you moved due to a job change, your moving costs may be deductible whether you are a renter or an owner.

Points: If you bought a home and paid the mortgage lender a loan fee or "points," each point represents 1 percent of the amount borrowed.

Work Full Time or Part Time From Home: The square footage of your work space determines your deductions. Home business costs are deductible including phone and business insurance among other expenses..

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25201 Village 25 El Dorado	\$479,900	AVAILABLE

Are you curious about your home's value?

New street lights being installed

By Joseph Benti

At its best, street lighting is only there when we need it, from sunset to sunrise—a magic made possible by the photovoltaic cell. The cells are those light-sensitive black caps worn by all the Southern California Edison lights along our two main streets and all 37 Villages (despite numbers from 1 to 44, seven Villages do not exist).

As part of its capital improvements, the utility company periodically (every ten years or so) replaces the light units and the cells, but not on a single Village-wide schedule. In all, there are an estimated 350 such units throughout the Village.

Edison technician John Birky is the man responsible for keeping those lights shining and changing out those that have aged or have been made obsolete. He's the guy we see, from time to time, here and throughout much of Ventura County, moving his cherry-picker into position near the top of the light poles to upgrade the lighting fixtures and to replace the photovoltaic cells that have been ravaged by the elements.

While the Village does not usually have the problems Birky encounters elsewhere, mostly would-be sharpshooters of all ages



PHOTO BY JOSEPH BENTI

New photovoltaic cell atop new sodium fixture installed by Southern California Edison. Edison technician John Birky replaces old lighting fixture.

using street lights for target practice, the new sodium-based fixtures and the on-going replacement of worn-out cells make Birky and his one-man elevator a familiar presence in the community.

And, yes, his work here does have a positive effect on Birky, a Santa Barbara resident, who says, when he is old enough, he'd like to live here—where the lights shine when and where they're needed.

TRAVEL CORNER

By Carol Moody

Due to space considerations in ILV, this may be the last LV Travel Corner for a while.

Please watch LTV, sign up for eNews, check out our display near the Rec Center East parking lot, or stop by the Travel window for an updated list of our travel offerings. Many of our trips have been selling out early, so watch for upcoming trips and their "on sale" dates. We look forward to you joining us on one or more excursions. Our current offerings include:

■ Carpinteria Greenhouses Tour. \$53. April 9

■ Nethercutt Collection Museum including lunch at The Bear Pit. \$83. April 29

■ Sam's Town Casino. \$187 pp (double) \$231(single) May 17-19

■ Jet Propulsion Laboratory "JPL" \$53. June 2

■ "Beautiful," the Carole King Musical, at the Pantages. July 17. On sale late March

■ Discover Switzerland, Austria And Bavaria. \$3899 pp (double) \$4199 (single). Sept. 14-23

■ Panama Canal Cruise. \$2399-\$3799 pp double occupancy. Oct. 5-20

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 Leisure Village Travel Office, located next to the Recreation Office any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 9 to 11:45 a.m.

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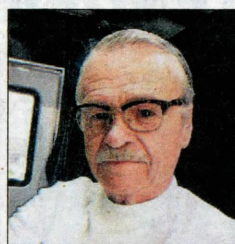
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Villager to appear in upcoming Netflix film

Villager John Mayer has a part in an upcoming film thanks to a friendship that began more than 30 years ago. John plays a small town pharmacist in "Pee-Wee's Big Holiday," a comedy starring Paul Reubens who created and played the child-like comic character Pee-Wee Herman in the 1980s.

"I met Paul when we both joined 'The Groundlings' in Hollywood in 1979," John explains. "The Groundlings" was (and still is) a comedy and improvisation group that trained actors and performed in Los Angeles. John went on to a successful career in commercials and voice-overs. Paul created his Pee-Wee Herman character as a Groundling and became a star in movies, HBO specials, and an Emmy Award-winning children's series. Even though they took different career paths, "We stayed in touch on and off over the years," John says.

Last year, John got a call from Paul. "He said, 'Would you like to be in my movie?'" Reubens explained that it is a story about an innocent man from a small town who goes on vacation for the first time. "And I said yes," John explains. It was fun and



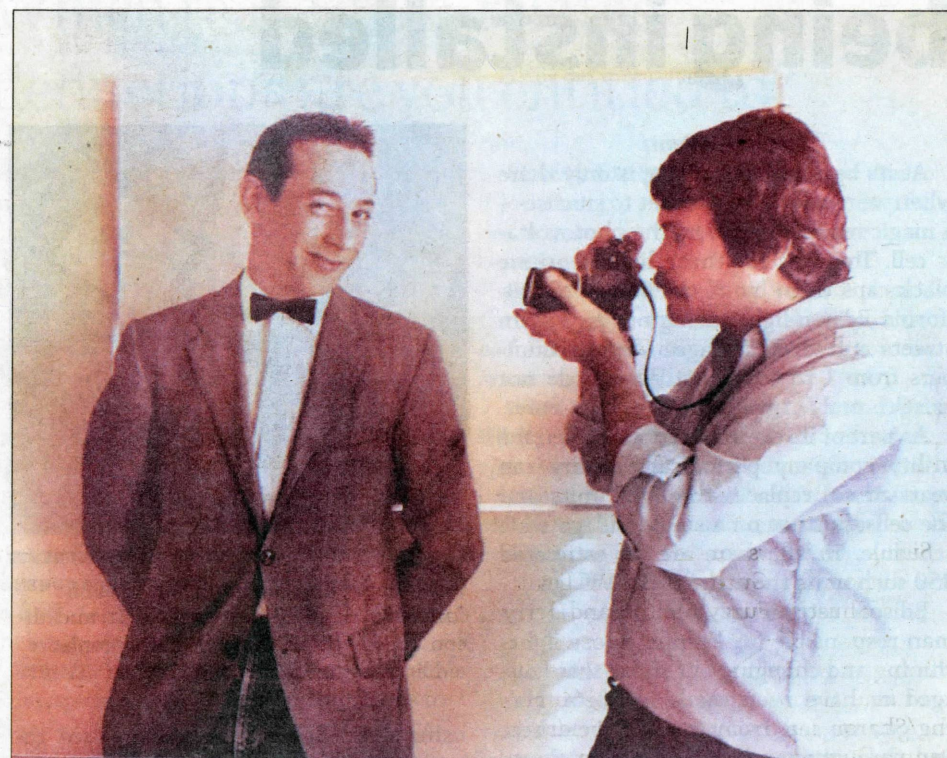
Mayer as Dr. Pete.

convenient because his part of the movie was shot in Fillmore, "For three days of filming, we hung out in a coffee shop. It takes all day to shoot five minutes of film."

But John did have his own dressing room in a trailer when he needed a rest.

He remembered his dialogue "pretty well," to use his words. And during one take, his line drew laughter – not a good thing even though the movie is a comedy. "You have to keep remembering that doing comedy on a film set without an audience requires a different mind-set. You can't laugh or react," John explains with a chuckle.

"Pee-Wee's Big Holiday" is a Netflix original film, a family movie for kids and adults, which will be released on March 18. John might sign autographs, but there will be no red carpet or opening night party in his Village.



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Pee-Wee Herman, left, and John Mayer.

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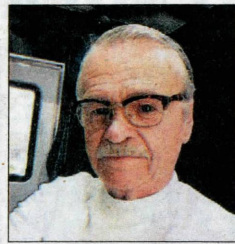
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"Pee-Wee's Big Holiday" is a Netflix original film, a family movie for kids and adults, which will be released on March 18. John might sign autographs, but there will be no red carpet or opening night party in his Village.



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Pee-Wee Herman, left, and John Mayer.

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Bowling

By Bob Cohen

It has been a relatively quiet month in terms of the number of 200 games bowled, only 11.

Dennis Durand (205,235,239) and Bob McQuivey (200,201,214) accounted for more than half of those games with three each. Jerry Rosen followed close behind with two 202 games. Bringing up the rear were Stan Reshes (218), Tash Guzman (200) and Art Titen (200).

Side pot winners for week 18 were Wilma Hutson, Vi Guzman, Karen Levitt, Bigg Al Shuster, Fuzzy Melton and Jerry Schneider.

Side pot winners for Week 19 were Billie Stimac, Gerry Liebowitz, Bobbi Shmerling/Sharon Lubracki (tie), Al Feldman, Dennis Durand and Bob McQuivey.

Side pot winners for Week 20 were Gail Singer, Leslie Fox, Ellen Neally, Stan Reshes, Jerry Rosen and Bob Cohen.

Side pot winners for Week 21 were Joyce Belcher, Karen Levitt, Wilma Hutson, Alan Singer, Art Titen and Dennis Durand.

It may have been a quiet month for bowling, but we did have a heck of a turnout for Jerry Schneider's 100th birthday party. Joining all of his Village neighbors were Camarillo Mayor Mike Morgan and Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long, each of whom presented Jerry with an official acknowledgement of his milestone.

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 for that day. For March, the suggested topics are: "My First Pet", "The Place Or Places I Enjoyed Traveling To Most", "Are Models Pressured To Be Too Thin?", and "In Moving Permanently To Another Country, Should You Be Required To Speak And Write The Language". Stories of the Month are displayed just inside the entrance to the Village library.



PHOTO BY BOB COHEN

Camarillo Mayor Mike Morgan, left, and Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long, center, present LVer Jerry Schneider with certificates celebrating his 100th birthday.

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

Men's Golf Club

By Rob Sollett

For every joyous, loving start there is a joyous, loving finale.

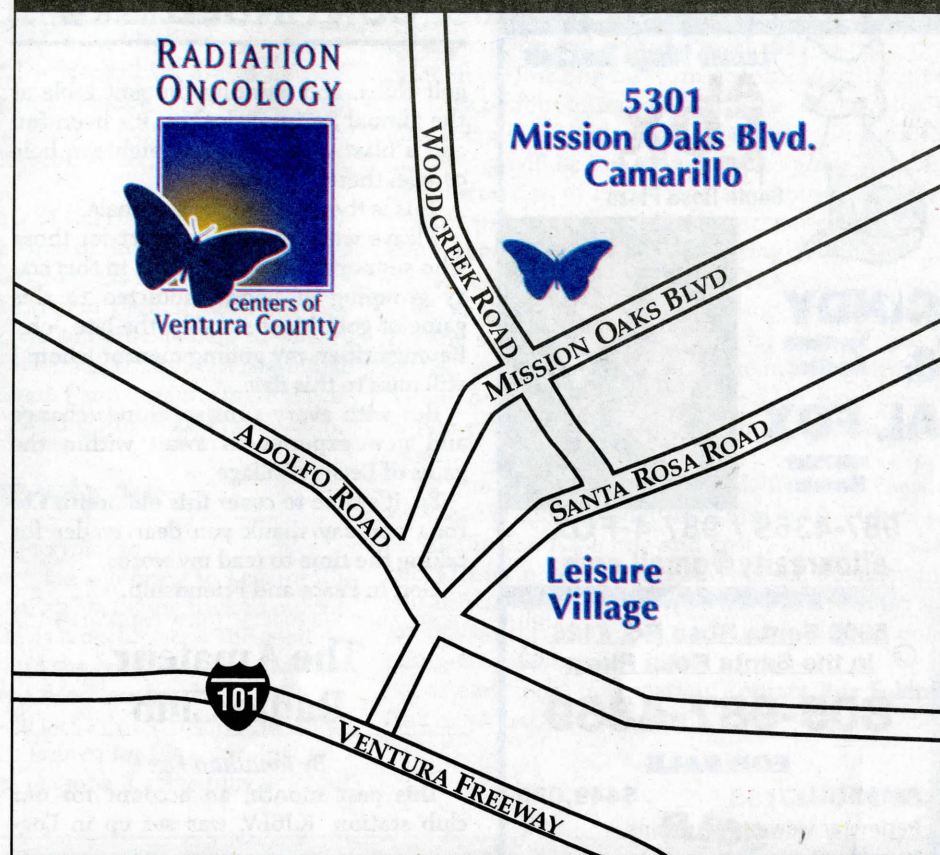
Chuck Hall and Leslie Rawlings met on the Bocce Court. They grew into a loving, beautiful couple on our golf course. The recent LVMGA/LVWGA Chili Bowl Tournament and Luncheon was their first golf social event since their Dec. 22 wedding. Despite the overcast skies, the sun shone brightly from these two Newlyweds. "Great putt, dear." "Excellent tee shot, honey," were just some of the joyous accolades these two kids bestowed on each other. Ah, new love.

The annual event also included approximately forty-five participants of both LV Golf Clubs. We do indeed wish to thank all the volunteers who made this event a success, with an extra shout out to the women volunteers who filled in where most needed.

This writer has been a member of the LVMGA for some 6 years, give or take. He served along side three club presidents in various positions including cleaning the coffee pot, writing club news articles, re-organizing the Starters, returning lost

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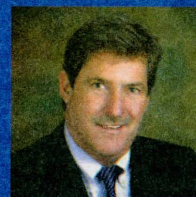


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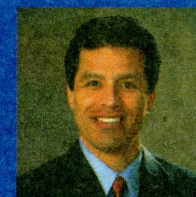
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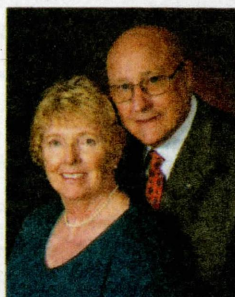


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golf clubs, and working the golf table at the annual Spring Sale. Yes, it's been fun and a blast. But like every eighteen hole course, there's an end.

This is the final article, my finale.

I leave with love in my heart for those who supported and guided me in this crazy grouping of people addicted to this game of golf. Most notably, the late John Baumgardner, my golfing mentor whom I still miss to this day.

But with every sunrise, things change and new experiences await within the gates of Leisure Village.

So, it's time to cover this old Smith Corona and say thank you dear reader for taking the time to read my words.

Golf in Peace and Friendship.

The Amateur Radio Club

By Jonathan Fox

This past month, an account for our club station, KJ6LV, was set up in Log-

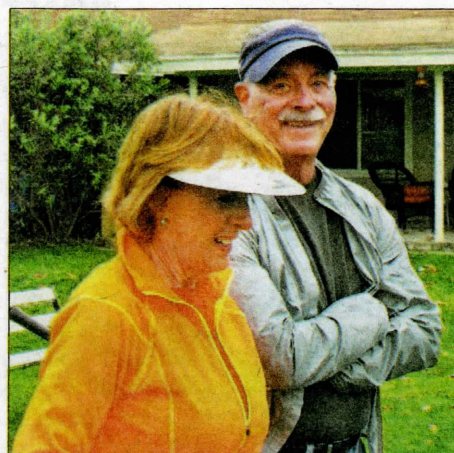


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Newlyweds Leslie and Chuck Hall at the Chili Bowl Golf Tournament.

book of the World. LOTW is a way to electronically submit radio contacts for confirmation. If our submitted information matches the information submitted by the person we made contact with on the radio, then the computerized system will confirm the contact. This system is faster and cheaper than sending cards back and forth in the mail.

For those people who don't use this electronic system on the Internet, the club also voted on a design for a QSL card. A QSL card is a written confirmation of a two-way radio communication between two amateur radio stations. This type of confirmation originated during the early days of radio broadcasting. The ability for a radio set to receive distant signals was a source of pride for many consumers and hobbyists. Listeners would mail "reception reports" to radio broadcasting stations in hopes of getting a written letter to officially verify they had heard a distant station. As the volume of reception reports increased, stations took to sending post cards containing a brief form that acknowledged reception. Collecting these cards became popular with radio listeners in the 1920s and 1930s, and reception reports were often used by early broadcasters to gauge the effectiveness of their transmissions.

Today, many ham radio operators collect these QSL cards and either display them at home or use them to qualify for different awards. The most common

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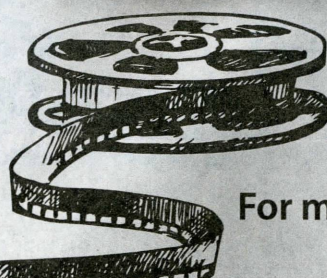
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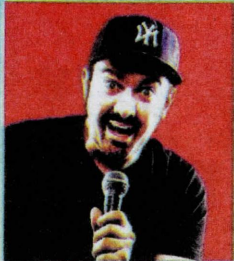
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awards would be WAS – Worked All States or WAC – Worked All Continents. Finally, one of the most sought after awards is DXCC – DX meaning long distance contacts and CC for contacts with at least 100 countries or entities.

As we make more use of the Ham Shack here at Leisure Village, you can be one of those people that make a long distance contact. So please join us. You do not have to be a licensed amateur radio operator to be a member. If you want, we will provide help in getting your license and it's now easier than ever since Morse code is no longer required. For more information contact Jonathan Fox at 377-3697 or J6LV@yahoo.com.

Showtyme

By Jerry Rosen

On March 13, Showtyme will bring to Leisure Village "A Show To Remember" bringing back to our village two of our favorite past performers: The great comedian Carlos Oscar and the fabulous voice of Bill A. Jones accompanied by a five piece band.

First on our stage will be Carlos, a funny and wildly entertaining comedian known for his charming, witty and energetic stage persona. Carlos fully acts out

his jokes by telling stories everyone can identify with. He jokes most often about the humorous side of family pop-culture and everyday mishaps. He takes great pride in performing his form of comedy without falling back on four letter words and lewd innuendos. He does this while keeping audiences rolling in the aisles.

Next up will be Bill who sings the great Standards in the tradition of Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Dean Martin and many more. He recently opened for Tony Bennett and completed his recurring role as Rex Remington on the hit show "Glee" His warm baritone, brisk rhythmic flow and easygoing phrasing brings life and substance to everything he sings. He has recorded several albums featuring many songs from the "Great American Songbook." He also has appeared in many TV shows and does commercials and voice overs.

Tickets for this show are available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until March 10. Tickets will be sold in the AR lobby and cost \$10. for members and \$15 for non-members and guests. Memberships will also be on sale for \$10. Join NOW and enjoy a \$5 savings on this show and the balance of great entertainment coming up in 2016.

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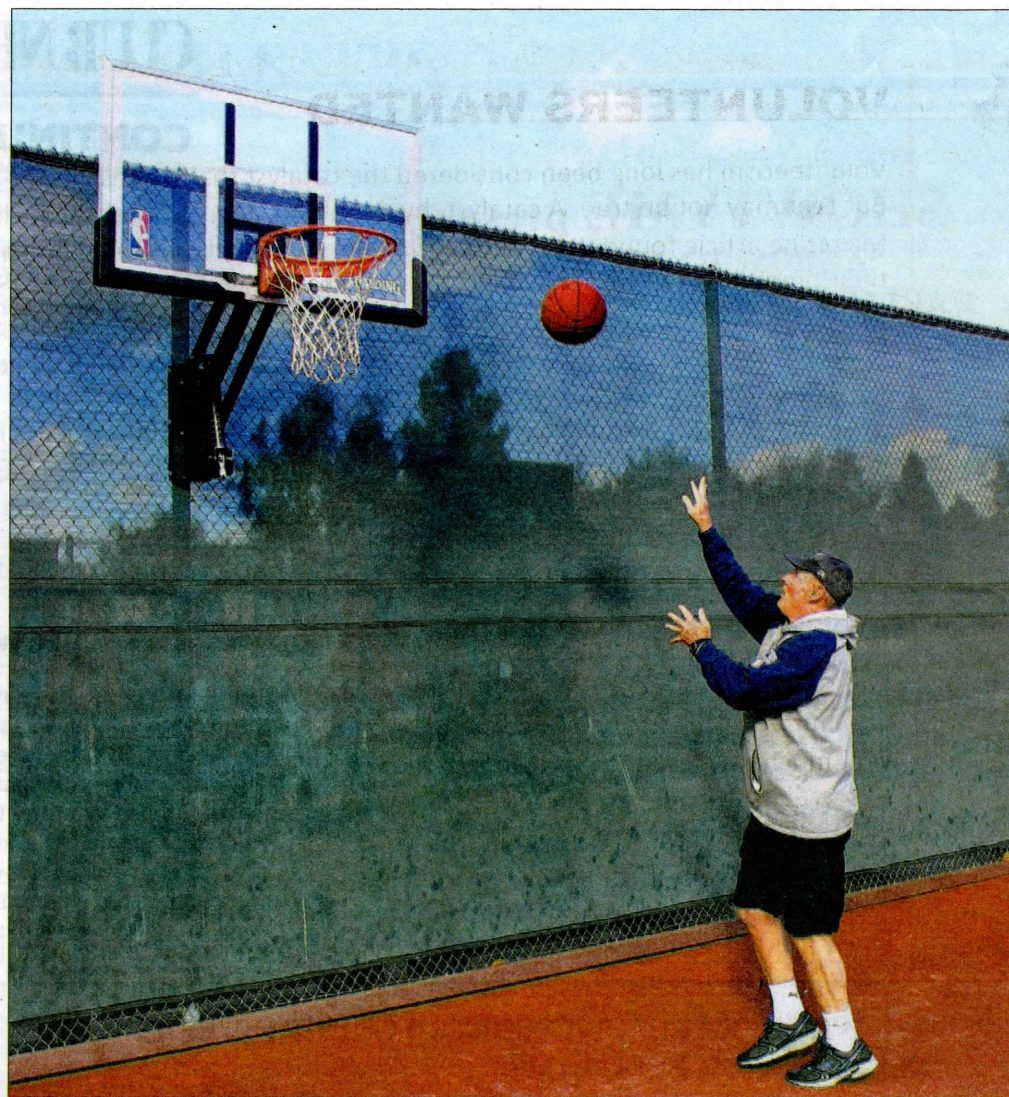


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A LV resident shoots some hoops on the new sports court.

COMFORT KEEPERS

Loneliness and isolation can affect senior health

Part 1 of 2

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 11 million, or 28 percent of people who are aged 65 and older, now live alone. Consider these facts from the Administration on Aging:

- People over 65 have an average life expectancy of almost 20 more years, which is a long time to live alone.
- While 72 percent of men over 65 are married and living with someone, only 45 percent of women are married, and 37 percent are widows.
- Almost half of women over 75 live alone.

Lack of contact with others is a serious issue among seniors. Sometimes, a senior has no local network of family and friends, and feels disconnected from his or her community. Other times, a senior may withdraw into isolation as a result of health conditions, depression, or mental illness. Fear of falling can keep a senior isolated in his or her home, as can fatigue, chronic pain, or shame over memory problems. In addition, many seniors become nervous about driving. As a result of these factors, older adults may be alone for days or even weeks without someone to watch over them.

Loneliness affects the Brain: Loneliness

may speed up the onset of dementia. In a recent Dutch study published in the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Psychiatry, researchers followed more than 2,000 healthy, dementia-free seniors for three years and found that 13 percent who reported feeling lonely developed dementia by the end of that time, as compared with 6 percent with strong social support.

Loneliness Harms the Heart: In 2012, the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) compiled the results of numerous studies and concluded that there's a proven link between loneliness and heart disease. In one study, researchers at Harvard followed 44,000 people

with heart disease and found that 8 percent of patients living alone passed away after four years, compared with 5.7 of those living with a spouse or others.

In research on the outcomes of coronary disease, Swedish researchers discovered that coronary bypass patients who checked the box "I feel lonely" had a mortality rate 2.5 times higher than other patients 30 days post-surgery, and that even five years later they were twice as likely to have passed.

Provided by Ellen & Andy Smith, andysmith@comfortkeepers.com Part 2 will appear in next month's issue.

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 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!

BRAVO to EPC Volunteers!!!!

It just might be a record. Seventeen – yes, seventeen – volunteers were approved as members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee at the February Board meeting. EPC Co-Chair Sharon Pfeiffer says getting volunteers for this important committee is very much like responding to an emergency, "It's important to rely on ourselves," she explains. "So we asked each active member to recruit at least one other Villager. And it worked." Sharon is quick to add they aren't finished. "Ideally, we need at least one EPC member for each village. We're close, but not there yet."

Volunteers make Leisure Village what it is – an active, vibrant community. Studies show that volunteering leads to better health, lower mortality rates, and strong friendships among the participants. Right now, finding volunteers for many committees and clubs is difficult in the Village. Sharon Pfeiffer and the EPC discovered a secret. "Current members are the best sales people," she says, sharing a tip for other groups looking to share the contribution and camaraderie with new volunteers. It may be as easy – and successful – as asking.

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.

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Do you want to be a producer? Showtime is looking for a qualified individual to produce monthly shows. Must have some experience with selecting and engaging talent. Contact Jerry Rosen at 484-3523.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
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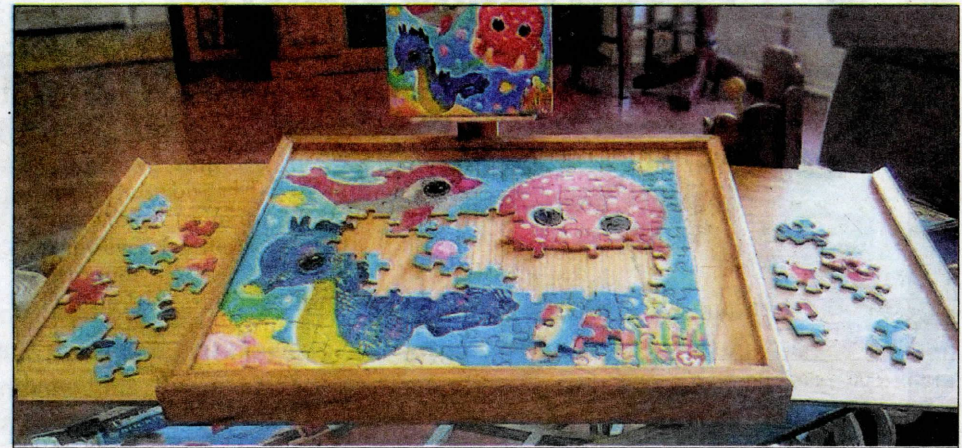


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The Woodshop and the Women's Club are partners for these handmade wooden puzzle boards. Woodshop workers make them, and Women's Club members sell them.

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Saturday Night Ballroom Dance

By Andrea I. Moran

Hi Folks. We have a new name for our Saturday dance: LV Saturday Night Ballroom Dance. This will be helpful in describing our dances.

We are increasing the number of people attending and hope you will come to the party.

3/5, Rhythm Kings; 3/12, Country Dance; 3/19, Forever Young (rock and Roll) and 3/26, John/John duo.

Please note the 1st and 4th Saturdays are the Ballroom dances

We are having new bands for your enjoyment so please come and join the fun. Dances are 7:30 to 10:00 in the A.R. \$7 admission per person. Fresh popcorn, punch and coffee provided. So put on your party clothes and shoes and kick up a step or two.

SAS

By Zelda Greentree

Now that it stays lighter longer each evening, I'm hoping a few more of you beautiful single people will take the plunge and call our Lee Edwards at 484-3289 to make your reservation for our next Dinner Out at Ottavio's Italian Restaurant. The dinners are always delicious and the people are terrific. We will be meeting on the second Tuesday in March, which is March 8, at 5 p.m. Don't forget to call Lee. You will have a great time and meet some new

friends. See you there.

Woodshop

By Chuck Russell

Grandparents Alert: Next time you walk through the Rec Center Atrium, look at the display window beside the MPR. You will see a colorful wooden puzzle board that provides a solid surface for the jigsaw pieces that little fingers can piece together. These puzzle boards with puzzle piece drawers are handmade made by Woodshop members for the Women's Club to sell. The small boxes are \$40; the large ones are \$80. Here's the big news: wooden puzzle boards like these are sold on the Internet for \$300 to \$345. (You can check it out at Stavepuzzles.com.)

The Woodshop got off to a busy start in January as our brothers continue to help Villagers with furniture repairs. For one month in 2016, we have completed:

- Residential: 29 projects
- LVA/Clubs: 11 projects
- Quickies: 3 projects

Residents can bring things that need to be repaired to our Rec Center window every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. There's no charge for our work. Donations for materials and supplies are always welcome.

If you have experience in woodworking and can operate the power equipment safely, you can join the Woodshop team. Contact Chuck Russell at 383-3043 to set up an appointment. He will answer your questions and check you out on our equipment.

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RV Club

By Darryl Sobelman

Friday, Jan. 22 found 17 LV RV Club members at Hobson Beach RV park, hosted by John and Julie Kingsley. We were greeted by heavy surf of up to 12 foot at times. The surfers were having a blast and provided us great entertainment during the day. In the early morning at high tide you needed to stay away from the break water unless you wanted a salt-water shower.

John & Julie Kingsley, Jeff & Mary Beil, Judy Hope & Dave McCutcheon, Jack and Cindy Miller, Bob & Verna Cryder, Bev Manzo, Ron & Ellie Edwards, Jim & Sandy Arthur, Steve & Jeannine Ryan joined in the campout.

Summary of club meeting of Feb. 9: The room was abuzz with comments on the Sweet Heart Social on 2/6. President John Kingsley thanked everyone for the participation of 46 members. He then added, "It was a good time; we need 3 or 4 more so-

cials during this year!"

Jeannine Ryan and Mary Beil said they will plan a Barbecue in the Leisure Village Park area, date to be announced. Other ideas are being considered. We gained two more new members, Jack and Betty Fennell. Earlier this month, the club added Steve and Nancy Alnes, making us plus four for the month.

We had the following committee reports: Wagonmaster, Judy Hope announced that the seventh campout for the year will be at Pismo Sands RV Resort, Oceano, on Nov. 11-13. Treasurer Julie Kingsley gave the financial report and the minutes were approved. We will be emailing Minutes in the future to help speed up the meeting, so check your mail. At next month's meeting, Education Chair Bob Zurit will present a talk on Managing your RV's Electrical Systems to help keep you and your coach safe.

On Feb. 6, the Kingsleys hosted club members at their home for a Sweetheart Party. Everyone brought their own beverages and appetizers to share. We welcomed newcomers, Steve and Nancy Alnes. The Kingsley's home was filled with



Camera Club Winner, Assigned, "All Lit Up" by Jean Kohut.

LV RV Club members. John & Julie promised that this is just the start of the social aspect of our club that accompanies our camping plans.

In concert with those camping plans, Feb. 19-21 we are going to Camp Comfort in Ojai. As usual, this campout is scheduled after the deadline for submission of articles and the report on the campout will be in the next edition of Inside Leisure Village.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is March 8 at 7 p.m. in the MPR. Refresh-

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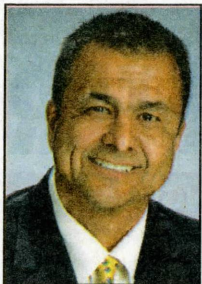
For more information on the club, and its activities, attend one of our meetings, or call John Kingsley, President at 484-2514

Billiards Club

By Patrick Price

March is somewhat quiet for the Billiards Club. The next meeting is Tuesday,

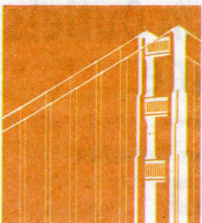
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March 22 at 7:30. Snack donations are always welcome at the 'after meeting' in the Garden Room.

A 1 & 15 eight ball tournament starts Monday, April 4. Sign-up sheets will be up in March.

Stay tuned. The Billiards Club Spring Fling is scheduled for Friday, April 22. Details to follow next month.

Village Arts

By Gwen Zimring

Hello club members and friends of art. If you missed the Channel Islands Studio tour on our Feb.3 meeting day, we are sorry. This annual event is a great opportunity to meet these very talented artists. We were informed about what is available in Camarillo for art lovers.

Village Arts as a club is a member of Channel Islands Studios and we are negotiating with the new board there to retain a discounted membership for all our club members.

We need to know ASAP who wants to

sign up for tables and A Frames. This is for Ye Olde Craft Faire held on May 1 by the Stoners. Get in touch with David or Patti as the floor plans are being arranged now.

Wednesday April 4, will be our Annual Club Members Studio Tour. We will be meeting in the west parking lot at 12:45 p.m. and will car pool and receive directions, addresses etc. It is amazing the quality of the art you will discover in members' homes.

Pat McGregor will be showing her paintings in the library during March.

Players Guild

By Stan Reshes

Every March, Players Guild changes direction and instead of entertainment by our talented Leisure Village residents, the club brings in professional entertainment from outside. The very popular Rick Jarrett will be making a return visit to Leisure Village to entertain us with his unique blend of swing, latin, old school R&B, and smooth ballads. His voice has been compared to Lou Rawls, Al Jarreau, Johnny Mathis, Elvis Presley and Garth Brooks. Rick has appeared in many shows

and performed at the Mark Taper Forum with Grammy and Tony winners. This will be a special treat for Players Guild members and guests, so mark down the date, Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the AR.

Country Western Dance

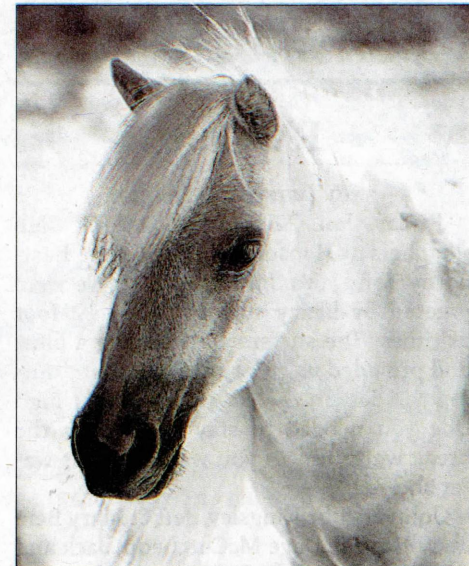
By Sue-Ellen Colp

The next Country Western Dance will be March 12 from 7-10 in the AR. Cost is still only \$5. BYOB; water and punch will be served. Bring something to share if you would like. Do the 50/50 for some great gift cards along with hoping to win the money.. Dj will be Jammin Country. Put your dance requests on the list and come join the fun. Hope to see you there. Any questions, call Sharon at 901-9428.

Women's Golf

By Patti Crichton

We had a lovely month of golf in February, with pleasant weather and some new, fun members joining our club. Welcome! Interesting games on the February



Camera Club Winner, Open, "White Horse" by Frank De Simone.

tournaments included 'Nasty Ladies', 'Odds Half Handicap', and 'Aces'.

Our 'Winter Eclectic Tournament' started Feb. 24 and will finish up on March 2.

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Thank you to Merle Ruiz for organizing this tourney.

Regular weekly tournaments will take place on March 9, 16, and 23.

A bonus tournament will be held on March 30.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 9 in the Garden Room at 2 p.m. Come early for snacks, visits, and 50/50 draw.

Camera Club

By Ken Lauchner

Our next Competition Meeting is March 2 and the Assigned Theme will be "Different Angles and Leading Lines".

Beginning with our March meeting, we will be presenting training Workshops on our third Wednesday meetings aimed at novice photographers. These will be given by a combination of members, professional training DVD's, and good web site videos. Anyone in LV interested in knowing how to expand beyond "point and shoot" is encouraged to attend these Workshops. Camera Club membership is optional.

Racquet Club

By Leslie Fox

This month begins with a renewed interest in the tennis courts. Thanks to new residents, we now have a group of players that meet Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. If you have been looking to get on the big courts again, dust off your racquets, stop by, and join in. Any questions regarding tennis, call Gary Carroll, 419 - 4325.

As I have mentioned in the past, pickle ball is also increasing in popularity. Therefore, they have added a new time of play, on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. This is not officially on the schedule yet, but again if you are interested, come play or call John Peterson, 388-1230 for any additional information.

Paddle tennis winter league should be completed by this reading but is not as of this writing. For that reason I cannot give the leaders of the three leagues. If you cannot wait till next month, they will be posted on the bulletin board. The bulletin board also had the sign-up sheets for spring league which will begin March 7 and end April 22, if there are no rain delays. Please check the bulletin board often



Camera Club Winner, Creative, "Mono Lake Mirage" by Gregg Gillmar.

so you can stay current with events happening in the club.

The next Racquet Club meeting will be Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the MPR. Hope to see you there.

The schedule remains:

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

Advanced play 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

With all the activity don't forget the most important thing — Have Fun!

The New York Club

By Frank Seiden

Our meeting on April 7 will feature Cindy Paley and friends with folk songs of Pete Seegar and The Weavers. Join us in listening to Pete's legendary music by capable troupers. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the AR.

The New York Club welcomes all, wherever you come from. Our theme is to provide entertainment New York style whether from on Broadway or off Broadway. We invite new Leisure Village residents to sample what we offer for socializing as well as for entertainment.

In Other Words

By Frank Seiden

Write the stories in your mind, the poems in your soul. Bring them to our meetings and join our discussions of writing technique. The group is supportive and

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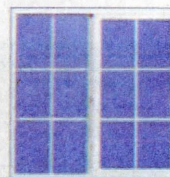
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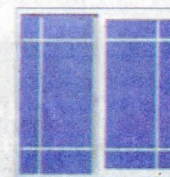
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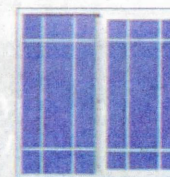
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friendly and offer positive comments on what is good and ideas for strengthening writing. Meetings close with a lesson on technique that can be incorporated in your next work if you choose to try it.

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Lanai Room at 2 p.m.. You are welcome to sit in and listen to find out what we are all about.

The Mavericks

By Margo Secia

The month of March is bringing us to our always popular "Cash In The Attic" on Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the AR. We hope everyone will bring one or two of their "treasures" to be auctioned off on that evening. These "usable" and resellable items will be displayed for all to see before the start of the auction. The AR doors will be open at 6 p.m. should you want to bring your things early and the auction will be starting at 7 p.m.. The money from this auction will go into the Club's treasury so we can continue to provide entertainment and fun events in the future. Our auctioneer will be the always entertaining John Wirtz, so we hope everyone will come to join in all the fun and laughter this night always generates. Coffee and water will be provided by the Club but, as always, you may BYOB.

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.

Pinochle Club

By Jack Carlson

The Pinochle Club needs new members. The Club meets regularly from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in the Garden Room. Pinochle is an enjoyable and challenging game that requires four players. If you are unfamiliar with the game, we offer lessons. It is easy to learn and in less than

one hour we can teach you the basic fundamentals of the game. Our only request is this: if you learn the game and find it challenging, we ask that you participate every Tuesday. Please drop in any Tuesday evening after 7. You will be greeted by one of our members who will invite you to sit down to observe a few games in progress. For more detailed information, please call at Jack Carlson at 388-9400.

The Stoners

By Fil Barton

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 1, for the annual 'Ye Olde Craft Faire'. This event will take place in the AR from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Faire is an annual club fund raiser. Some of the participants include: The Stoners, Woodshop, Ceramics, Village Arts and Needle Work. We have many talented people in the Village. Attending this function will enable everyone to view, first-hand, this amazing talent.

Hot dogs, chili and drinks will be available for a small donation.

The Stoners (an offshoot of Lapidary) is a jewelry making group. We meet every Monday (even on holidays) in the MPR from 3 to 5 p.m. No previous knowledge is necessary. Drop by and visit. We also do most jewelry repairs for a small donation.

Shuffleboard Club

By Diane Hawrylo

High scores submitted for an eight frame game in February were: Jan. 27, Keith Murchland, 182; Feb. 3, Milt Krapes, 170; Feb. 10, Cela Foster, 133; and Feb. 17, Milt Krapes, 128.

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. Come and join the fun.

A safety note: Because of uneven surfaces, wear only flat shoes, and walk only between the lanes. Never walk across the lanes.

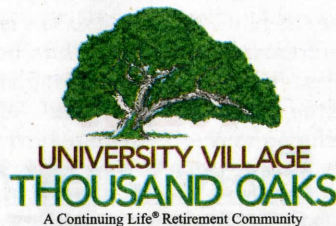


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THEATRE BEAT

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Conejo Players Theatre:

"The Wizard of Oz" March 11 through April 10. 351 S. Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, 495-3715.

Elite Theatre Company:

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" through March 27. 31 Victoria Blvd., Oxnard, 483-5118.

High Street Arts Center:

"Oliver!" through March 8. 45 E. High St., Moorpark, 529-8700.

Ojai ACT: "The Addams Family"

March 11 through April 3. 113 S. Montgomery St., Ojai, 640-8797.

Rubicon Theater:

"The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" through Mar. 20. 1006 E. Main St., Ventura, 667-2900.

Santa Paula Theater Center:

"The Other Place" through March 13. 127 S. 7th St., Santa Paula, 525-4645.

Simi Valley Cultural Art Center:

"The Importance of Being Earnest" through April 13. 3050 E. Los Angeles St., Simi Valley, 583-7900.

PIONEER from 1

She'd done folk dancing as a child, so this sounded interesting. When she signed up, Charlotte was nearly 60. "I loved it all, the dances, the costumes!" she recalls with a laugh. "We had 17 in our group. The youngest was 18. Guess who was the oldest. I danced with them in shows and competitions until I was 80."

She's not dancing anymore, but she has a schedule that keeps her hopping. She swims every morning at 6 a.m., attends Bone Builders classes twice a week, works with a trainer two other days, and participates in two book clubs and a study group. She has two daughters, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She and Joe were married 62 years. He died in 2006.

She celebrated her 95th birthday recently and made a command decision to give up her car. "I decided I didn't want to take any chances," she explains, even though she'd had no accidents or close calls. "It was just time. I don't regret that; but I miss driving." She bought a scooter for travel around the Village, and uses Dial-a-Ride for trips into the community. "I don't want to bother my daughters," says this independent LV Pioneer.

Charlotte still loves the Village and has



One of Charlotte Romer's favorite hobbies was belly-dancing, which she enjoyed for more than 20 years.

only one suggestion about how to make it better. "I wish they'd teach belly-dancing," she says.

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BIRDS OF LEISURE VILLAGE

By Jean Kohut

Leisure Village, with its thousands of mature trees, is a haven for birds of all types and sizes. We have year-round residents and we have stop-over migrating birds. Some of these birds have flown thousands of miles to get to Ventura County on their journey even farther south to their breeding grounds.

For the 10 years I have lived here, I have kept bubbling bird baths of all types and attracted many visitors. Birds love water that moves. This winter I have had an interesting collection of birds that I have never seen before. I removed the screen from my laundry room window, which faces the birdbaths in my patio, and began photographing them. I hang a camouflage curtain and point my telephoto lens out the window. Most of them get used to me and the clicking of the shutter. Others take off and I end up with just a birdbath and no bird.

Starting with this month's column, I will be highlighting one of the many unusual visitors that we have here in the Village, along with a photograph of them, of course. Let me assure you, they are most interesting, and beautiful creatures. Look for them here and in your neighborhood.

Meet the Ruby Crowned Kinglet. Fast as lightning, I had to chase him around for quite a few days before I could get a clear photograph. He finally stood still for a nanosecond on the bubble. Lucky timing for me; I spotted him flitting around in the patio and waited for him.

According to Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the Ruby Crowned Kinglet is "a tiny bird seemingly overflowing with energy." I can attest to that. The male's brilliant ruby crown patch usually stays hidden. The best



PHOTO BY JEAN KOHUT

A Ruby Crowned Kinglet.

chance to see it is to find an excited male singing in spring or summer. Since it is winter here, I had to settle for what little bit I could see of his Ruby Crown.

Ruby Crowned Kinglets are migrators to our area. These are short-distance migrants. They breed across far northern North America as well as the western mountains. Most migrate to the southern and southwestern United States and Mexico for the winter. For a bird flying from as far as Canada, this is a short distant migration. There are some species that cover tens of thousands of miles in their yearly migration, even crossing the Himalayan Mountains to get to their breeding grounds.

My Ruby Crowned Kinglet is the only one of his kind I have seen at my birdbaths. I have not seen the female. Hope he has a mate waiting for him somewhere in the spring so he can show off that brilliant tuft of feathers on the top of his head.

In the next column, I will highlight another unusual visitor I have had this winter—a Lincoln's Sparrow, also just one of his kind at my birdbaths.

COMMITTEE from 1

A homeowner can also run for the Board by submitting a petition of 43 authenticated signatures, only one signature per lot, 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee oversees the process that begins with recruiting potential candidates, then interviewing them one-by-one, making certain each meets basic qualifications for BOD service. The committee has begun its work—which is not open to the public—by discussing the kinds of questions members want to ask to vet the candidates. No personal questions are permitted.

"We do not endorse candidates," explains Lansing. "We make sure that they meet basic legal qualifications. Are they bondable? Do they have any felony convictions against them? Are they presently engaged in any legal action against or by the Association? Have they served on a Village committee for at least six months or been an officer in a club?"

"Don't think of our work as a winnowing process," says Lansing. "We are doing our best to preclude resident apathy, attract good candidates, and give voters solid choices." The ballots go out May 20, the day after Candidates Night. The votes will be counted during LV's Annual Meeting on June 23.

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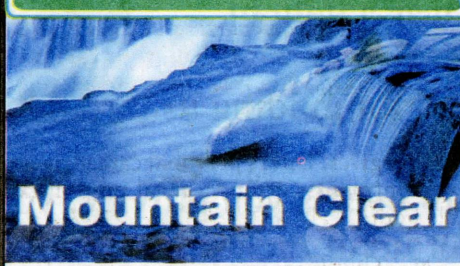
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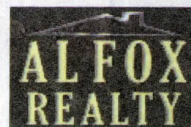


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