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## Sr. Care Facility **Next To Village**

**By Lois Atz** 

Many villagers are interested in the proposed development of the land parcel on Santa Rosa Rd., which is adjacent to R-N market and LV. Pardee Construction Co. is the present owner of the land and recently proposed building 2-story apartment buildings there.

The Camarillo City Master Plan shows this parcel to be zoned for commercial use. For multiple residential use, the parcel would have to be rezoned, which would be a tough battle.

When Pardee's plans to move on developing the land became public recently, Inside Leisure Village asked residents to contact Pardee's local office to give them their reactions and suggestions.

One resident wants a really nice restaurant built there, keeping the land commercially zoned. However, one longtime business owner in Santa Rosa Plaza claims that when Leisure Technology sold the property to Pardee years ago, it placed a title restriction on the deed. Santa Rosa Plaza is commercially developed, but all tenants must close by 10:00 p.m. every night. This title restriction undoubtedly was aimed at keeping the area quiet at night so villagers would not be disturbed. Over the years several prospective market tenants have rejected this location because they wished to remain open until midnight. No big restaurant with a full bar would build on the other parcel if they must close by See CARE.....Pg. 6

### **Board Of Directors Announces New Committee Heads**

With the establishment of one new committee, the LVA Board announces appointment of committee chair-persons for the 1997-1998 committee year. The new group, to be known as the "Red Stake/Landscape" Committee, will be charged with the responsibility of controlling the "Red Stake" planter areas around the dwellings. Lida Geddes, V.32, has agreed to lead this committee. The Committees and their Chairpersons are as follows:

Architecture **Building & Grounds** Channel 12 **Education & Recreation Emergency Services** Finance Ombudsman Panel Plumbing Maintenance Purchase Research Red Stake/Landscape Safety & Security

Mannie Abbate Bill Himstreet Art Kaufman Milt Mankoff Duane Waln Jim Nichols Robbie Karlin Vern Tyler Vern Kiep Lida Geddes Gloria Page

### "H.M.S. Pinafore" A Treat For Villagers

By Betty Murray

"H.M.S. Pinafore" had a one-night stand in Leisure Village on August 10. This Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, a Comedy Tonight Production, came through the influence of Jackie and Bernie Solway, V.33, who are board members of that group. The musical comedy was professionally precise, a complete package of scenery, costumes, live musical accompaniment, fine voices, flawless delivery, excellent direction, and was pleasingly light-hearted. Players Guild technical staff assisted in sound and lighting services.

The surprising facet of this production is that all the performers and production staff are volunteers, like members of the Players Guild in Leisure Village. The money derived from tickets all goes to pay production costs. Nobody gets paid.

Jackie Solway, speaking of the enthusiastic reception in L.V., said that future productions may also be offered to the L.V. audience sometime in 1998.



Photo by VicFledge Some of "Pinafore" cast.

### Senior Nutrition Class

**By Lillian Hawthorne** 

Healthy Nutrition for Seniors will be presented in Leisure Village in September. The class will meet in



Giovanni Mannarion **Nutrition Class Instructor** 

the Village Room on two A two-session course on consecutive Wednesday mornings, from 10:00 -11:00 a.m., on September 17 and 24. Each session will consist of a lecture and discussion; there is no fee for the course.

The classes will be taught by Mr. Giovanni Mannarino who is a Registered Dietician and Certified Health Educator. One class will deal with "Healthy Aging: Breaking the Myth of Degeneration"; the other will deal with "Nutrition and Longevity: the Vitamin and Mineral Connection".

All Leisure Village residents are invited. Since attendance is limited, please sign up on the registration sheet in the Recreation Office to be assured of

space.

### **Memory Testing Program Ready To Start**

Approximately 700 vil- the testing which will be lagers have already signed up for the memory research project, under the guidance of Your Neighbors Care Group. The goal is to have 1000 volunteers, according to Dr. Michael McGuire, director of the program.

YNCG acknowledges the cooperation of the Emergency Communication Center, the Emergency Services Committee, and the Camera Club who have agreed to permit their Village rooms to be used for

Monday, September 15 Free Blood Pressure Clinic From 7 - 8 P.M. In The A.R. A service provided by **Your Neighbors Care Group** 

for several ongoing months.

Testing should start by September 1 by appointment. To volunteer, please call Sonia Brink at 484-2387.

**Fall Sewing Classes** By Celia Gordon

Fall sewing classes under the Oxnard Adult Education program will begin September 3 in the Leisure Village Sewing room. Please register the first day of class as listed below: Wednesday, Sept. 3, 9 a.m. to Noon; Thursday, Sept. 4, 9 a.m. to Noon; Thursday, Sept. 4, 1 to 4:00 p.m.

The semester fee is \$3.00 and the instructor is long-time friend Mrs. Thelma McHenry. Please bring a project to the first

# Inside LEISURE VILLAGE

### OPINION

### **Most Valuable Citizens**

A lot of the charm of Leisure Village comes from the cooperation that villagers give to one another and to Leisure Village itself. It is practical to have competent paid employees doing the every day chores that are necessary to keep us functioning. However, to give direction to those employees, the owners have to make decisions about how we wish to proceed.

That is where the volunteers function. Various aspects of life in the Village have been divided into categories and each is headed by a committee devoted just to that function. The names of the committees are self-explanatory for the most part:

Architectural, Building and Grounds, Channel 12, Education and Recreation, Emergency Services, Finance, Plumbing Maintenance, Purchase Research, Safety and Security, Landscape, and Travel Committees reflect just about all the Village's physical properties and the villagers' activities.

September is enrollment time for all the committees. Well established residents place their names and applications in the running for the committees almost automatically, and it is hoped that newer homeowners have seen the picture and have offered to assist in one or more committees of their choice by the time this article is published. That is the point!

The voluntary work that our residents perform remains about the most important and valuable contribution to the smooth functioning of the community as a whole.

Our General Manager and Department Heads are all capable people who perform their tasks skillfully and cheerfully -- just to please us. But the intelligence and experience of hundreds of villagers help direct that skill to accomplish what we desire in our community through the committees and then through the Board of Directors.

Join a committee and join the ranks of most valued citizens of Leisure Village.

### Seating Improvements Are Sorely Needed

Seating arrangements for the guest appearance of the "H.M.S. Pinafore" production in mid-August pointed up the need for improved seating arrangements in the Assembly Room.

More than 300 people were seated closely together in a reserved seat format. Many short people seated in the back half of the room could not see the stage at all, or had

a severely limited view.

The situation has been complained about at various times for a number of years. Since people in the Village are working to bring "Headline" performers, as well as the fine Village productions which are presented, it would be appropriate to study the situation to make sure a performance can be equally enjoyed by every ticket holder.

### **ABOUT NEXT MONTH**

Coordinator for the next month will be Betty Murray. Please follow guidelines and be as brief as you can. Deadline for the September 26 issue will be Monday, September 8, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. To arrange for a photographer, call coordinator at least 3 days in advance. Do not call photographer.

### RESIDENTS' OPINONS

#### Letters

ILV has obligated itself to publish letters to the editors that are not profane or libelous. Views or statements expressed are the beliefs of the writer and are not necessarily supported by the staff of ILV. Letters must include signature, address, and telephone number. Please limit letters to 250 words. We reserve the right to edit and/or condense. Place in ILV box or give to Coordinator of the month, as listed on page 2.

#### **Garden Plots**

As a paid up member of the Farmers Club and a plot holder, I have been told by a dozen people the difficulty of getting a garden plot.

The reason for the apparent shortage is because a number of people have more than one plot.

One person, we are told, has at least three plots including one in the name of a dead man.

Bill Berman, V.7

I wish to thank all the many Leisure Village friends and neighbors who sent get well wishes while I was in the hospital for surgery.

Bernice Brabander, V.6

Thank you dear friends and neighbors for all of your calls, cards, plants, and visits to the hospital, goodies,

This has helped me recover from my recent surgery. God bless you all.

Mardy Fanta and family, V.41

I want to thank the kind people who took the time to send cards, tributes. goodies, and came to visit me after my surgery.

I am doing well and expect to be out and around among you before too long.

Thanks again - God bless.

Selma Lewis, V.24

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors in the Village for their condolences and thoughtfulness following the recent death of my mother. Thank you for caring

Rita Cooperman, V.7

The Family of Rudolf Regen wants to thank each and everyone of you for the love and friendship you have expressed during his illness and subsequent passing. He loved living in Leisure Village and was an active participant in many of its committees.

Annelies Regen V.42 Nancy Galante (daughter) and Families.

My dear loving friends and neighbors, a simple thanks cannot express my gratitude for all the love you showed for Bob and me. You have reached my heart and lessened my pain with your caring and continuous support. Thanks.

Dia Chass, V.31

**Tribute To Marguerite** 

Marguerite Abdelnour, lost to L.V. in July, was lovingly remembered in a tribute written by her daughters. Unfortunately, no names or telephone numbers nor any way of confirming facts was included with the letter, hence ILV cannot print it, in accordance with our stated "rules."

We are sorry Camille, Jeanne, and Carole. All Leisure Village knows the kind of active, generous person your mother was, and she will be missed, perhaps more than even her children may know.

### Robert L. Chass

The Village lost a leader when Bob Chass succumbed to cancer in July after a long illness. He and wife Dia lived in V.31. Bob served a two-year term on the LVA Board of Directors 1985-87. He then moved on to work as chairman of the Village Travel Committee for 12 years.

Before retirement he was an engineer working on smog control. He was a graduate of Carnegie

I.L.V. Photographer Retires



Max Klapperman

Max Klapperman, V.34 who has been the good natured and willing photographer for Inside Leisure Village for several years, has decided to retire-again. He has been much appreciated for his participation in producing illustrations for the paper, and cooperating with Staff even on last-minute requests. Max will continue to take pictures of trips, friends, and family, but gives up his association with "the press.

Vic Fledge, V.7 makes his inaugural appearance in ILV as reporter and photographer in this issue. Watch for his work, he's got a nose for news.

#### **INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE**

Editorial Staff: Lois Atz and Betty Murray

Coordinator for this month: Betty Murray

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Connie & Ralph Kremnitzer

Anniversary Party

Recently, we marked our 55th wedding anniversary, and though we have no family with whom to share important events, we found that living in Leisure Village is a dream come true.

Gudi Amerikaner of V.17 coordinated an afternoon of celebration, together with Susan Rockwell, Mgr. of the Rec. Ctr. and her able staff, and a number of wonderful residents to assist her.

Since we were not allowed to help in any way, we did not know what to expect, but we were overwhelmed by the

number of people who attended, the cards and tributes we received, and most of all the warmth and sincerity displayed by everyone.

Jules Nayfack was Master of ceremony for the afternoon, performing as only he can do, the food and drink were outstanding, and all in all we had a celebration with our "extended family" which we can never forget.

We want to express our wholehearted THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL. We owe so much to so many!

Connie & Ralph Kremnitzer



By Mildred Cherin

Meet Your Neighbor Group meets in the Garden Room the last Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Hildi Taylor is chairman of the group.

In July, Jack Whalen spoke about the Inside Leisure Village paper in which he writes the column for Channel 12. Jack said that Channel 12 is on the air twenty-four hours a day. He introduced the cameramen for Channel 12, Bob Vanderhaven and George Huddleston, who were taping the meeting. There are ninety-five clubs in Leisure Village, and volunteering expresses the whole spirit of Leisure Village.

Irv Goodnick spoke about the Players Guild which meets every third Thursday of the month and is followed by a workshop stage presentation.

A report was made by Jules Nayfack on the Chorale, Keyboard Club and the Sing-a-Long.



Beulah Lester formerly V.23

Robert L. Chass V.31

William M. Buchbinder formerly V.42

Bernard Chuntz V.25

Nina Krakover V.40

John Chapman V.13

Rudolph Regen V.42

Jean Blauer V.38

Wanda Saari Dennis V.25

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### **Irwin Porges - Man Of Letters**

By Herman Waltzer

The life of Irwin Porges, V.13, belies George Bernard Shaw's acerbic one-liner "Those that can, do: those that can't, teach".

Irwin started writing seriously as a child in his native Chicago area. Before, during, and following his professional teaching career, he has written many published magazine articles and books. Among his many published works, he considers as his "Magnum Opus" the biography of Edgar Rice Burroughs, best known as the creator of the Tarzan series. According to Irwin, this volume is regarded as the definitive work on Burroughs life and accomplishments. His spouse, Cele, helped greatly by doing an enormous amount of research at the Burroughs family warehouse which contained Burroughs manuscripts and memorabilia. This was done

over a period of several



Photo by Klapperman

Cele and Irwin Porges

Another notable book authored by Irwin was a biography of Edgar Allen Poe,

Magazine and science fiction stories in other magazines are among his other literary accomplishments. He and Cele lived in Europe for also co-wrote the script for the television show "Sunset Strip" with his brother, Arthur Porges, who is a well known author in the science fiction

Irwin's career as professional educator started after serving four years overseas in the Air Force as a control tower operator. After earning a Bachelor's degree, he began teaching at the elementary school level. Subsequently, he taught journalism and creative writing in a San Fernando Valley high school. During this time he also ob-

of Cele's extensive research and completed course work mainly in the awesome toward a Ph.D. He gives as stacks of the UCLA Library. a reason for not completing His other published books his Ph.D. dissertation that he include one dealing with vio- "was too busy doing (profeslence in America (one of the sional) writing". Eventually, first on this subject) and an- he was appointed to the Enother on sea stories. Mystery glish Department staff at stories published in the Valley College where he Alfred Hitchcock Mystery taught Creative Writing. He retired from the college after. fourteen years.

> After his retirement, Irwin six years where they resided in Portugal (a nice location

also produced with the help tained a Master's degree for writers, according to Irwin), Spain, Southern France, Italy, and England. A highlight of their European travels has been the Isle of Capri which they have visited at least a dozen times until 1988. Irwin fell in love with Capri's idylic setting when he was sent there for R and R during military ser-

Prior to military service, Irwin had been active in the music field, both classical

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and popular. Here in Leisure Village he has demonstrated his talent many times in Keyboard Club monthly recitals. Club members who have heard Irwin play piano with Bill Marvel on the keyboard, classify hearing their duets as a great experience. These "jam sessions" are really enjoyed by their audiences.

Irwin has also conducted a Village class in all types of creative writing which was unfortunately discontinued due to lack of participants. He is willing to form a new group if enough Village interest is

Some personal data: The Porgeses have resided in the Village for more than six years. They have one son, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren, none of whom are writers. The walls of their home are adorned with abstract paintings by Cele, reminiscent of exhibits in New York's Museum of Modern Art. They also have an antique piano for their pleasure.

In addition to his achievements prior to moving here, Irwin Porges is a good example of a resident who has contributed to the intellectual and entertainment activities in Leisure Village.

**High Water Pressure** The Silent, Invisible Danger



Photo by Vic Fledge

Vern Tyler (rt.) and Ken Rudnick check pressure on a water line.

By Vic Fledge

Now that Vern Tyler and his Plumbing Maintenance Committee crews are checking water pressure valves throughout the villages, it is a good time to do some preventive maintenance in order to reduce costs of possible repairs.

High water pressure can cause leaks in the washing machine, toilets, sinks, wash basins, and the resulting flood damage to carpets, linoleum and furniture could be expensive to repair. A simple solution for avoiding this danger is to install a water pressure release valve which opens the plumbing volunteers.

when the pressure exceeds 75 lbs. psi. Water is then directed to an outside area where it can do no harm.

All Village homes are equipped with water pressure regulators; however these may become ineffective after a few years allowing the water pressure inside the house to rise to dangerous levels. All home owners who so far have not done so, are advised to purchase a relief valve through the Administration Office. Cost is \$10.86. Arrangements will then be made to have it installed free of charge by

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By Eileen Cohen

Summer is half over, and it's nice to curl up with a good book in air conditioned coolness. There are many new books in all popular categories in the Library.

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books have come home so more people can enjoy those.

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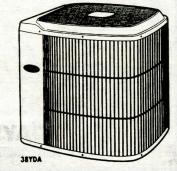
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65th Wedding **Anniversary** By Dorthy Ball

With 65 years of wonderful togetherness behind them, Rose and Myer (Mike) Ball spent a weekend at the Beverly Wilshire in a family celebration.

They both say that their wedding day in Detroit, Michigan, on August 2, 1932, seems like yesterday. Bringing up a son and a daughter, and watching the growing-up of five grandchildren and a great-grandchild added to the joy of their daily lives. That the family all live in the Los Angeles area and frequent contact is easy, is like icing on the cake of family



Photo by Vic Fledge

#### Rose and Mike Ball

relationships

Although they lived in Detroit for many years, Rose and Mike moved to Chicago, Illinois, where Mike continued working in the ladies apparel business After retirement they

moved into Village 20 in January, 1978 and joined the early residents who felt Leisure Village was HOME. Both took advantage of the many activities available in the Village, and enjoyed playing golf, bocce

ball and shuffleboard

They traveled extensively, visiting such exotic places as Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Israel, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Being active members of organizations was a pleasant way to enjoy each day. It made them feel that their time was being spent profitably, both in personal gratification and in knowing that they were helping to service others who were less fortunate.

Mike is a charter member of B'nai B'rith and was the first president of the

Deliverance Chapter of ARMDI which is equivalent to the American Red Cross. and provides ambulances for Israel.

Rose has been an active member of Hadassah, Jewish Women International and Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation and Training). Together they were active members of the City of Hope.

Family and friends wish Rose and Mike continued health, happiness and more anniversaries together.

CARE.....from Pg. 6 10:00 p.m. every night.

Some villagers wrote to Pardee to suggest the construction of a senior care facility. This is currently in the talking stage. The Marriott Hotel chain is in negotiations with Pardee about the possible development of such a major building, with a dining room, housekeeping services and assisted living features.

What about the zoning? Pardee spokesman John Osgood states that a Con- carry events as they come

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ditional Use Permit from the Camarillo City Planning Commission would be needed. Pardee plans to apply for such a permit in October or November of this year. Public hearings on the Conditional Use Permit would then be held, probably in January. Marriott's deal with Pardee would be contingent on getting such a permit from the Planning Commission and approval by the City Coun-

The Camarillo Star will

up and Inside Leisure Village will continue to monitor the proceedings. Pardee has promised to keep the LVA Board of Directors informed of developments.

Letters to Pardee from the Village opposed the building of apartments next to the Village. Residents who favor the senior care facility option can lobby for that by contacting the Camarillo City Planning Commission and City Council members.

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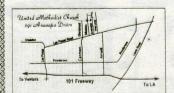
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### What You Should Know Before You Hire A Contractor

#### By Emanuel F. Abbate, Chairman Of LVA Architectural Committee

The State of California Department of Consumer Affairs has a brochure prepared by the Contractors State License Board that is a very informative source of important information. Every homeowner contemplating having construction work done to his home should take the time to call the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) and ask for a copy of this booklet. The office is located at 1787 Mesa Verde Ave. #110 in Ventura. The phone number is (805) 654-4515.

This brochure clearly states many of the things the Architectural Committee has been telling you and those cautionary warnings that others in the Village have been bringing to your attention. The good part about having this brochure available is that it contains most all of the information one needs to know in one document. It gives advice on the steps one should take to select a reputable and qualified contractor; how to negotiate a clear contract, how to prevent disputes with contractors, and how to resolve disputes when they

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of doing some homework **be- fore** you sign an agreement with a contractor. It tells about the licensing requirements for contractors and questions you should ask. You will learn about your rights and the contractors' obligations to you.

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b) When you decide to become an "owner/ builder" because you were told you can save money that way, you may be making a big mistake. As an owner/ builder **YOU**, not the person you hire to do the work, assume responsibility for the overall job. This may include such things as State and Federal taxes, worker's compensation and other legal liabilities. Unless you are very experienced in construction

of doing some homework **be-** matters, it is best to leave **fore** you sign an agreement these to a contractor.

(c) Some warning signs of possible trouble ahead are:

1) You can't verify the contractor's credentials;

2) You are promised a lower price if you let the contractor use your home for advertising purposes;

3) The price is good only if you sign up today;

4) You are unable to verify that the contractor is licensed, insured, and/ or bonded, when required;

5) You are asked to pay for the job in advance or you are asked to pay in cash.

This is just a sample of the information you can obtain from this booklet. I strongly recommend you call for a copy even if you are not ready to negotiate for Home improvements now. You will be better prepared when you decide to do so.

The number again is (805) 654-4515.

# Birthday Blues By Sonia Brink

Each year your birthday makes you blue and when the years add up to zero, you think:" Oh God, this can't be true." Relax and take it like a hero. You have maturity and wisdom now instead of all the foolishness of youth. You have the knowledge and the know how. So celebrate and let your life run smooth.



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L.V. RACQUET **CLUB** 

By Ida Kubica

The July Racquet Club meeting was opened with a tribute to Al Feldman for his heroic feat rescuing a potential drowning victim at the pool. Al was not present to receive the 'prestigious' award, two rolls of lifesavers. The Club is proud of you, Al.

The July 3 paddle tournament was won by Al Zelmon, Bob Kumler, Al Simon, Mike Shapiro and a tie between Shirley Law and Betty Stallman. Paddle tennis lessons will resume in late September or early October. Watch the bulletin board.

Karaoke anyone? Sing along: all can do that. November 1 is the date in the AR. Steve Luke, a professional MC will guide

Casual dress, casual food will be in order and this is better than watching the tube. Dance music will also prevail.

Watch this space for more details, and mark calendars now.

Mystery Guest Les Solomon gave us a peek into his past. Born into a wealthy Chicago family, the depression forced them to seek a new life. In 1931. parents, Les and brother Aaron, took off for California in a Hupmobile touring car. Knowing the limitations of that car, it was a heroic three week accomplishment. An occasional hotel and the generous farm families helped them along the way, at a nominal fee.

Settling in what is now known as the Fairfax community, Les and his brother went to Fairfax High School, where Les learned to play tennis. Following

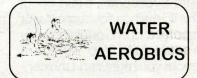
groups, duets or singles. that, he worked at McDonnell Douglas until. the end of WW II. Real Estate was his next career. Les joined the sales force at the opening of Leisure Village in 1973. There he met and married Ann. Tennis once again claimed toppriority winning with Les numerous tournaments, as the trophy plaques in the AR fover will attest.

It's time for another view and style of writing. The Racquet Club publicity position for 1998 is open for any aspiring writer or computer buff. Call Ida at 388-0628.

September 10 is the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR.

"It's not what people call you that matters, it's what you answer to that counts.'

> Please attend next LVA Board Meeting Tuesday, September 2 10:00 a.m. Assembly Room



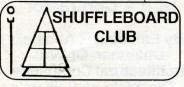
### By Bernice Knebel

August 29 marked the day of Water Aerobics' annual gala honoring Marie Hergenroeder, leader for some twelve years and Ruth Resnik, her assistant.

The audience was enchanted by Chinese Folk Dancers, Margaret Hin and Kristina Hin. Moods soared to the music of Maxine Hollingsworth at the organ.

The lavish luncheon met the tastes of everyone, and included four kinds of meat, fou lainds of cheese, tuna, chicken, pasta and potato salads and a dessert of fruit ambrosia topped with real whipped cream.

Members never had it so good. You should have been there!



By Virginia Shine

The Shuffleboard Club held its annual picnic on August 5 in the Pavilion. Members and guests enjoyed delicious chicken, potato salad, fruit salad and dessert. Cakes were provided by some of the members, and there was a drawing for doorprizes. After the picnic, those who wished to do so stayed to play shuffleboard.

The Shuffleboard Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Regularly scheduled play is Monday at 9:45 a.m. and Tuesday

at 9:30 a.m.

I was really too honest a man to be a politician and live.

Socrates

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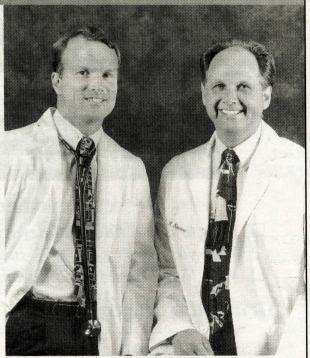
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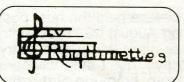
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By Jeanette Ventura

The Rhythmette Club members had a wonderful get-to-gether on August 19 at the annual picnic held in the Pavilion. It was attended by more than 40 members and guests. Entertainment was by the "Goldenairs" with their beautiful harmonizing of the golden oldies. It was a pleasure to have them and they were greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Good food, soft drinks, coffee and dessert were served and as a surprise, a large birthday cake was brought in and everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' to all celebrating a birthday in August, especially Bessie Zimmerman who is 95

2 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the AR, the music sessions will start and new members are welcome to come

and join.



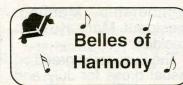
Liedeleers

By Selma Lich

The Liedeleers singing group and its leader do not pretend to parallel the level of musicianship of the Roger Wagner Chorale or the master classes of the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara where they are coached

this summer by celebrities like opera diva Marilyn Horne and pianist Jerome Lowenthal. However, the pleasure of creating its own music is not diminished by its less than professional accomplishments. Music, like water, seeks its own level, and like water, is life sustaining.

To prove it is so, please come on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the call Selma at 484-8129.



By Billie Pachter

Now is the time! Join the Belles of Harmony on Wednesday morning, September 3 at 10:00 a.m. in years "young". the Lanai Hoom. it will be a happy gathering of first sonrang second soprang soprano, second soprano and alto voices to sound out their tunes in harmony.

Music director, Dr. Lois Bello, is offering to help newcomers on one-to-one basis to reach their highest refinement of tone, even achieving a no-

Lanai Room. All are warmly received to visit and/or to sing songs of this and other lands, golden oldies as well as new releases, accompanied by keyboard, viola and tambourine.

For information, please

INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE - The Camarillo Star, August 29, 1997-page 9 table appreciation of "a by the loss of Margu cappella" style, the purest Abdelnour who so fen type of choral music. Her chief concern is to give pleasure to the performers without too much thought of audience. Esther Kuebler, piano accompanist, is always ready and able to translate the lyric images of the written sheet into musical ones on the piano to fortify the composition.

The group is saddened .987-2354.

by the loss of Marguerite Abdelnour who so fervently introduced songs and scenarios of Christmas music in past years. Her willingness to provide costumes for the Belles to help depict the charm of the folk songs' choral harmonies was gratefully received.

For further information, please call Elaine Shainhouse, president, at

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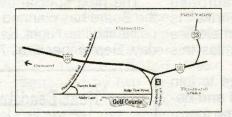
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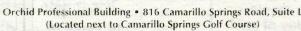
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LV ROUND DANCE

By Georgia Schneider

The LV Round Dance Club continues to dance every Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Bill Burrier is the cuer and teacher on the first and third Sundays of each month. The repertoire continues to expand.

A beginners class is being formed as of September 17. Call Bob Vanicek at 389-1404 if interested in

joining.

# DANCE WORKSHOP

By Ann Kushner

LV Dance Workshop meets every Tuesday in the AR at 3:00 p.m. for country line dancing. New dances are taught and old ones reviewed. Come and join for fun and exercise.

Dance Workshop had a picnic on Tuesday, August 26, following the usual dance class.

### Parkinsons Support Group

By Harry Kaplan

The Parkinsons Support Group meets on the second Friday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. The next meeting will be on September 12. There was no meeting in

August.

How do support groups work? They are friends who help you realize that you are not alone in this world. It is a place to learn to live with Parkinson's and with the amelioration that support brings. You can find talk, laughter and constructive exchange of experiences.

Members also learn what is new in research of pertinent medication and surgery. Patients and caregivers are invited to attend and share.



By George Nolte

The Village Swingers' Square dance club celebrated "Independence Day" by wearing red, white and blue. Bill Kramer contributed to the evening with some patriotic calls. Pride in our country was felt by all.

At the second meeting of the month, line dancing was interspersed with rounds and squares. Mary Kovach led the line dances.

The Executive Board didn't meet this month. However, on the third Tuesday, dancing and refreshments were followed by the regular monthly General

Membership Meeting. President Mary Kovach presided.

The Swingers agreed on casual dress for July and August. With the rise in temperature, no one had to be reminded that the order of dress was "tees" and shorts.

In the absence of Bill Kramer, who was not scheduled to call on the fifth Tuesday of the month, Norm Fuller provided tapes for both the rounds and squares. This was not a big change since the tapes were Bill Kramer recordings

The Village Swingers meet every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the AR. Refreshments are served.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLUB

By Marilyn Goodman

The International Folk Dance Club held its general meeting on August 6 in the AR. Discussion centered around the luncheon party to be held on September 15. This has always offered good food, good dancing and camaraderie. Each

member may invite one quest.

Regular dancing takes place each Monday at 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mae Sheff instructing. On Wednesday and Friday the group meets at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with Virginia Calihan teaching. All dancing is in the AR.

Join the group at the luncheon and dance along with new friends. You will

enjoy it.



By Irv Goodnick

How many people realize the effort it takes for the Players Guild Program Director to arrange a Workshop Program every month? It requires finding an individual who will not only plan the program for the month but who will guide in selecting a director, and who will arrange for sound, lighting and rehearsal time. So, let's hear it for Bob Freedman, who is always there to help volunteers to do a program.

Members learned a lot about neighbors' personal lives during the "Not-So-Newlywed Game" at the July 21 meeting. There were some good laughs as spouses discovered family secrets. A good job was done by producer Lorraine Kaplan.

The September 18 program should be great fun. It will go back to the '40s with the Hit Parade and those fabulous, unforget-table songs. The star cast of singers includes Ginny Naspo, Sally Yale and Harold Brodsky, who also produces the show. Look for some other surprise guests. "Lucky Strike" is long gone but the melodies linger on. Don't miss this upbeat show.

Now is the time to join the Players Guild and become a dues paying member. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the



SATURDAY NIGHT BALLROOM DANCE

By Anne Janoff

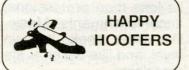
On September 13, "Y, all come on down" for the Saturday Night Ballroom Dance annual "Western" night with 'trail-boss' Marty Beckel in charge at the corral. This is always a fun evening and an opportunity for cowboys and gals, to don their "Out West" outfits in keeping with the theme. The usual casual attire is always appropriate, if preferred. The next dance will be on September 27 when Henry Carfagna will host.

On August 9, the dance was hosted by Reva and Eddie Saeta. Yale and Ella

Lewine held the host post on August 23. These late summer warm and sultry days don't stop villagers from enjoying Saturday Night Ballroom dances. The evenings provide lots of good dance music recorded on tape, as well as pleasant socializing with friends.

Dancing from 8:00-11:00 p.m. in the A.R., only fifty-cents per person, usual refreshments. BYOB. All are welcome, including visiting guests. Come and share an enjoyable evening with all the neighbors.

Mark the dates on your calendar and watch Ch 12 for additional details. Hosting dances can be fun too. Just call Ginny Dunnion 484-1238 for details.



By Shirley Law

The Happy Hoofers have finalized plans to go to Palm Springs on December 5 and 6 for an overnight trip that includes seeing the "Palm Springs Follies".

The group also plans a potluck on October 23 for dancers, associate members and guests. The Hoofers will also perform some of their repertoire of tap numbers at the potluck.

If anyone has some

background in tapping and would like to join the group, call Ida Zeller at 484-9882 or Helen Gold at 987-2494. Prospective members will be notified when a new dance routine is to be taught since that would be an appropriate time to start. The tap class consists of twenty minutes of tap technique, twenty minutes on a new dance and twenty minutes reviewing old numbers.

The exercise is terrific because it stimulates the body and mind. The club is interested in new members, so please call.



DANCE FEVER NIGHT

By Joyce Turner

The Dance Fever Night group was elated over the kind response of villagers at the last two dances regarding the better selections of tapes being played.

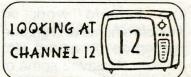
The next special event the Board has planned will be Neapolitan Night, Saturday, September 6 at 7:30 n m

Villagers, do not forget to submit names of guests, anniversaries and birthdays to one of the Board members so that the names can be announced during the break.

Continue watching Channel 12 for any new developments in the Dance Fever Night program.

Refreshments are served during the evening. BYOB.

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To Publish On September 26



By Jack Whalen

Often overlooked by many are the volunteer "programmers" of Channel 12. They are the folks who revise the "pages" of club meetings, special events. etc. that have to be added, deleted or changed.

"There is quite a team and some of them have been doing it for a long time."

Every Moday morning, about 9:00 a.m. June Hirsh of Village 4 will be working the computer. On Tuesdays Village 17's Ben Perry is in the studio for his stint.

Paul Kelwin V.32 is on the job on Wednesdays Jerry Orth tied for low gross and he as well as others, at 58, with Charlie Basile also fill in on other Channel 12 duties. Dependable Jerry Schneider of Village 42 does the chores on Thursday morning.

Fridays Josi (Cuffari) Markey is on the keys, she being a Village 23 resident. On Saturday, Gil Cooperman of V.7 is on duty. He is also thinking about doing some camera work.

There is also a "watchdog" checking for errors. From her home in Village 42. Connie Kremnitzer scans her TV several times daily and if spelling, dates or anything else seem to be in error, she's on the phone to have the correction(s) made

Overseeing the operation is Channel 12 chairman, Art Kaufman of V.1, who is available at all times for emergency calls, but also spends time on Sunday reviewing the weekly operations and planning the coming week's events.

Thus, when you see an item of interest on Channel 12, know that one of the individuals named above, helped contribute to making the message possible.



By Dick Hof

L.V. Men's regulation golf at Olivas Park on July 9 saw Jerry Orth in A Flight at a low gross 89. Harvey Shirk and Ben Kuroki came in at 88 and 91 respectively for first and second low net. In B Flight, Charlie Basile garnered low gross with a 94. First low net George Kroll 68, and Ray Milewsky second low net 70. Roy Zhe captured low gross in C Flight at 106. Ben Goldberg found first low net with his 66. and Hal Pedersen at second low net 70.

Month-end tournament on July 27 produced a holein-one on No. 4 by Fritz Betts. Congratulations! A Flight's Chuck Walter and



By Kay Murray

The R. V. Club is holding its annual picnic on Saturday, September 13 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the picnic area near the pavilion.

There will be a catered chicken meal which will insalsa, beans, and cole slaw. For dessert, ice cream cups and cookies will be served. Drinks will include coffee, soft drinks and beer.

Cost for the picnic is \$5.00 for R. V. Club members and \$6.00 for guests. For tickets or information call Bill at 987-1699, Gerry at 388-8867, or Art at 482-3374.

An R.V. outing to the Pismo Coast Village is scheduled for September 23-25, and is being co-sponsored by two Village families. The Trail bosses are Syl and Jackie Horwald together with Sandy and Gil Daugherty. For further information call 987-7832 or 388-8427.

low net 54. Paul Eberle found low gross in B Flight with his 64, and Tony Gregg came in for low net 50.

On 31. July Buenaventura's regulation tournament showed Jerry Johnson low gross in A Flight with 89. Jim Mason, Jerry Orth, and Willis Sanders tied for first low net at 68. In B Flight, Warren Stanfield shot an 89 to lead the field. First low net for George Kroll, 64, with Ray Milewski in at second low net with 65. C Flight's Stu McGuire fired a 104 to take low gross. Jay Praeger was alone at first low net at 68. For the first time ever there was a 5-way tie for second low net. At 71, were Messrs. Elrick, Zhe, Betts, Helmstead and Goldberg.



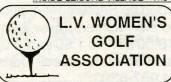
By Lillian Mankoff

The Leisure Village Exercise Group has been growing by leaps and bounds. Many new residents have joined the daily exercise program Monday through Friday, swelling the ranks to over 200 members. The group is pleased that so many people are recognizing the benefits of clude chicken, tortillas and the stretching, bending, cardiovascular fitness rou-

> The social activities planned by the Group are an added attraction. The unique annual Potluck Dinner will be held October 17 in the Assembly Room. Table games are a feature after the meal. Also planned is an exciting bus trip to the Reno-Tahoe area, leaving November 2 and returning on the 6th. There is a fantastic bargain rate of \$162.00 per person. Make your reservations now to guarantee your place.

> Join us for fun, friendship and good health every Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Pool Pavilion.

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By Marty Gregory

The Women's Golf Association is announcing its "Ringer" Tournament, scheduled for four consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 3 through 24. Co-chairpersons Dorothy and Praeger Millie Pedersen wish to remind members that the cost is \$2.00 over the regular \$1.00 fee. However, the cost is still \$1.00 a week for those who do not wish to play in the Ringer. The \$2.00 will be collected for the best 18 hole score of the rounds played. Prizes will be awarded for low gross over the field in flights for 18ers and 9ers. If there are questions, call Dorothy or Millie.

Regulation golf held July 17 at Elkins Ranch had winners in Flight A: Char Christensen 97; 1st Low Net, Teruko Nishazaki 71, 2nd, Carol Schneider 73; 3rd, Alda Kroll 75. Flight B: Shige Kuroki tied with lolene Beach for Low Gross with 105; 1st Low Net, Ginny Mettler-Cordell 65, 2nd, Mike Mancusi 75. Flight C: Low Gross. Cynthia Maier 106; 1st Low Net, Helen McGinnis 72; 2nd, Rose Abbate 78; 3rd, Nettie Baum 80.

End of the month game held on July 27 saw a small field of players. Perhaps it was summer doldrums, but the group hopes to see more out in August when the women host the 19th Hole Party and Bingo. Winners Flight A: Char Christensen 60, Fran Mead 63, Marge Rice 71; Flight B: Ruth Kent 81, Edith Dowsing 83, Betty Morgan 84, Marge Linden 87.

Low Net for the month of July: 9ers. Dee Alexander 34-13=21B; 18ers Fran Mead 63-14=49.

Now that summer is almost over, perhaps there will be more happy golfers out each week.



By Bernard Taylor

Bingo every Wednesday night has become a standard event in Village life. However, except for a few people, everyone wants to play, and getting people to call has been a losing battle. Requests have been made on numerous occasions, with little or no response. All like to play Bingo, and to win a few bucks is always a bonus.

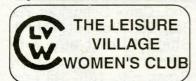
The volunteers who run the games, like Marion Tavano and Terri Sochacki, take money at the door, and those who bring out the cards and operational equipment receive little or no cooperation from the approximately 100 people who show up for the games. Volunteers have to start at 5:30 p.m. to be ready for the 6:30 start.

There are some who are to show the way.

unable to call due to health. vacations and other reasons, but there are others who could make the effort. Unless we get more volunteers to call the numbers. there may be a time when the games have to be cancelled. With just sixteen people to call regularly, and a few to stand by, a caller would have a turn only once every two months. This is not a hardship, and only requires calling numbers and letters of the alphabet.

Coffee is available free during the short break, and \$1.50 for three cards and \$1.00 for the paper games is not excessive. Bingo provides a diversion away from home for a few hours once a week.

Residents are here because of the amenities the Village has to offer in the facilities available. Please help, offer to call at Bingo. If you don't know what to do, someone will be happy



### By Felice Perkins

On August 7 President Genevieve Leventhal welcomed and thanked the large number in attendance for coming to the Women's Club in spite of the exceedingly warm weather. As usual, Pat Stanfield and her committee were at the door with smiles of welcome.

Dorothy Fencl, 2nd v.p., reminded everyone to mark their calendars for October 18, Leisure Village's Birthday and the Workshop's Annual Big Bazaar and Bake Sale. She again invited people to stop and visit the more than forty ladies who create all the lovely items that will be on sale. The Workshop meets Tuesday morning in the MPR.

Mary Kay Franey announced that the cost of See's candy certificates has increased to \$9.50, but this still is below store prices. She also announced that she has See's lollipops for sale at 25 cents each.

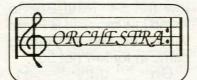
The Trading Post had another stellar day. Thanks are extended to all who shopped and browsed. A "mini" Trading Post will be open on September 4, prior to the Fashion Show, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For pick-up of items call Doris at 987-6393.

The afternoon's entertainment was provided by the Goldenaires quartet, one of whom is Ginny Naspo of V.8. They sang favorite classic golden oldies and a sprinkling of country-western songs. This was followed by refreshments served by Lillian Pisor's able commit-

First V.P., Piff DeSimone, announced that the Annual Fashion Show will be held at the next meeting, September 4. Draper's and Damon's located Camarillo will present the latest in fall fashions, as well as vacation and/or cruise wear. As in the past, fashions will be modeled by members of the L.V. Women's Club. Don't miss this event!

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Please attend next LVA Board Meeting Tuesday, September 2 10:00 a.m.

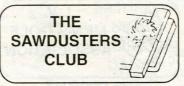


#### By Don Holmes

The Leisure Village Orchestra has been "dark" over the summer, but will resume practice on Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Room (aka to old timers as "Mens' Club Room"). The group will start with light material, and work into heavier stuff as the season progresses.

There have been no commitments made for rest home concerts although there have been some inquiries. Decisions will be made contingent upon the size of the orchestra. For you who have not played with us, these are little hour-long concerts that we put on for the various rest-homes, from Ventura to Thousand Oaks and points in between.

Concerts are no problem, since the same music can be used for all these hour-long concerts. The audience is usually non-critical. The orchestra does its best, sometimes under odd circumstances. but that's another story. Come play and hear the



### By Martin Alfred

The Sawdusters once again received an insight into the many unique hobbies and exceptional talents of fellow villagers. At last month's meeting, Robbie Karlin showed a video of his artistic work with plastics, producing such things as model boats, and lamps. Al Pachter did the camera work at Robbie's home and garage workshop. After the film Robbie displayed some of his pieces and answered questions.

Dana Street, one of our ardent wood workers, displayed several unique flower pots and stands that he had made.

Do you have an artistic hobby? We would love to hear about it at our meeting, the third Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Lanai Room.





### **CERAMIC MOLD DECORATORS CLUB**

By Pepper Heimowitz

Newly elected President Isobelle Kelly opened the August meeting of the Ceramic Mold Decorators Club and thanked the club's past officers. She announced the following committee chairpersons for Wednesday 1997/98:. Sunshine, Velma Hughes; Historian, Mary Plant; Refreshments, Lillian Hintz; Telephone, Julia Giordano and Christine Sworski, Publicity, Pepper Heimowitz; and Firing, Deane McDaniel and Shirley Williams.

The members wish a speedy recovery to Evelyn Durham and are looking forward to the time she'll be among us.

Welcome new members Maggie Bragg, Helen Marcus and Judy Markel.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Ceramic Room.

Workshop is every between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Ceramic Room.

The holidays will soon be here. Why not stop by on workshop days and see what lovely gifts can be made to give to dear ones. It's lots of fun and costs a fraction of store prices.



THE CERAMIC **PLUS** CLUB

By Don Holmes

The Ceramic Plus Club had a Picnic-in-the-Park in place of the regular meeting in July. This was a potluck picnic, and everyone brought his special goodies. Anyone leaving one of these affairs hungry needs his head examined.

The club is preparing the display cabinet in the Ceramic Room to show articles created by members. Plans are being made for ceramic objects to be sold during the Women's Club Sale this fall.



**GEM AND** MINERAL CLUB

By Don Holmes

The Gem and Mineral Club is planning a picnic in September. The time and date have not been decided. Watch Channel 12 and the Lapidary Shop bulletin board for that informa-

New residents: This will be a good time to get acquainted with other club members. Call 482-4979 for more information.



By Dorothy Holcomb

The Spiritual Growth Group meets each Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. During the month of September meetings will be held at the home of Bella Smith, 6120 Village 6. All village women are wel-

The group will be starting a new series in Bible studies.

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### COMPUTER **CLUB**

By Hilda Serr

The Computer Club with Dick Travis presiding met August 1. Visitors were introduced and new members are: Vernon Brown, Dean Browne, Max Heller, Ann Marks, Madelyn McKean, Ray Milton, Jean Raymond, June and Ted Rose, and Barbara Simons. The club is growing!

Neil Iven gave an update on the proposed Computer

spoke about his company

which is an Internet pro-

L.V. Chorale

By Sally Yale

prospective members are

invited to come to the first

meeting and rehearsal for

Multi-Purpose Room, Mon-

day, September 8 at 12:30

p.m. New music will be

given out and a tape of the

last Spring show, which was

The meeting will be in the

the holiday show.

Chorale members and

Learning Center. Monier Abraham from EZ2 Network in Moorpark

vider. A representative will come to the home, install Internet software, provide a one year subscription for Internet service, and will also show how to set up a

Maggie Saling from "Future Advantage" which is a Computer Education Center, told of its one-on-one instruction for adults for a thorough knowledge of the operating environment. It also teaches applications such as word processing, databases, etc. Ms. Saling showed the inner workings of the CPU (Central Processing Unit) and "mother board.

The next meeting will be Friday, September 5. Watch

Channel 12 for details.

a sell-out, will be shown. Please bring a check for

\$35 for the yearly dues. Luckily, Dorothy Weiss will be the accompanist again this year and talented Marcine Jardine will be director.

The Chorale would like to welcome new singers, men as well as women.

Remember! Monday, September 8, at 12:30 p.m. in the MPR.

For more information call Sally at 482-2554.



By Joyce Turner

The Keyboard Club continues to plan special music for the enjoyment of villagers and friends. Jules Nayfack, president, always updates members regarding artists who will be performing in the near future.

The next meeting will be held September 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the AR. Come and enjoy an hour of listening pleasure.

Following the piano and organ performances there will be the popular sing-a-long.

Refreshments will be served.



By Georgia Schneider

The Leisure Village Garden Club will hold an Autumn Dessert and Game Party on September 26, 1997 in the AR. Tickets are available for \$7.50 each or a table of four for \$28.00. Plan a fun time to host a table for friends and fellow players.



SOLO CLUB

By June Few

Solo Club will have dinner at Coco's, 159 W. Ventura Blvd. On Thursday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. Order from either senior or regular menu. Senior cost is from \$4.89 to \$6.49. Regular is from \$6.99 to sembly Room

\$10.99. Separate checks.

For reservations call Cleo Cooney by September 9 at 482-8395.

The next bag/lunch business meeting will be on September 19 at 12:30 in the AR. Be sure to mark your calendars with these dates.

Remember LVA Board Meeting. **Tuesday**, September 2. 10:00 a.m. As-

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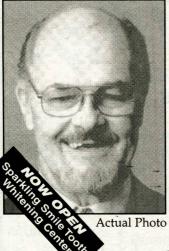
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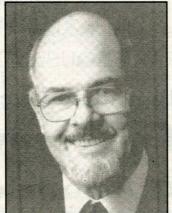
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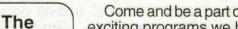
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Village **Painters** 

By Zelda Greentree

The new season is upon us and we are happy to announce that the first meeting of the Village Painters for this year will take place on Wednesday, September 3 at 1:00 p.m.in the M.P.R.

Come and be a part of the exciting programs we have planned for the coming year.

Also, starting in September, the new Pastel class will be given by villager Ruth Miller every Thursday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Sun Room. The first meeting is September 4th. This is a hands on painting class in Pastels, or you may bring your own type of paint.

### Villager Exhibits Art In Ventura

By Selma Lich

An exhibit in watercolor featuring originals and work studies by artist Doris Achterkirchen, V. 42, is on display at the Classic Carrot Cafe, 1967 E. Main St., Ventura.

Don't miss an opportunity to view the work of this INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE - The Camarillo Star, August 29, 1997-page 15

very gifted lady, yet antion will continue through other example of the rich September 30. For inforreservoir of talent in Lei- mation please sure Village. The exhibi- 643-0406 or 389-0704.

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# **Once Upon A Memory** Gold In 25 Words Or Less

By Jack Whalen

While working as a public relations writer for the Air Force in Washington, D.C. in the mid-50's, a friend. suggested that I visit the monthly meeting of the contest club. Puzzled, and having no idea what it was about, l'attended.

An interesting assortment of some 20 people, all ages, shared their wins, losses and many attempts to win awards in slogans, last lines, and "Why X brand is the best ever.'

I quickly learned it would take lots of homework, submitting lots of entries and subscribing to several publications that often gave good tips, plus occasional winning entries. To win, one had to go beyond the norm, make it different.

The first contest I entered was by a kidney beans company offering 300 pairs of tickets for the opening Redkins football game. Each entry had to be in a separate envelope and must contain two wrappers from cans of kidney beans. Do you think it was easy talking Mary into buying 50 cans of kidney beans? It Syracuse, N.Y. took impassioned pleading and she gave in. After all, I wanted to show the judges that, in 25 words or less, we wanted to win some tickets.

My game plan involved using the football theme in a different manner. One entry was formed like a goal post, another on the simulated goal line, another the shape of a football, another a helmet - you get the idea

Sixteen of the entries scored and we had 32 tickets for the opening game. With friends and neighbors, all 32 of us enjoyed the game plus a barbeque afterwards.

Now I was hooked and, oh yes, we had lots of kidney beans for months and

not release the winning entries. One reason is that other folks would say they sent in the same entry and somehow it was lost, etc.

Through different means we sometimes learned winners. A fountain pen company, in a slogan contest awarded top prize for the classic "Exactly right to write exactly." In a Dodge automobile safety contest, the winner was "Safety isn't measured by a broken rule.'

Much to our delight, the Lever Brothers Company sponsored a contest for Air Force members only. It was in four parts, with prizes each 30 days in a "Spot Cash" series for spotting different silhouettes of famous people and geographical areas. Mary's teaching skills proved we would win. The first month we won 3 prizes out of 15 entries, the second month Washington 26 winners out of 26, the third month, (the contest was getting very difficult) 2 out of 12 and the last month, 3 out of 15. While the prizes were modest, we did enjoy a summer vacation to Long Island and



The 1957 American Cancer Society offered \$25,000 for the best slogan. Three million entries were received, among them almost 1,000 with "Check cancer with a cancer check." Naturally, duplicates never win and the entry that won was truly great: "Arrest cancer -- it's wanted for murder.'

One learned that sometimes a very simple entry, perhaps on a theme, could win. The National Associa-Generally sponsors do tion Of Home Builders of-

fered a new 4-bedroom nighttime sight -- drivers home, anywhere in the U.S. for the best 25 words or less on why one should own a home. The winning entry, in exactly 25 words

"It may be large, it may be small, With many rooms or few, But when a fellow owns his home He's SHIP-SHAPE,

so's his CREW."

I was entering lots of contests, not doing too well. Then, just before Mother's Day, our local shopping center in Forest Heights, Md., offered an all-expense one-week vacation for the entire family to a resort in the Great Smokies. Only one entry per youngster was allowed on "My Mother

Our daughter Karen, with some suggestions from Dad, submitted her entry on a piece of white cardboard, in hand-printed letters, in assorted colors, My Mother is: "Loving tender, charming, gay, A LIVING SPIRIT -- every day."

That summer we had a gala vacation in the Great Smokies. Now it was son Kenneth's chance to win and as winter and snow arrived in the Nation's Capital, a local radio station wanted to know if you listened to it. Ken made a snowman, had the right arm upright, put the Boy Scout kerchief on it, while he stood behind with right arm raised and a sign that said "Scout's Honor, we listen to WWDC 1260KC." That novel photo enabled us to take a trip north during the summer months.

In early 1958 General Motors had an AIM TO LIVE contest in which you had to say in 10 words or less the importance of driving with caution at night, checking your headlight adjustment twice a year and dimming your lights.

There were but 116 prizes, all quite substantial, and estimates as to the number of entries ran from 2 to 5 million. I worked hard on this contest and two entries that many folks liked were: "Safety's brightest

dimming lights aimed right'! and "Experts adjust, but you alone, direct control your headlight zone." None of my 25 entries clicked, and we learned that the top prize, a new Cadillac, was won with "Budget your speed after dark. Live within your beams.'

With 6 years left before retirement, I was able to secure a transfer to Hollywood, working as a technimovie industry.

An Ed Sullivan Mercury contest with only 20 prizes was announced. The top winners would receive a new Mercury and the other 10 a transistor radio valued at over \$100. I really worked hard on this slogan contest and was rewarded with one of the 10 transistor radios. I have no idea which of my 3 dozen entries won, nor what won in the top 10 but still recall the cal advisor to the TV and See Once Upon.....Pg. 17

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In a 1957 Washington Sunday Star Magazine picure, Air Force Sgt. Jack Whalen gets the whole family in on contests. Left to right are Bruce, 7; Karen, 9 the sergeant and Kenneth, 11. Mary Whalen lends a hand, too.

Once Upon.....from Pg. 16 Whalen family came THAT close to a new car.

Along came a Benjamin Franklin "flying a kite" con-Ben out in the rain trying to kite.

Our daughter Karen, won a prize with: "Someday, even my children will tries it was one of these: "A

know that's Benjamin Franklin."

The top winner for youngsters took an every-day expression and test. A drawing showed stated it simply+ "The man who had too much sense attract electricity via his to come in out of the rain."

I won a fairly good prize in the mens' division and think of my two dozen enpositive answer to a negative age-old question" or "And the heavens revealed a great secret to Franklin."

The chap from Pasadena scored higher than I in this contest and we think it was his explosive "History's greatest charge account."

Best of all, one of our Valley members scored

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very high in her division. Remembering that Ben Franklin was a bit of a ladies' man and putting a bit of sex into it, coined the great phrase, "Women welcome his advances.'

When Hawaii was admitted as the 50th state a contest called for a slogan honoring Hawaii. Using a

piece of white cardboard. hand printed, with the US in red, white and blue, my winning entry was: "Pacific pleasure for US to treasure."

As the 50's turned into the 60's sponsors drifted away from offering prizes for words and we are simply left with memories.

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