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## IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

### Leisure Village Women's Club

By Iola T. Podewils

The Leisure Village Women's Club Luncheon was held on Thursday, January 6th, in the Assembly Room of the Recreation Center. Happy Hour started at 12 noon for 150 members followed by Luncheon (prepared by our gourmet chef, Margaret Wilson, and her able helpers). The menu: Baked ham with raisin sauce, fruit salad, green beans amandine, relishes, hot rolls and butter, coffee or tea, and for dessert, French pastries. After a brief business meeting, an impressive installation of officers was conducted by Ethel Beyer. Each outgoing officer presented a golden link to the incoming officer and informed her of her duties.

President: Dorothy Kelly to Helen Orr; 1st Vice-President: Grace Rogers to Annette Cline; 2nd Vice-President: Rosa Lee Howell to Eleanor Evans; Secretary: Iola Podewils to Elizabeth Preston; Treasurer: Myrtle Finley to Henrietta Perusse.



*DOROTHY KELLY hands the gavel to Helen Orr as she takes office as President for 1977.*

in honor of incoming President, Helen Orr. Two artistically arranged bouquets of yellow and white carnations decorated the tables of the officers. These were later presented to Dorothy Kelly and Helen Orr.

Highlight of the December meeting was a performance by the Children's Chorus of Simi Valley School, directed by President Valerie Sizemore. They presented a delightful program of Christmas and Hanukkah music and each child received a gift from Santa Claus. A pot-luck lunch and business meeting followed.

Membership in the Women's Club is open to residents of Leisure Village. Purpose of the club is to promote philanthropic projects and provide social activities. Most of the money needed for projects this past year was raised at the Bazaar held in October in conjunction with the Third Anniversary celebration of Leisure Technology of California. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 P.M. in the Assembly Room. Come join us ladies—we need you!

### Santa Visits CSH



*SANTA ARRIVED WITH A HO HO HO and a bag of goodies for everyone.*

#### Committee Chairmen:

Ways and Means: Margaret Wilson—not filled; Membership: Vera Peck to Dorothy Fencl; Hospitality: Bonnie Geitner to Doris Klock;

"An organization is only as strong as its weakest link" advised Ethel Beyer. She closed the ceremony with a prayer. Dorothy Kelly was presented a golden locket by Jean Meyer and Maggie Van Burkleo read two poems dedicated to the Women's Club. Former Presidents, Piff De Simone (1974) and Rosemarie Sweigart (1975) were introduced and both ladies spoke briefly about past activities of the Women's Club. Yellow table cloths, pale green paper (center piece) boats and matching individual boats (containing mints) provided a colorful setting for the luncheon. Boats (complete with "oars") were designed by Helen Nash



*VALERIE SIZEMORE LEADS her students in Christmas and Hanukkah music.*

Santa arrived with bells on, rosy cheeks and a bag full of goodies. The Women's Club has done it again.

Their annual Christmas party at Camarillo State Hospital was a smashing hit. The entourage included a caravan of 16 cars, 77 dozen cookies, 15 lbs. of fudge, 177 tote bags, a pianist for a sing-a-long, and of course, ole St. Nick.

The credit for the success of Santa's visit goes to Jean Meyer and Gracie Rogers for organizing the party within the club. Our ladies spent many "behind the scene" hours sewing, cutting, baking and planning for their party of good will and Christmas cheer. The Club used profits from the

Anniversary Bazaar to fund the event and stuff the tote bags. The contents included jewelry, magazines, books and toilet articles.

Camarillo State Hospital patients enjoyed singing carols accompanied on the piano by Bob Fitch, and they each had an opportunity to talk with Santa Claus, portrayed by our own Jack Gaffney. At the same time, it was obvious that Jack thoroughly enjoyed himself and was a natural as he so adeptly sparked Christmas spirit in each one.

The patients were cheerful and lighthearted because the Villagers brought gaiety and Santa Claus had returned for another year!!

## COFFEE, TEA, OR . . .

Coffee, tea or Chateaubriand Bouquetiere? Or, if you prefer the chef at the Williamsburg Inn of 1970 would prepare, in his finest French techniques, marinated herring, escargot bourguignonne, or veal oscar!

Jean Charles Birgy, pronounced beer-gee, is a proud and handsome Frenchman and a vibrant gentleman still enjoying the epicurian art. He is a true connoisseur of food and wine and has a discriminating enjoyment of both. The possible extinction of the grey whale or the bald eagle does not concern him as much as the possibility of not finding a good bernaise sauce, as the number of professional chefs dwindles.

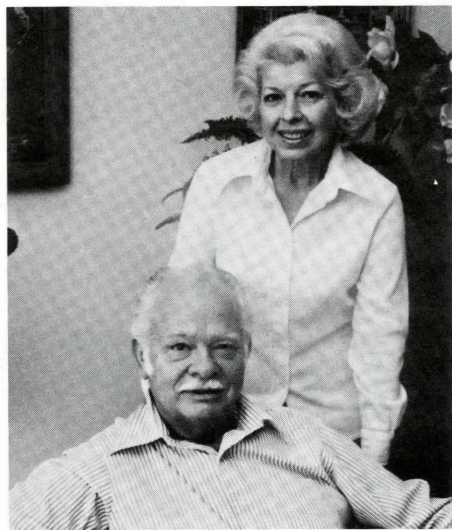
"A chef is born, he is not made" says one who really knows. "In Europe a chef or *\*Maitre d'hotel* is regarded as a professional, equal to a doctor or lawyer". Birgy grew up in Strasbourg, France, where at the age of 14, decided to spend his life in the kitchen. He graduated in 1926 from Ecole Pratique Industrie Hotelliere after three years of rigorous training; 15 hours a day, 6 days a week, alternating between the classrooms with weekly cycles of duty in the kitchen, dining room, hotel wine cellars, etc.

He left France at the age of 18 and his work experience included working in Switzerland before moving to Canada where he worked for Canadian Pacific Limited at Lake Louise and the Hotel Saskatchewan in Regina. In 1930 he began in Chicago at the College Inn of the Sherman House in charge of making the show pieces and the 62 hors d'oeuvres on ice. He recalls the years following his schooling, as a period of learning and tried to adhere to an instructor's advice, "to look for experience to be gained rather than dollars to be earned" as he sought out places of employment early in his career.

He came to Hollywood in 1936 as executive chef of the Vine Street Brown Derby, eventually the Bel Air Bay Club, Cal Slip, Lockheed Employees Recreation Club, opened up the Malibu Rendezvous and the Swiss Chalet as chef-owner and finally as chef-owner of the Williamsburg Inn in West Los Angeles.

In 1942 Birgy was drafted to feed the mobilized Americans fighting the second World War. Instead of managing a small elegant kitchen he opened a commissary at Terminal Island and later set up shop for Lockheed as their government contracts increased. It was at Lockheed that he had 892 employees serving 40,000 hot meals every 24 hours. He supervised 2 cafeterias and 22 canteens from one small kitchen unit. He said that once he made the adjustment it was easy and was an experience that was worthwhile and beneficial to him. Following World War II he worked at the Bel Air Hotel.

It was in 1963 that he purchased the Williamsburg Inn. This was his showplace for all he had learned and obviously he had learned well. The hours that he worked were rigorous which left his wife Valerie at home with their 3 children. Mrs. Birgy indicates that there were times she kept her children home from school in order to see their father.



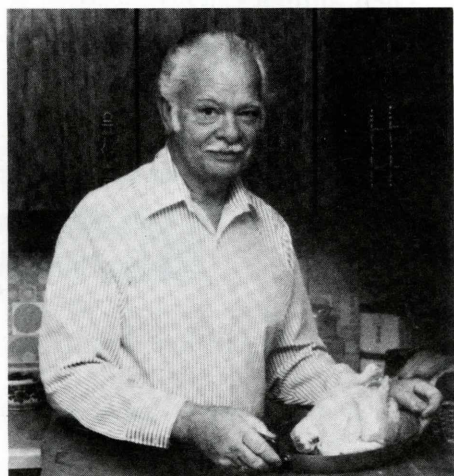
JEAN & VALERIE BIRGY  
look right at home at L.V.

Jean and Valerie Birgy have two daughters, one son and six grandchildren, all residing in the southland. He retired in May 1976 as executive chef for MGM studios and now plans to see more of the family that spent so many years without him.

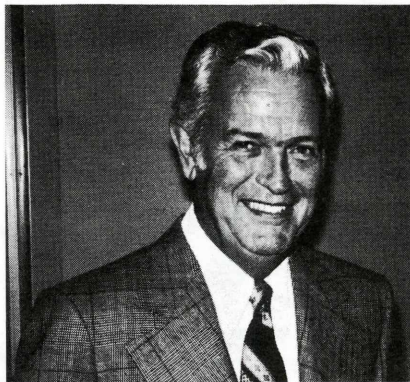
Jean, being the artist that he is, the professional that took him many years to become and the gentleman inherant with the French ancestry, by no means upstages his wife Valerie. Mrs. Birgy is an artist in her own right; displays sculptures that "were just lessons at my first class"—they reveal symmetry and natural abilities. She is just as adept with a brush dipped in oil or acrylics, with a pencil, a bowl of plaster paris, or a pile of paper mache. Her creative endeavors include decorating their new home in Leisure Village. She has tailored all of the drapes for their home and has done a masterful job.

Jean and Valerie hope to take up some new hobbies in their retirement. They have been in LV since July 1976 and as of yet have not had the opportunity to take up anything new. Valerie relinquishes the kitchen to Jean where he continues to savor his culinary talents with a French flair.

Recommendations for a local restaurant that would befit a chef's palate? Not yet!



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## FROM THE SALES MANAGER

by Bob Dull,  
General Sales Manager

1976 was a very good year for Leisure Village! Many new faces have taken up residency here ranging from French chefs to Sambo's restauranteers, military brass to the laboring novelist. Each one brings his own interests, avocations and great expectations for a new life in a new community with new friends.

The sales counselors look back on 1976 as a year that surpassed any whimsical fancy. You buyers from '74 and '75 made '76 a reality since your enthusiasm in sharing a new life style with friends and relatives far exceeded our expectations.

It's ironic how buyers change their thinking upon moving into Leisure Village. Prior to your move...the home was No. 1 in importance. However, upon becoming a resident, your priorities usually change. You realize that rather than purchasing a home, you have realized security, life-style, people, and then the home—usually in that order. This is what you purchased in Leisure Village...but without realizing it at the time.

As we settle into a new year, we set new goals and new aspirations. Pondora's box includes again, new homes, new faces and thusly new interests and new friends. After all, strangers are only friends we haven't made yet.

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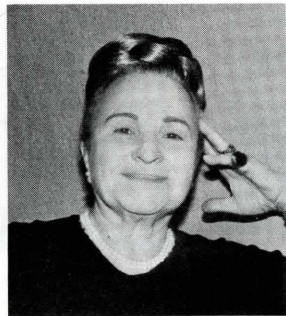
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## THE CHATTER BOX

by Millicent Hofmann

Hi Villagers!

Nineteen Seventy Six! A year to remember! Big Bicentennial Doings! Presidential Election! Burgeoning of Leisure Village! Presentation of our first musical extravaganza! Ad Infinitum! Well here's to 1977—may it prove to be a cornucopia filled with all our heart's desires!

**Holiday Happenings**—The most outstanding of the whirlwind activities before finally putting old '76 to bed:

Piff and Nick De Simone's gift to our residents—a unique recital by their professional organist daughter, Karen De Salvo from New Hampshire, here with her husband and children. She received a rousing standing ovation from the full house of over 300 delighted and appreciative listeners.

Halloween was celebrated at the October "10th Hole" Cocktail Party. An exciting highlight was the Fashion Show. Styles shown were provided by the Los Robles Pro Shop. Two realistic scarecrows that were perched motionlessly on the stage during the entire show, when finally unveiled, turned out to be Piff and Nick De Simone.

The air was filled Holiday Week, with yummy aromas and sounds of revelry in the Hobby Shops and Classrooms where instructors were being feted and gifted affectionately by their appreciative pupils.

A recent "Friday Nite After-The-Movie" treat—our residents of the Jewish Faith sharing the Chanukah celebration with all the Villagers, who were invited to witness the ceremonial lighting of the Menorah—and partake in traditional refreshments. Another evening, 83 Jewish neighbors gathered in the Assembly Hall for a Latke supper (potato pancakes, customary Chanukah repast), followed by songs and dances appropriate to the occasion. Several hundred pancakes were consumed, with the men, (bless them) doing the arduous task of grating and frying!

If you weren't occupied regaling others, you were kept busy being entertained by many a host and hostess with the mostest who set forth their finest potables and edibles for special friends. Numbered among these, Ed & Vi Haley, the Whitakers, the Di Biases, Mary and Emil Farkas, the Jamarinos, Jan and Art Brown, etc., etc. There's always a very special aura about the annual Christmas Open House at Dr. Wales and Clara Smith's home. It's an all afternoon and evening affair with Villagers designated to pour, and delicacies galore to munch upon. A special pleasure of the occasion is feasting one's eyes upon Clara's extensive collection of Madonnas.

New Year's Eve! Seeing the old year out at our "Grand Finale" Dinner Dance brought a special gala glow to the frolickers in our Recreation Hall. What a beautiful, glittering sophisticated parade of parties! From my observation post (on the dance floor, of course!), nostalgia took over as my delighted eyes set upon the Tavanos, doing their spirited Peabody, the elegant Wards like a present day Fred & Adele Astaire, and oh-so-smooth Drasins—reminiscent of those famed dancers of "way back when"—Irene & Vernon Castle (before your time—I guess!) and the Romeros with that staccato rhythm! What a floor show!

How wonderfully convenient to celebrate a wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve! For Rae and David Sohr it marked 36 years of marital bliss; Wm. & Gussie Lancaster, 37; Hal & Lola Echternach, 27; Don & Leila Redmond, 55 years. Louis & Hannah Spring reached their 55th Anniversary and Louis attained his 89th birthday. Mr. Spring continues to swim his usual ½ mile each day in the pool & his Mrs. her ¼ mile. Heartiest Congratulations Everybody!

Harking back the Thanksgiving, a memorable event took place in the Village that day when the first Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Worship was inaugurated here. It will rotate in a 3-year cycle, among the three religious groups. Profound thanks to Dr. Wales Smith, who has labored so long and so earnestly, to generate activity like this in L.V. Also, to all those good people who served in so many different ways to bring a special connotation to this particular Thanksgiving Day!

**Wedding Bells in our Village!** On March 26, 1977, Margaret Nicholas of Village 15 will be married to George Hines, of Boston, Mass. They met in October during a Village "Snowball Dance" (similar to musical chairs). George just happened to be visiting brother Arthur, of Village 15. They clicked, now it's "good luck" to this happy twosome!

Pauline Pine, Village 7, went on a bus trip to Lake Tahoe—and lo and behold—she met Louis Plager! Cupid must have been riding along with them, for they were married on November 5, which also happened to be Pauline's birthday. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Bride and Groom!

**GLOBE TROTTERS**—L.V. Is Home Sweet Home—but sometimes itchy feet urge you out to far off places, and off you go! That's probably what happened to Bob and Kate Anderson, Village 15, who visited the Greek Island, land of Mythology!

Lori and Don Drowns of Village 6, who sailed around the Horn, stopping off at many interesting and exotic Ports of Call.

George and Emily Huddleston did the "round the world" bit, seems like they were gone a real long time!

Elsie & Ernie Nika covered England, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Germany.

Mildred Oberg and daughter, Trudy, toured the Orient, which included Tokyo, the American Embassy, Singapore and Bangkok.

America, the Beautiful was not neglected! Helen and Gordon Nash went back east to New Jersey and saw Florida too, Harry Holcombe and wife, Betty, of Village 15, spent time in the Florida Everglades—Harry working on a new film about "ANTS!"

Irving and Sylvia Feldman toured Mexico—where rockhound Irv picked up some Fire agate—like—for nothing! Some souvenirs!

In October, Verdery Van Horn left Dick to "bach it" for three weeks while she flew to Columbus to visit daughter and family, for the thrill of a lifetime watching her eldest grandson escort and introduce President Ford to the student body of his school, on the last day of the Presidential Campaign. Quote: "Guess who was a mighty proud Grandma and received a Presidential handshake!" Though they were invited to the Presidential Inauguration, there was no room at the Inn, so George & Raye Holtfrerich had to forego the exalted invitation to be present for the new President's big day!!

Lil and Allan Heimowitz of Simi Valley Little Theatre fame, cruised the Caribbean, stopping off in New Orleans and Florida!

Mabel Davis visited her daughter in Salt Lake City.

Fern and Walter Rue spent months away from the Village touring parts of the good old USA in their camper.

Fran and Penney Pearson got to see Puerto Escondido (The Hidden Door) in Mexico—also went as far north in Alaska as Point Barrow!

Jose and Edith Ferrer, taking a respite from Edith's producer-conductor pressures, cooling her heels in the winter snows of Delaware. "Having a wonderful time" writes she—"getting well-deserved rest after rigors of 'The Gay Nineties'" and stocking up on energy to expend on the next Rhythmette caper! Before Edith's departure, the Rhythmettes held a bake sale and netted \$211, which completed the cost of the new Village Piano!

Paul and Eleanor Wudke shivered a bit in Minnesota and came home to Leisure Village to warm up, just in time for the New Year's Eve Party.

The Tavanos spent Christmas in Northern California with their daughter and family—but rushed back to welcome the New Year's arrival in our Village.

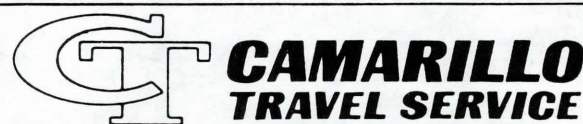
Whew!! What a gab fest! You must be glad it's Ciao for now!

P.S. Now hear this, new Villagers! You came here to RETIRE!! Instead—REFIRE! There's a lot of living to be done here—so get with it!!

## CAMERA CLUB

By Iola T. Podewils

The Camera Club is an informal group of Leisure Village residents (no officers and no dues) who meet once a month. Time and place are listed in the Voice of the Village. Purpose of the club is to show and enjoy each other's photographs and to discuss how to take better pictures. A Darkroom for Leisure Village is a possibility if enough residents are interested. The variety of prints obtained from a negative can be a creative and fun thing that is not very difficult to learn. Featured at the January meeting was Betty King who showed the pictures she took in the Greek Islands. Also, other members showed pictures taken from one spot with different focal length lens. This is one way experts rearrange the elements of a picture for different effects.



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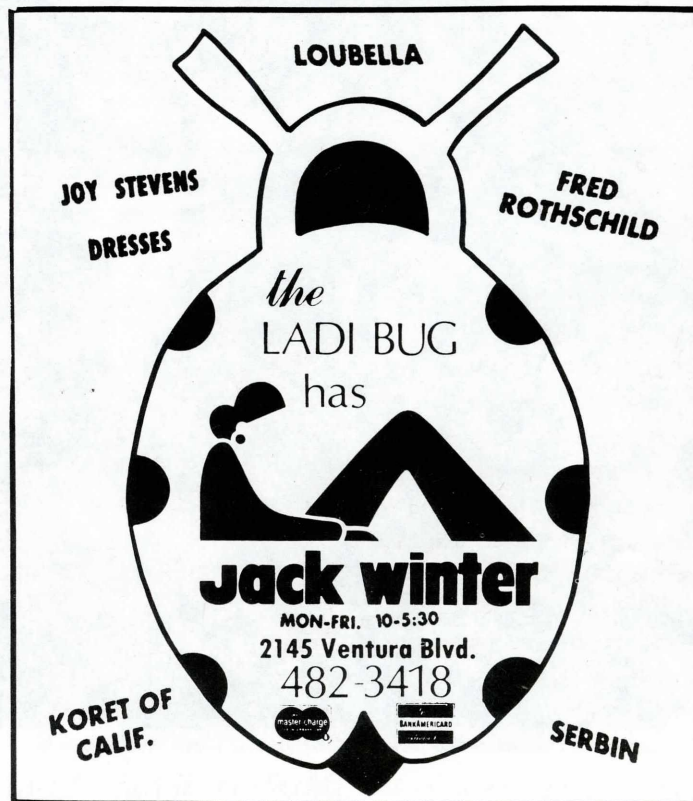
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# AROUND THE VILLAGE





## RECREATION CENTER

by Mary Murphy

From all of us in the Recreation Center...a belated "Happy New Year" to all of you. As you can see from the pictures in this edition, the holiday season at Leisure Village was a busy one beginning with the Tree Trimming Party and culminating with our biggest New Year's Eve Party ever! The season was exciting and we loved every minute of it.

Now, a new year has been planned filled with parties, classes, club activities, trips, fashion shows, concerts, plays and very special events. In September and February our attention is focused on the Adult Education classes, since these months define the beginning of the new semesters. From all that we've seen, Leisure Village residents are not only fun loving and active...most enjoy a good dose of mental stimulation, too. For this reason, the enrollment in the Adult Education program continues to soar.

Recently, an article in the "Voice of the Village" stated, "Elmarte es a clase de Espanol mas avanzada. Si ud puede leer esto, venga a la clase el 1 de Febrero." Very loosely translated this means: "If you are able to read this, you belong in the Tuesday Advanced Spanish class." If, however, you do not "se habla Espanol" and would like to learn some basics for your next trip to Spain or Mexico, another beginning class is being added this semester.

To help you finance that trip, a Money Management class will be offered again on Thursday evenings. This has been very successful in the past and our instructor Glenn Fitzgerald has gained a fine reputation from his radio program on a local station. Another new class offered will be "Principles of Nutrition and Organic Cooking" taught by June DeSpain, who already teaches our Personal Development Class for women. You'll find the other classes available listed under Weekly Activities on page eight. We are very fortunate to have the finest teachers available for each of these classes through the Oxnard High School and Moorpark College Adult Education Departments.

To borrow a phrase from a recent hit record, "Saturday night is the night for dancin' Saturday night's all right...oh yeaaaaah!" This is especially true in the Village. At least one dance a month with a live orchestra has been planned for 1977. The most successful dancing venture, however, are the dances held every Saturday night during the year when no other activity has been planned. Spearheaded by resident electronic and dance experts, the dance tapes have evolved into a sophisticated collection of the finest dance music ever recorded.

Throughout the year, we attempt to maintain a balanced, well rounded Recreation program with something for everyone. We welcome your participation in all activities and also your suggestions for new programs.

## BOCCE ROUND-UP

By Mario Di Biase

The Leisure Village Bocce Club is now over two years old, like everything else in this beautiful and tranquil Village, it is growing very fast—as of Jan. 2nd 1977 we boast a membership of 220.

1976 was a wonderful year, and most of us agree that we outdid 1975. A 1000 thanks from a grateful President to all of those that made it possible.

At our December meeting we elected our slate of officers for 1977: President, Mario Di Biase; 1st Vice President, John Jamerino; 2nd Vice President, Angie Newman; Treasurer, Mary Manzella; Rec. Secretary, Dorothy Fencl; Coor. Secretary, Thora Carr; Trustees, Phillip La Porte, David Cline and William Gawthrop.

Our 1977 program is now before the board for comments and recommendations. It includes more tournaments and more picnics, which puts more stress on improvement of the Bocce game.

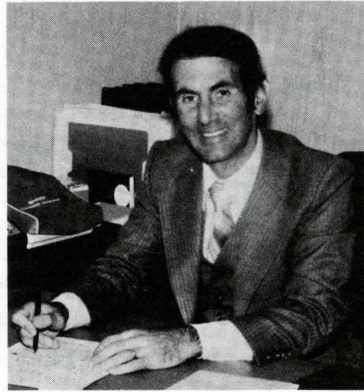
To my readers that don't know what Bocce is, here are some bits of information. Bocce is one of the oldest sports, it has been played for 4000 years. It has international and enthusiastic

devotees of more than 5 million, and a lot of them in the U.S.A. You may have heard it called Lawn Bowling. Although Bocce has always been a favorite pastime in Italy, it is extremely popular in Argentina, and Australia boasts 3500 Bocce Clubs and all of them have a bar. They do say that Sir Francis Drake insisted upon finishing a Bocce match before taking on the Spanish Armada.

King Henry VIII rated Bocce one of his favorite pastimes. A big promoter of Bocce was Julius Caesar himself; Bocce was played continuously at his Palace Courts—'tis said that Julius inaugurated OPB (off palace betting). If some of you are interested in what Bocce is, it is played with a set of 8 balls made of the same material of the bowling balls, measuring 4¼ inches and a small Bocce called Pallino, the size of Pool Cue Balls; the Pallino is the focal point of the game (the target), the 8 Bocce balls include 4 black and 4 red and lines for easy identification.

The Happy Way—is the Bocce Way!

Arrivederci, at the Bocce Courts of Leisure Village. Benches are furnished for spectators.



## From Your Homeowners Association

by Stan Berman

### EMERGENCY FIRST AID TRAINING OF LEISURE VILLAGE — SECURITY OFFICERS

We are all very proud of the well-trained Security force we have here at Leisure Village. Under the capable leadership of Chief Gil Reimer, the Security force has undergone extensive training in the area of emergency first aid. We thought it would be enlightening to review this emergency training so all residents could fully understand what is available to them, should the need arise.

After thirty days' employment, a Leisure Village Security officer receives three types of first aid instruction:

1. General first aid treatment for cuts, bruises, sunstroke, etc. The Patrol and Main Gate both have Class II industrial first aid kits. With the exception of drugs, these kits are identical to those used by Los Angeles and Ventura County Sheriffs, lifeguards, paramedics, California Highway Patrol, and local ambulance services. Two of your Security officers have Class "A" Red Cross Instructor's ratings, so they may give each person on the force five hours of first aid instruction over a 90-day period.

2. Three hours of cardiac pulmonary resuscitation training is given to each officer initially by qualified staff and one hour of instruction by a certified paramedic from either Ventura County Fire Department or the local ambulance service. Refresher courses of one hour each are given every six months. This type of first aid is a combination of mouth-to-mouth breathing and heart massage. The Patrol has a resuscitator in it for specific emergency situations.

3. Instruction in the use of the Stanton Portable Resuscitator is given to each Security officer whether they are on Patrol or stationed in the Gatehouse. The Ventura County Fire Department or local ambulance service gives the first hour of this instruction, with staff giving the following four hours, over a period of 60 days. We are fortunate in having five Security officers who are considered expert instructors in the use of this machine. The resuscitator has three primary functions:

A. It automatically breathes for a person who's respiration has failed—inhalating, exhaling, and adjusting automatically to the depth of respiration needed.

B. As an inhalator, it supplies oxygen to be absorbed by the spontaneous respiration of the user.

C. As an aspirator, it provides sufficient suction to remove obstructing material from the throat, such as water, mucous, etc.

Refresher courses of one hour each are given every six months to the entire Security force on use of the resuscitator.

Do not hesitate to call the Gatehouse at 482-6703 for any emergency assistance.

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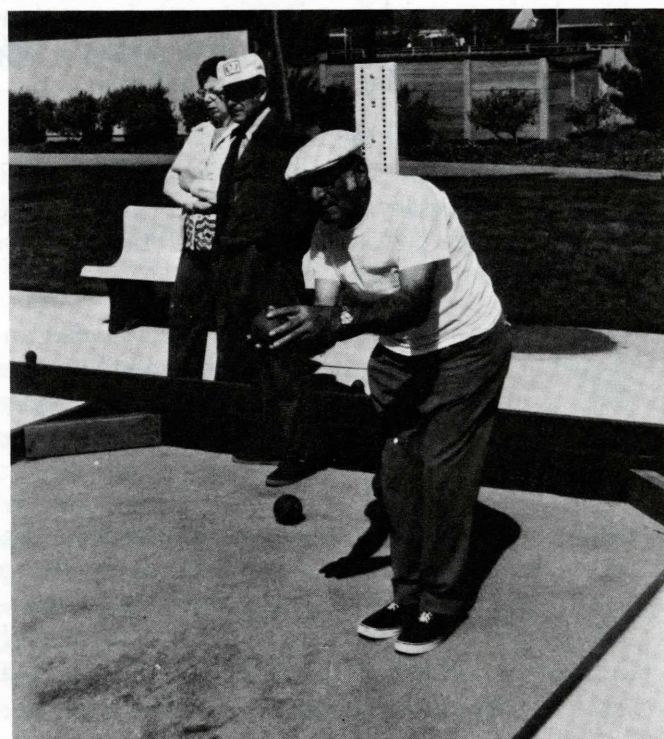
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MARIO DI BIASE TO SOME but most know him as Mr. Bocce.

## OUR MOST IMPORTANT COMMODITY

by Sanford (Sandy) Okum

Leisure Technology sold you a beautiful home and a new way to live—but the most valuable commodity came free—your neighbors. This is a story about your neighbors and the miracle that exists here.

At our first meeting in May 1976 we had 9 people in attendance. In September, we decided to organize a regular group and give ourselves a name, we had grown to 29. YOUR NEIGHBORS CARE GROUP was christened.

Sanford (Sandy) Okum, President  
Dr. Wales Smith, Vice President  
Dorothy Fencel, Secretary-Treasurer

We decided to analyze and formulate our purposes and policies to include:

## Emergency aid:

- a) transportation to doctor appointments, hospital, etc.
- b) perform necessary household duties during illness
- c) run errands, shopping, etc.
- d) prepare simple meals
- e) assist security officers 24 hours a day in any health related crisis

## Non-emergency:

- a) companionship, visiting shut-ins, etc.
- b) provide information on availability of outside help for health related problems
- c) informative programs and services relating to any health subject, i.e. insurance, flu shots, high blood pressure, tel-med, etc.

I personally organized our first large undertaking, the administration of the Swine Flu Vaccinations. Vaccinations were administered to 544 persons by the Ventura County Health Department in our auditorium, in a record 1½ hours. Our Villagers donated \$341 to the County to defray costs involved.



ERLING ARMSTRONG waits his turn and lets Sandy Okum get "the gun" first.

On call everyday, our volunteer phone-call receivers have received requests that run the gamut from obtaining standby blood donors, to pumping up bicycle tires; neighbors inviting otherwise alone Villagers to Christmas dinner, offering rides to and from doctor's appointments, visiting the lonely people, and the list goes on and on.

Nine volunteers attended three, 3 hour seminars on the latest techniques for taking blood pressure so we would be qualified to take blood pressures when necessary in the Village. The Women's Club, Bocce Club and the Women's Golf Club donated money so we can have our own equipment to do this work.

Lew Weldon, a new resident in Village 4, just opened an insurance business in Camarillo. He tackled the impossible job of analyzing Health Insurance policies a number of companies offer to us. Because of him you can now refer to the analysis and have more confidence in your selection of a policy.

We are constantly learning of the programs available. They include discount cards, tel-med, EKG-ID cards. Join us in the pleasure of helping us help our neighbors. There are no dues, no parliamentary club rules, just good people becoming better! We quote one of our good neighbors, Joe Gaynes, talking about miracles. "We have an ongoing miracle here at L.V. Where or when in your lifetime have you met someone really helpful and met such trusting friends in such a short period of time".



## AT WHITE HOUSE MEETING

## TENZER URGES TAX CUT FOR SENIORS

Michael L. Tenzer, the president of Leisure Technology Corp., has called for federal legislation and a new cabinet-level post to ease the plight of senior citizens.

Mr. Tenzer, who is also the company's chief executive officer, urged the moves in a White House meeting with a representative of President Gerald Ford, and in a letter to President-Elect Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Tenzer, whose firm pioneered "adult community living" in the United States, met with residents of some of the company's various communities before attending the private White House session. This interchange provided him with a wealth of information concerning the specific problems among our mature citizens.

While his recommendations focus specifically on the needs of the senior citizens, Mr. Tenzer believes that their implementation would have far-reaching benefits.

In his follow-up letter to William F. Gorog, deputy assistant to the President for economic affairs, Mr. Tenzer emphasized that no group has suffered more than the senior citizens in these years of steadily rising prices. As one remedy to their difficulties, Mr. Tenzer has proposed exempting senior citizens from paying local school taxes.

"Inflation has already whittled away much of the buying power of the senior citizen," he says, "because most of these individuals are getting by on fixed incomes, such as pensions, or, even worse, social security.

"They have sufficient difficulty keeping pace with inflation," he adds. "But now many are facing real hardship because of rising real estate and school taxes. It just isn't fair!"

Mr. Tenzer adds that it is understandable that many retired persons feel that they are being imposed upon. For the most part, they are spending their retirement years in areas where their children did not attend school. Consequently, they resent being taxed at a constantly climbing rate for a service that does not directly aid them.

In his suggestions to the White House, Mr. Tenzer asked for consideration of an executive order to provide this important relief. If that cannot be affected, he urged the introduction of appropriate legislation through Congress.

A more far-reaching proposal would create a new federal department, headed by a secretary with cabinet rank. This bureau, as envisioned by Mr. Tenzer, would represent the interests of all our nation's senior citizens, who currently constitute approximately 20 percent of the population.

"We have federal organizations that look out for the interests of minorities," he explains, "but senior citizens, as a group, are virtually ignored. Therefore, the only way we can assure them of the treatment they deserve is through a coordinated program on the federal level."

The agency suggested by Mr. Tenzer would not be restricted to coordinating myriad programs for senior citizens. The department would also be responsible for recommending new policies and legislation that would benefit and assist this very important segment of the nation's population.

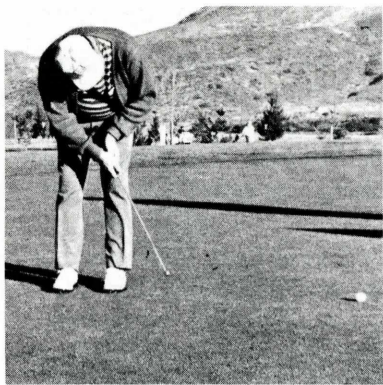
Mr. Tenzer also called for the appointment of a Blue Ribbon Task Force to assist in creating and monitoring innovative housing programs.

"This task force," says Mr. Tenzer, "should be composed of a maximum of 10 persons with national experience in housing. It should be organized as soon as possible and meet regularly, perhaps on a quarterly basis.

"The members would participate in planning housing policies with two major objectives. One would be the creation of housing programs so that home ownership could be extended to the millions of Americans who are currently unable to purchase a new home. Secondly, the increased construction activity generated by the programs of this task force would result in a positive ripple effect throughout the many industries that provide materials and technology for the housing industry.

"I believe that the course I have outlined is vital for the continued acceleration of our economic recovery," Mr. Tenzer says, "especially the resuscitation of the housing industry."

"That kind of leadership," concludes Mr. Tenzer, "would have a very strong impact on the entire economy and improve stability and confidence throughout the country."

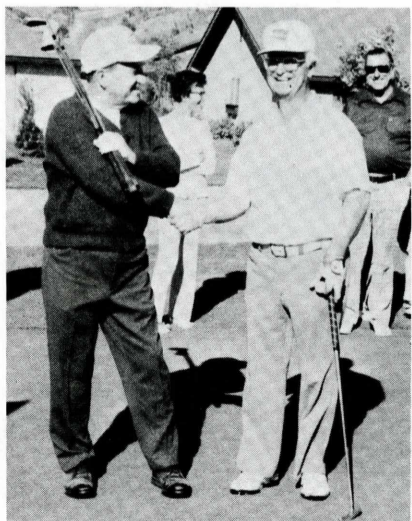


Golf, bowling, bocce, and billiards all peaked as the year ended. Time had to be shared on a crowded schedule of parties, dances, and other events which typify the Leisure Village Holiday Season. Nevertheless, the whirligig of December spun smoothly and without incident as officers and committees did their careful work.

On December 18th, the Third Annual Golf Association Dinner Dance put a capper on a great year of activity by the two organizations. Harvey Shirk, President of the Men's Association, and Elaine Sopko, President of the Women's Association, can take credit for a bang-up affair and pass much of it on to their committees who worked toward its success. Harvey took advantage of the chance to award the trophies to the Men's Club champions, Leo Gesseck and Bill Lancaster. Many door prizes were given and those awarded to the ladies were accompanied by a kiss from Jack East, Entertainment Chairman, who seems to always be in the right place for that.

In November, Leo Gesseck was favored to win the scratch medal play club title, and he did. The tournament was played over 72 holes with the top 24 qualifying for the last 36 holes. Leo shot 241 which was two strokes ahead of Bill Howell's 243. Harvey Shirk was third at 246 followed by Bill Esty, Ed Williams, and Mike Fazio tied at 248. Leo's chip from a trap on the 72nd hole to within 2 feet of the cup clinched it in an exciting finish.

Bill Lancaster won the Handicap Match Play tournament on December 12th with a 2 up victory over Andy Kehoe whose closing rally fell just short. Our match play title is tough to win as the four finalists are survivors of seasonal tournaments held during the year. George Huddleston and Jack Miller were the other two finalists.



ANDY KEHOE, left, congratulates Bill Lancaster, winner of the Match Play Tournament.

## SPORTS STUFF

By Al Podewils

The Women's Golf Association put on one of their always successful Scotch Mixed Doubles on December 1st giving the lucky men a chance to play. Angie Newman and Paul Sopko won with Rae Sohr and Elwood Crane taking second. Refreshments were served at the first tee during play with lunch following on the picnic grounds.

The Women's Annual Match Play Tournament is scheduled for January and they play their medal tournament later in the year. The ladies play a tournament each week and keep it interesting by often varying the format.

The Hole-in-One Club treasury has been violently attacked of late. On October 28th, Jack Gaffney used his 7 iron on the 6th hole and sank his first shot to claim the jackpot. Joe Ferrer notched an ace a few days later only to find that he hadn't paid up and could only get a pat on the back and his name on the trophy. The bank went kapooie again on Dec. 13 when Gordon Venting put one in on the 8th hole. Then Eddie Shry celebrated his 53rd Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 20th with a hole-in-one on #5. Maybe it's easier than it looks.

Our bowling league has completed the first half of the season with Andy McGuire leading his team of Gen Wesley, Don Jackson, and Dorothy Caster to first place. Additional sign-ups have made it necessary to expand the eight team league to ten teams for the second half of the year. Scores are improving as the rust wears off, but no one really worries about setting records. Ernie Nika and John Wesley are handling the business side for the league.

**SEASON'S MOST IMPROVED BOWLER:** Dorothy Caster, 109; **SEASON'S SINGLE GAME HIGH:** Andy McGuire, 234; **Season's Three Game High:** Andy McGuire, 596; **Women Season's Single Game High:** Marie Bremberg, 193; **Season's Weekly Team Series High:** Vikings, 1832; **Season's Weekly Team Game High:** 2 Plus 2, 675.

The Bocce Club will have its Men's and Women's Singles Tournaments Jan. 19-20-21 followed by "The Lone Boccer" for beginners on Feb. 1-3-5-6. The installation of new officers will be held at a luncheon on Jan. 27th at Don the Beachcombers. The members should check that as a big date on the Village calendar.

Bill McLane organized a pocket billiard tournament which ended Dec. 28th. Twenty-one players played 263 games in a round-robin which decided the top eight who qualified for a double elimination play-off—"The World

## NEW NEIGHBORS

Adams, Harry and Iva, Glendale; Alter, Henry and Jane, Camarillo; Anderson, Edwin and Madina, Inglewood.

Beard, Amy, Camarillo; Beckel, Martin and Esther, Culver City; Bennett, Alfred and Natalie, Elmira, New York; Bennett, Harold and Dorothy, Ojai; Beyrouthy, Fred and Audrey, Los Angeles; Biller, Lewis and Ruth, Oxnard; Bley, Charles and Helen, Oxnard; Bowman, Kathrynne, Thousand Oaks; Brenneman, Arthur and Roberta, Westlake Village.

Capitano, Nelson and Concetta, Leisure World; Caron, Raymond and Edith, Westlake Village; Casner, Wilma, Santa Monica; Chelini, Lawrence and Melanie, Chatsworth; Chuntz, Bernard and Miriam, Camarillo; Clapp, Ralph and Gwendolyn, Pacific Palisades; Cooper, Jack and Miriam, Los Angeles.

Debenham, Colin and Loretta, Santa Monica; Dorward, Fred and Gertrude, Camarillo; Dubowsky, Jacob and Miriam, Tujunga; Dunnion, Thomas and Virginia, Oxnard.

Franz, Ferdinand and Esther, Los Angeles; Freeman, Lee and Dorothy, Sherman Oaks.

Garbe, Evelyn, Aurora, Illinois; Gindes, Hanna, Los Angeles; Giroux, Vincent and Alexandria, Pacific Palisades; Godward, Cecil and Elizabeth, Palmdale; Goulden, Belmore, Westlake Village; Guhl, Robert and Joan, Sherman Oaks; Gullette, Edward and Alice, Mission Viejo.

Haines, Leonard and Elizabeth, La Crescenta; Hamilton, Ann, Oxnard; Harkness, Barbara, Northridge; Harvey, Raymond and Ann, Los Angeles; Hayes, Jack and June, Oxnard; Hellerman, Gerda, Bay City, Mich.; Herzoff, Lee and Ann, Thousand Oaks; Hubbell, Murray, Temple Bar, Arizona; Humes, Irene, Long Beach.

Jackson, Arnold and Mildred, Needles; Jacobsen, Norman and Blanche, No. Hollywood; Jacobsen, Paul and Bernadine, Van Nuys; Johnson, Eric and Dorothy, Woodland Hills.

Kaiser, William and Edith, Hawthorne; Kaufman, Arthur and Miriam, North Hollywood; Kaufman, Joseph and Sylvia, Los Angeles; Kent, Charles and Martha, Mission, Kansas; Klein, Charles and Jessie Mae, Los Angeles.

Lane, Leonard and Bertha, Fountain Valley; Lasch, Curt and Linda, Lakewood, N.J.; Lewis, Jack and Jacqueline, Capistrano Beach; Linnett, Catherine, Fullerton; Lucas Betty, Palm Desert.

McCormick, George and Edna, Canoga Park; McDonald, John and Nina, Palos Verdes Estates; McGinnis, Arch and Helen, Malibu; McKean, George and Dorothy, Canoga Park; Maden, Herbert and Aileen; Mayfarth, Edward, Los Angeles; Mayo, David and Inga, Calabasas; Mettler, Earl and Rowena, Studio City; Miller, John and Robin, Palo Alto; Miller, Ellen, Thousand Oaks; Millington, Frank and Maxine, Thousand Oaks; Moy, George and Bertha, Fort Lee, N.J.; Mueller, Henry and Vera, Westlake Village.

O'Neill, William and Dorothy, Palos Verdes Estates; Orloff, Allan and Betty, Los Olivos.

Peterson, Leslie and Leona, Malibu; Plotkin, Herold and Gladys, Sherman Oaks; Pollatz, Robert and Esther, Whittier; Polychron, John and Esther, Sparta, Wisconsin; Praeger, Julius and Cathryn, Monrovia.

Quackenbush, John and Susan, Goleta; Quartermont, Alphonse and Jewel, Pacific Palisades.

Reynolds, Clifton and Marella, San Rafael; Rice, John and Marjorie, Alhambra; Rivett, Robert and June, Hermosa Beach; Robbins, Gerald and Esther, Los Angeles; Robbins, Martin and Gladys, No. Hollywood; Robinson, Homer and Rebecca, Santa Paula; Robson, Monte and Claire, Los Angeles; Rothermel, Charles and Theresa, Thousand Oaks.

Saari, Urho and Wanda, El Segundo; Schaff, Esther, Los Angeles; Schiotz, Eiler and Beulah, Bishop; Scipio, Louis and Venovie, Mission Viejo; Sieling, Harold and Mabel, Los Angeles; Silberman, Max and Mildred, Encino; Silverman, Ben and Frances, Oxnard; Smith, James and Eleanor, Northridge; Smith, Thomas and Elsie, Anaheim; Snyder, Oscar and Dorothy May, Fullerton; Spiotto, Michael and Theresa, Temple City; Spunberg, Morris and Rae; Stone, Harry and Kathleen, Malibu; Struhl, Isidore and Yvette, Los Angeles; Stuart, Dan and Claire, Palm Desert; Stuebinger, Carl and Sophie, Los Angeles; Swanson, Margaret, De Lano.

Thren, Beatrice, Agoura; Tomlinson, Stanley and Phyllis, Palos Verdes Estates; Trubitt, Philip and Esther, Beverly Hills; Tutt, Lloyd and Marie, Northridge.

Walker, Albert and Betty, La Canada; White, William, Westlake Village; Whittman, Daniel and Mary, Lakewood, N.J.; Wilby, Hugh and Mary, Ventura; Wilson, Arthur and Arline, Camarillo; Wilson, Arthur and Lucille, Cypress; Wisheart, Robert and Elaine, Thousand Oaks; Wood, Wyatt and Jane, Richmond, Virginia.

Zell, Charles and Harriet, San Marcos; Zierz, Frank and Mary, Santa Barbara; Ziler, Bill and Leonie, Simi Valley; Zindler, Isidore and Anne, Laguna Hills.

Series of Leisure Village". In order, the eight were Ed Weber, Maurice Kasner, Vic Sena, Steve Belanger, Bill McLane, Mike Martino, Frank Sigafosse, and John McMillan. Fifty point matches were required in the play-offs which ended when Ed Weber beat Frank Sigafosse 50-28 in the final match. Ed went undefeated through the entire tournament. The matches brought out some excellent players, improved the play of others, and made the billiard room a hot spot of the Village. Another tournament—with handicaps—will be coming up soon and everybody is invited to sign up. The handicaps will help the less experienced players. *No mention will be made of the many miss-spent youthful years thus exposed.* Seems like only yesterday—it was a little more than two years ago that the Men's Golf Assn. was formed with 27 members. Today it has 165. The other organizations have similar records. All this growing

with so little pain. Wonder what we will be saying next year.

A Happy Leisure Village New Year to everyone.



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday	9:00 AM to Noon	Bocce (Ladies-Men)
	9:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Bikers
	9:00 AM to Noon	Arts & Crafts
	9:00 AM to Noon	Sewing I
	9:00 AM to Noon	Ceramics
	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Beginning Spanish
	10:00 AM to Noon	Beginning Bridge Lessons
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Swim & Stay Trim
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Sewing I
	12:30 PM	Practice Duplicate Bridge
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Ceramics
	1:00 PM	Bocce
	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Autobiography
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Arts and Crafts
	7:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Duplicate Bridge
	7:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Cards, Etc.
	7:15 PM	Beginning Ballroom Dance Class
Tuesday	8:30 PM	Intermediate Ballroom Dance Class
	9:00 AM to Noon	Men's Golf Day
	9:00 AM to Noon	Sewing II
	9:00 AM to Noon	Principles of Nutrition & Organic Cooking
	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Advanced Spanish
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Men's Swim & Trim
	10:00 AM to Noon	Bocce (Ladies)
	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Creative Stitchery
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Ceramics (Beginning)
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Men's Bridge
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Sewing II
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Personal Development
	1:00 PM	Bocce (Ladies-Men)
	3:15 PM to 5:00 PM	Lip Reading Class
	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Beginning Square Dance Class
	8:00 PM to 10:00 PM	"Village Swingers" Square Dance Club
Wednesday	9:00 AM to Noon	Bocce (Men)
	9:00 AM to Noon	Lapidary I
	9:00 AM to Noon	Sewing III
	9:00 AM to Noon	China Painting Class
	9:00 AM to Noon	Ladies Golf Day
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Swim & Stay Trim
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Lapidary II
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Sewing II
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Sewing III
	1:00 PM	Bocce
	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Tai Chi Chaun
	1:30 PM to 4:00 PM	Mah Jongg
	7:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Bingo
Thursday	9:00 AM to Noon	Arts & Crafts
	9:00 AM to Noon	Sewing IV
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Men's Swim & Trim
	10:00 AM to Noon	Bocce (Ladies-Men)
	12:30 PM to 3:30 PM	Arts & Crafts
	1:00 PM	Bocce (Ladies)
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Sewing IV
	1:30 PM to 4:00 PM	Bridge
	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Money Management
Friday	9:00 AM to Noon	Art, Painting
	10:00 AM to Noon	Bocce (Ladies-Men)
	10:00 AM to Noon	Needlers
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Swim & Stay Trim
	1:30 PM	Bowling
	11:45 AM to 1:00 PM	Bookmobile
	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Beginning Spanish
	1:00 PM	Bocce (Men)
	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Canasta
	7:30 PM	Movie
Saturday	9:00 AM to Noon	Woodworking
	4:10 PM	L.V. Bus to Mass
Sunday	2:00 PM	Shuffleboard

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February 18 — TRUE GRIT — In the 1880's, spunky teenager Darby determined to avenge her father's murder, enlists the aid (at children's prices) of tough, raunchy, aging, fat, crafty, garrulous, whiskey-guzzling one-eyed Marshal Rooster Cogburn. They are joined by a young Texas Ranger tracking the same killer. Cast: John Wayne, Kim Darby, Glen Campbell.

March 4 — RYAN'S DAUGHTER — David Lean captures the wind-blown beauty of the Irish coast, the political seethings of 1916—unsettled to this day — and follows the romantic meanderings and musings of winsome Rosy Ryan, through marriage, affair and retribution. Cast: Robert Mitchum, Sarah Miles, Trevor Howard, Christopher Jones, John Mills.

March 18 — A NEW LEAF — Fastidious middle-aged bachelor play-boy running out of his inheritance is forced to go to work (horrors) or to acquire a rich wife. The wealthy source he finds is awkward Miss May, as unsexy as the Alsophipila Grahamicus, a new leaf she has cultivated in her role as botanist. Starring: Walter Mathau, Elaine May, Jack Weston.

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