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VILLAGER PROFILE

By Carol Nelson

Grass Will Not Grow Under Dirk's Feet

■ If he has anything to say about it, that is

Dirk Feild is a man of many parts, each and every one of them a subject for an interesting and enlightening conversation. Thus it has been a challenge for me to write an approximately 800 word profile & not a full biography.

Dirk was born in the Oakland area of California, but his family soon moved to Florida because that was where his father got a job in the field of Ground Control Approach Radar. That was just the first of many moves for the family all over the U.S.

Because of his own passion for scuba diving, Dirk's father couldn't wait to share that love with his two children. So at the age of 6, Dirk was almost the youngest scuba diver in the U.S. He was shut out of that distinction by his 4 year old sister!

For some time, Dirk & his father were professional scuba divers & sunken treasure hunters, working in areas such as the Bermuda Triangle.

Their finds included pieces of eight, golden doubloons and cannon balls – oh, & then there were the 15 sunken ships from 1614 & 1715 fleets with cargoes of gold. Unfortunately, severe bouts of asthma meant that a different career path would be wise.

Dirk enrolled at UCLA with the intention of majoring in Math, but then decided to try Physics, then moved back to Math. In that era, there were no majors in Computer Science, so Dirk completed a Master's degree in a combination of Math & Computer Science. He completed his studies for a PhD in AI & Computational Complexity, but did not give a dissertation. The reason for not doing so was that, at the end of the 5th year of study, he got a 2-year internship with NASA at JPL. He continued on as an employee for the next 7 years.

This man was never one to let grass grow under his feet. He has

almost always had 3 jobs at a time & has started 5 companies. One of these companies involved analyzing heart beats & another created a device for brain surgery.

Dirk describes himself as a "Devourer of Information," especially in the fields of quantum physics, astronomy and computer programming. Nonetheless, he still found time to body surf, snow ski, play and coach pickleball and to travel to about 70 countries. (Of all these countries, his favorite was the very beautiful Belize with its amazing Blue Hole & multi-hued coral.)

Before coming to LV, Dirk lived in Westlake Village in a 2-story home, but when he developed bone-on-bone knees, he knew it was time to look for a home without stairs. A friend of a friend was already living in LV and absolutely loving the life, so on the basis of that glowing recommendation, he moved here in 2009. Ten years later, Dirk moved to his current home here and is sharing



Adventurer Dirk Feild in the desert near Dubai.

his life with his girlfriend Lynne. Just like the rest of us Villagers, the things he likes so much here are the sense of community and the weather. Amen to that!

Postscript: Don't think that I have misspelled Dirk's last name (Feild, not Field). It was his grandfather's

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AROUND THE VILLAGE

By Kelly Nelson

Over 100 residents attended the 1st Energy Townhall

Through the ongoing monthly meetings of the LV Research and Advisory Committee (RAC), an important topic was identified on behalf of LV residents: Finding answers and solutions to the numerous issues surrounding Energy, including solar, electric vehicles, in-home savings on electrical use, and more. A sub-group was formed to research the topic, and as a result, they recommended the Board sponsor a well-organized, informative Town Hall on the subject.

It was unanimously approved by the Board and the Town Hall on energy options was set for January 17th in the AR. The event drew well over a hundred residents!

The program was moderated by group member Larry Swartz. It featured each of the group members Bob Bueling, John Dowsing, Steven Gelfand and Wayne King, delivering informative presentations on key home energy topics. A special guest, Doug Chiapuzio



Photo by JON

Villagers listening to the panel who discussed energy issues for LV residents.

from Pacific Energy, was on hand to address resident inquiries about day-to-day concerns regarding in-home electrical issues as well. Each of the member presentations will be available on the LV website.

Many thanks to the Energy Group for this excellent Town Hall, with kudos to the RAC communications group for their efforts in getting the word out to the community

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A colorful drawing of a red house with a black door and windows, a yellow sun, and green grass with flowers. The house has a red roof with a small white window. The door is black with two vertical panels. There are two windows on either side of the door, each with a white frame and a small flower box below it. The sun is yellow with a smiling face. The grass is green with several yellow and orange flowers. The sky is blue with white clouds.



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COMMUNITY NEWS By Dennis Doolittle

Camrosa Water Lines Inventory – A Camrosa contractor will be visiting LV to take an inventory of individual service lines and valves for each unit to comply with EPA requirements. According to this regulatory requirement, Camrosa must develop an inventory to identify the materials of service lines connected to the public water distribution system. The service line materials inventory must be publicly accessible and must include a location identifier, such as a street address. If you see someone in your front yard looking at your water connection, this is what is going on.

Village 28 Storm Sewers – The Board approved a project to clean out the sewer line in Village 28. In addition, there is a gate at the end of the line where it empties into Conejo Creek. Material around the gate must be removed and the gate repaired. If you see a crane along the back of the Village along Conejo Creek, the repair of the gate is underway. This will help prevent backflow into our drainage system

during large rain events.

Paint Project – The paint project is moving on to Villages 7, 9 and 19 which are the next phase of the paint project.

Water Usage – The usage of household water in the Village has been slowly increasing. We started at 64+ gallons of water per person per day (GPD). During the drought when restrictions were in place, we dropped to 54 GPD. We know that restrictions have been lifted, but water is paid for by the Village and is included in your HOA fees. The cost of this increase in water usage is coming right out of our pockets.

Regarding water usage, the new budget contains a 10% planned reduction in non-potable (irrigation) water usage. This is being done by changing the irrigation system times and durations. This is a \$80,000 decrease in budgeted water cost which went straight to reducing next year's HOA fees.

Roofing – Work has begun on the next phase of the roofing project. Work is underway in Village 5.

Concrete – At the December meeting, the Board decided to authorize the repair of the category 3 and 2 concrete problems. Finalization of the contract with the contractor is in process. We should see the start of the concrete work in February.

Garage Doors – The Board reviewed the garage door policy and, with the input from several Villagers, sent the policy back to staff and the Attorney for more clarification. The current rule is deemed too vague, and it needs to be clarified. A garage door policy is needed to address "problem" situations and is not intended to limit normal activities where garage access is required. The policy wording needs to reflect this.

Green Waste Containers – Residents are dropping off garbage into the Green Waste Containers at the back of the East Rec. Center Parking Lot. These containers are intended for compostable green waste only. Cameras have been installed to view the green waste bin area. People dropping off garbage (not green waste) will be identified and fines can be imposed to resolve this problem.

Administration Building Sewers –

The Admin building is experiencing serious problems with its sewers which will require major repair. The Board approved the repair contract for the sewer and restoration of the women's and men's bathrooms in the Admin Building.

Revised Fee Schedule – A new fee schedule was approved by the board. In general fees were reduced (when is the last time something like that happened?) A new fee for solar panel installation was added. A one-time fee is to be charged for all new RV access permits. It includes a non-refundable access key.

Frontsteps – Frontsteps is the new software system to be used to automate many functions of the Village administration. It is a database based system where office functions and resident access to information will be provided. Over time it will provide resident financial information, a continuously updated resident directory, on-line green sheet (and other forms) submission with tracking, integration of Frontsteps with the current website, license plate readers to support Village gate access and many other features.

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VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT

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LV Music Club - Marci Lapair

Please save the date for our annual St. Patrick's Party on Tuesday, March 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the AR. Come listen or dance to music performed by our own 17-piece Groovin' Easy Swing Band featuring their talented vocalist, Erin McPherson. Back by popular demand the intermission entertainment will be provided by the Irish Step-Dance Troupe. Refreshments including wine, coffee and a complimentary "Irish Cream" will be served. Tickets will be available the last two weeks of February. For more information about purchasing tickets call Frank Jimenez 805-890-8864.

The audience attending the Music Club's January Open "Mic" Night enjoyed a fun evening of entertainment. Leisure Village's favorite 92-year-old David Flood sang with Kathy Wien and was accompanied on the guitar by Geri Levy. They delighted the audience by performing the song "I Remember it Well" from the movie Gigi. Roger Florio, joined by his brother-in-law Scott Crichton, who was visiting from New Jersey, sang the song "The Piney Wood Hills" including the yodeling.

The next Open "Mic" nights are tonight, Friday, February 2 and Friday, March 1 at 7:00pm in the AR. Open "Mic" Night is open to all Villagers at no charge. We serve complimentary wine and snacks.

On Monday, February 5 we will screen the movie Brian's Song starring James Caan and Billy Dee Williams. Shown in 1971, this highly-acclaimed winner of five Emmy Awards is one of the best-loved movies ever made for television. It's the true story of a special relationship between two professional football players, Gale Sayers and Brian Piccolo. Brian's Song is a moving and unforgettable film. The movie is 1 hour and 14 minutes and is rated PG.

No movie will be shown on February 19 due to President's Day. Movie nights are always free to Villagers, and we even provide the popcorn!

The Groovin' Easy Swing Band rehearses Tuesday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00pm in the AR. Come

and listen to their easy listening music. For more information about the LV Music Club, call Marci Lapair 818-399-0843 or Debbie Goodman 818-523-0731.

Love is All Around Us

Players Guild - Linda O'Neill

Every year, Joyce Belcher loves to present a fun and romantic Valentine's show. The curtain will open on our 2024 production Thursday, February 15th at 7:30 in the AR. Having just completed the January show as we go to press, script ideas are not yet set. Kathy and Howard Wien have a couple of humorous ditties in mind which are possibilities. Dorene and Lewis Blair may lend their talents also. Maybe we'll also see soprano Denise Pepper? Maybe hear the deep bass of Bill Crome? Irving Feiles' wife, Sandy Curran, recently joined Helene Cohen's Acting Class so maybe Irv can talk her into being onstage and add to the fun. No reason to worry, Joyce says this will be a piece of cake or, at least, a box of chocolates.

January Music Notes

On Thursday, January 18, the Players Guild 2024 Season began when Joyce Belcher presented "Entertainers Night" which she produced and directed. The musical potpourri began with the romantic overture of Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1949 South Pacific played by Richard Weiss. Buster Hayslett and Linda O'Neill opened the show with their duet of 1981's "You're the Reason God Made Oklahoma" which was made famous by David Frizzell and Shelly West. Next, Roger Florio amused the audience when he sang his own "Air Travel Blues" based on his real life experiences flying our American skies.

Then Players Guild veteran, Irving Feiles, sang the sad and memorable "Green, Green Grass of Home." Later in the show, Irv sang another song with a spiritual lilt: "Reason to Believe." Vivian reminded us to "Accentuate the Positive." Dancers (costumed in prisoner outfits) tapped out a very original routine to Elvis' "Jailhouse Rock," followed by

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VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Players Guild

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Bill Crome singing “Could I Have This Dance?” which made us all want to waltz. Next Richard Weiss appeared at the piano and sang the somewhat melancholy wedding song “Sunrise-Sunset” from *Fiddler on the Roof*. Debra Guill sang a mournful “Georgia” to remind us that you can miss those very special places. Buster displayed a deep loyalty to his home town with “Back Where I Come From.” Linda and Buster came on again to sing the wishful, sweet love song “Somewhere Out There.” In the finale, Vivian led the cast and the audience in singing “Those Were the Days My Friend.”

The Universal Appeal of Music

Showtyme Presents – Jennifer Stein

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have performed on stage and achieved many awards for songwriting. Better yet, Wendy & Rik will entertain you right here in Leisure Village. No driving up the grade in the dark, no parking fees, no inconsiderate person who stands through the whole performance while you can’t see anything. If you missed Wendy & Rik performing for Showtyme in the past, then now is your chance to “Come See Who Everyone is Talking About.” Mark the date for Friday, Feb. 9th at 7:30pm in the AR. Doors open at 6:45pm. 2024 annual membership is on sale now. You can purchase it before the show for \$20.00 per person. If you’re a 2024 member, admission is free. Non-members admission is a



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Wendy & Rik perform.

donation of \$5.00 per person. Bring family & friends, and don’t forget the 50/50 raffle has two lucky winners. It’s all happening at Showtyme..... wonderful music & lots of fun. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer @ 805-383-1518.

Newcomers



Who do you call when you don’t know what to do? Where do you go to meet new friends? Come to the Newcomers Orientation on February 17th from 10-Noon in the Assembly Room and find out. To RSVP or for Questions call Patti 805 558-0732.

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A WORD ON WINE By Barbara Senior

The “Wine” Way to Donate

Do you ever wonder about those pricey bottles of wine on some restaurant lists? Made by a famous vintner or laid down for years, I’m always curious, but rarely tempted to spend that kind of money... for one bottle of wine. But my curiosity remains.

Last year I found a way to satisfy my curiosity, enjoy a truly special bottle of wine and feel very good about the money spent. The solution – buy a special bottle in a charity auction! Many silent auctions are now available on-line, so you can bid from the comfort of your couch. I bid on several wines offered by Senior Concerns, a non-profit in Thousand Oaks. I registered as a bidder a couple of weeks before their Gala event and followed the bidding every day. Other bidders were competing for my selections, but the one that particularly interested me was a Diamond Creek, Single Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon. It was a 1995 vintage, the year Don and I were married, making it particularly attractive. What would it taste like? Would it stand the test of 28 years of aging?

I decided to pool all my money and bid on just that one bottle. The day of the Gala, the pace of bidding picked up, and it was me and another chap competing for it. Luckily there were two 1995 Diamond Creek wines from separate vineyards, and in the end, I got one and he got the other one. I paid a hefty price, but it was a donation, so I felt good about the money spent.

Now, the dilemma, how to enjoy this special treat? We talked about making a special dinner and inviting friends, but quickly decided to be selfish and enjoy it just ourselves. The bottle was laid down in our “cellar” (aka closet) for a few months before we decided it was time to do the deed.

The special dinner had become a simple rib eye steak with baked potato and salad. We got the wine out a

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Larry Swartz introducing the panel.

Energy Town Hall

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at large, including the clever PSA vignettes that aired on LVTV. And as always, continued appreciation for the LVTV Team, Jeff Perkis and Mark Smith, in handling the live

delivery to residents at home. Reruns of the Program are available on the LV website under the LVTV tab of Leisurevillage.org.

The energy town hall handouts are also located under the LVTV tab, LVA Clean Energy Informational Handouts on the dropdown menu.

AROUND THE TOWN

Dementia simulation, virtual reality classes to be offered

Camarillo Health Care District will offer classes exclusively for Leisure Village residents February through June in the Recreation Center.

Dementia Live, a high-impact dementia simulation experience developed by AGE-ucate Training Institute, will be held in 45-minute intervals at 9, 10 & 11 am on Feb. 16.

Dementia Live engages participants into what it's like to live with dementia, resulting in a deeper understanding of what it's like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory change. Class participants put on items that simulate the loss of different functions, giving them an immersive experience that elevates quality of care, compassion and empathy as well as a deeper understanding of the challenges that one faces when living with dementia.

After the experience, there is a small-group post-discussion about what the experience felt like, how the caregiver must be the change agent as the person with dementia cannot change, and what can be done to improve communication and care processes, empowering caregivers with practical tools and techniques that will ultimately make them better caregivers. Adventures in Virtual Reality will

be offered 10-11:30 am and 1-2:30 pm on Feb. 14. In the morning class, you'll learn how to use the virtual reality equipment and then dive into the ocean virtually using the application "Ocean Rift." You'll choose a number of sea creatures to swim with during your underwater adventure including dolphins, whales, sea lions, sea turtles and manatees. In the afternoon class, you'll also learn the equipment before trying out the application "Nature Treks." Choose a natural setting with animals — a safari with zebra, giraffes and elephants or a meadow with rabbits and deer, and then change your surroundings by releasing butterflies, changing it from night to day, making it rain, or growing trees and flowers that will crop up around you. Relax in nature as you listen to birds singing in this tranquil environment.

Additional introductory VR classes will be offered on March 26, May 15 and June 10, at the same time of day for each application.

There is limited seating. Call 805-388-1952 to register. Dates are subject to change based on classroom availability. Read more details about these classes and view related videos at <http://www.camhealth.com>.

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Dirk Feild enjoying a beer on the Volga River in Austria

Dirk Feild

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doing: When he was still underage, he ran away to the circus to become a slack rope walker. Not wanting to

be caught, he changed the spelling of his last name from “Field” to “Feild.” His many descendants have not changed it back and a very good thing that they haven’t as this way Grandpa Feild’s story lives on!

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THE HEALTHY VILLAGER

By Jeannie Davis, PT, MPH

Healthy Benefits From Our Furry Friends

Being an animal lover my entire life, I knew there were many benefits to having a cat or a dog or both. Growing up with cats and dogs (as well as other animals, fish and birds), I have an appreciation for their differences, how intuitive and smart they are and how they display loyalty to us. Cats and dogs display their loyalty to us differently. When I moved here in the fall of 2020 with my two small white dogs (one passed in 2022), I didn't realize how many Villagers had small white dogs – they are everywhere. In general, most small white dogs are non-shedding, easy to take care of in our downsized homes here in the Village and have smaller poop to manage. It's even better if you have rescued a dog or cat and rescues are sometimes the best animals.

When you come home to your place in Leisure Village there is

no better feeling than having your furry friend greet you with unconditional love. When you pet your cat or dog, they tend to love it, and it seems to calm us and make us feel better too. Many studies show that pets help us overcome loneliness and depression, as they provide affection, company, entertainment and a sense of purpose. If we have a pet, we tend to get up out of our chair or couch more often and smile more. If we own a dog, we tend to walk more and be in better shape.

Some of us don't want a dog or cat or the responsibility associated or are unable to care for an animal at this time. Cats take less maintenance than dogs and don't need to be walked. There are so many friendly dogs walking up and down the streets of Leisure Village, that you can have a great time petting others' dogs and meeting people and being more social. Make sure

you ask the owner first if their dog is friendly before you go near and try to pet the animal. In fact, many Villagers that don't have dogs and like to walk carry dog treats in their pockets to meet four-legged friends that others care for and be social with their owner or dog walker.

Remember that we also have a Leisure Village Pet Club where you can attend meetings whether you own a cat or dog or no animal at home. Some people who don't own a four-legged friend come to these meetings just to meet and pet the dogs and socialize and everyone seems to have smiles on their faces including the dogs.

So, if you are able, get outside and walk and visit with the wonderful dogs in Leisure Village, as most cats don't like to walk on a leash. If you see me with my rescue dog Bella, come over and say hello

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Photo by JON Jeannie and Bella, her dog, leaving for a leisurely stroll to greet other Village pet families.



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HISTORIC REFLECTION

By Max
Copenhagen

Historic Lumber Yard to Become Low Income Housing

Have you noticed new construction at the corner of Lewis Road and Barry Street? Habitat for Humanity is building low income housing there now where Stock Lumber used to be. Here is the history of our first lumber yard.

In 1890, local farmers and ranchers started a cooperative so they could have lumber and building ma-

terials at a fair price. It was incorporated as Peoples Lumber Company. The enterprise had a broad basis of support in the county. In 1926, 9000 shares of stock had been issued, with the largest holding only 400 shares. The business was initially financed with \$20,000 and was valued at \$900,000 in 1950 when it had 150 employees. Adolfo Camarillo was on

the Board of Directors for over 20 years and was President of the Board from 1942 to 1950.

It all began when rancher Charles J. Daily complained about the three days it took for a wagon to haul lumber from Santa Barbara to Ventura. He said it was "about time the people of Ventura County have a lumber yard of their own." The new Santa Susana, Moorpark and Camarillo. Local resident Gerry Olsen remembers going to the Camarillo yard in the 1950s. It was the closest lumber yard to Thousand Oaks where his father Nick Olsen was building a house.

Each lumber yard was a "one stop shop" selling the full range of materials needed for farms and construction, including plaster, cement and barbed wire. The company steadily expanded with a cabinet shop, planing mill, a brick and tile factory, and had a fleet of 15 delivery trucks. They invested in land and shares of the Venture Wharf & Warehouse Co. and the Ojai-Ventura Railroad. In 1947, they developed a lumber mill near Crescent City where 1 billion board-feet of timber was available within 30 miles of the mill.

Part of the Camarillo yard was leased to Signal Oil Company in 1960 for a gas station. When the lease expired in 1973, it became Bay-singer Mechanics. Sun Lumber Co. bought the lumber business in 1974 for \$533,000, and its parent company, Lone Star, bought the remaining land for \$1,000,000. By 1982, Peoples Lumber Company had changed its focus to become a Real Estate Investment Trust. The Camarillo yard operated as Stock Building Supply until it closed in 2018.



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tures. Staff is working with the Communications Committee to provide information and training materials to support the roll-out. Villagers will be required to create a username and password to access both Frontsteps and the Village website.

TECH AND THE VILLAGER

By Louis Lapidés

Not Every “Friend” is your Friend on Facebook

I started using Facebook circa 2007 even though Facebook went online in 2004. I’ve had 9 years to gather a lot of friends on my FB profile. While having a large amount of friends on my page is nice for my ego, I am going to give advice that is the opposite of how I have accepted friends.

From the book “Complete Guide to Internet Privacy, Anonymity and Security,” the author Matthew Bailey suggests, “Accept friend requests from people you actually know.” I agree.

When you accept friend requests from people you don’t know, you may be running a security risk.

If someone sends me a friend request, I go on their profile immediately and see if we have mutual friends. Because of my background in the ministry, I know a lot of people who know a lot more people. I have written a few small booklets, published hundreds of blogs and have become known in a small community of like minded people. Consequently, I receive frequent requests. I assume people just want to

read my Facebook posts.

However, I still have to check people out. It only takes one “friend” with poor privacy settings to result in my information being shared more than I ever expected. Bailey adds, “Many of your friends may be unaware that, depending on their privacy settings, they may be granting access to their friend’s data (including your data). This can happen regardless of your own settings.”

While some of us may be patting ourselves on our back for having so many friends, please don’t forget all it takes is one “weak link” in the privacy settings chain of one of your friends to compromise your security. I offer a word of caution that some people may be friending you to gain entrance to your more detailed information you post on Facebook. This is why I warned you not to post certain items (which I will discuss more). A cyber-troll can disguise themselves as an innocent “friend” to determine where you live or your whereabouts.

Think about what you post on Facebook. Do you post controversial posts like I do? Someone with less than honorable motives can obtain access to these posts or your photos for the purpose of using them in some way to harm you. I have warned teenagers about certain photos they put up on social media sites that could hurt them in the future or

present an image of themselves they might not want others to see.

I will have more to say on accepting “friend” requests on Facebook. This is a subject that demands much discussion and wisdom regarding information that Should Not Be Shared on Facebook.

Using Facebook is often an enjoy-

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Women’s Club Having Fun With Games



The LV Women’s Club held a “game day” during their January member meeting. Several tables were set up including Bunco, Mexican Train, Rummikub and others, including a Go Fish table, which remained empty for the day. New club officers for 2024 were installed as well at the meeting. Women’s Club has some great plans for 2024, stay tuned.



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Bunco squad included three tables. 1, Mexican Train table; 2, Rummikub Table; 3-5, Bunco Tables

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Furry Friends

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enjoy petting and talking to her and me too. Owning a dog and/or a cat is a joy and helps us be happier and healthier.

Editor’s Note: Jeannie Davis is an LV owner and medical professional. The information contained in this column is provided for educational purposes only. ILV readers assume full responsibility for the use of this information.



Photo by JON
Jeannie and Bella on her front porch leaving for a walk.

Facebook

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able experience: the virtual connection with friends and family, making new “friends”, viewing photos, reading interesting posts, watching Facebook Live videos and even starting a business page. Because Facebook is so enjoyable it is easy to let your guard down with all the information you make accessible to others.

Here is a list of all the types of information that should not be shared on Facebook:

Your full date of birth, your full name (including your middle name), your maiden name, your phone number, your photo, your vacation plans in advance of your trip.

Keep in mind that any personal information that would help someone pretend they are you including personal information about friends and family can put you at risk to expose this info to sources with nefarious intentions.

The information about you referred to above is more commonly known as “sensitive unclassified material.” If you give away too much information about yourself, you have made it easy for identity thieves to gain a lot of information about you and are willing to exploit that information in ways that benefit them and could harm you.

An upcoming subject of this column will share how identity thieves can use all this information in ways you may have never guessed.

Word on Wine

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couple days before and stood it up to allow any sediment to fall to the bottom. Then on the appointed day, the bottle was chilled in the fridge briefly, before pulling the cork to let it breathe for an hour or so. The cork came out easily, in one piece, with just a tinge

of red stain on the bottom. A whiff of the bottle aroma smelled wonderful.

From the first sip to the last pour, that bottle was delicious. To our surprise, there was still enough body that it could have aged further. What a fine way to enjoy a special bottle and contribute to a worthy cause. I'm looking forward to this year's silent auction. It's a delicious way to donate.

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LV PHOTO CLUB

By Chuck Morrow

The Photo Club held the January competition meeting on Jan 4th in the MPR at 6:30 pm. The submitted photos for the three categories were judged by Laura Ise, a photographer from Toluca Lake. The Assigned Category for January was “ Lights.” Jeannie Davis swept all three competition categories with her submissions of: “Lincoln Looking at Jellyfish” - Assigned Category “Victoria Falls” - Open Category “New Zealand Beauty” - Mobile Category

A special congratulations to Jean-nie for this rare Photo Club trifecta!!!

The “Best of 2023” photo judging was also completed and announced at the annual dinner held on January 18th with many members and guests in attendance. The Judge for the “Best of 2023” photos was George (Hutch) Hutchinson, a longtime judge for the club. The winners were: Assigned Category 2023 - “Playful

Gerberas” - Sylvia Orr; Open Category 2023 - “This is Art” - Frank DeSimone; Mobile Category 2023 - “Gone fishin” - Barb Corey

January also was the introduction of the new officers leading the Photo Club during 2024. The new officers for the club are: President - Roya Parsay, Vice President - Melody Zaida, Secretary - Chuck Herrera, Treasurer - Gerald Beane.

For more information regarding the Photo Club please contact Roya Parsay at royaparsay@msn.com.

LV MUSIC CLUB

By Marci Lapair

Please renew your LV Music Club membership. All memberships will be effective through 2024. The Music Club is supported through our \$10 annual membership dues. Memberships for the year are sold during our monthly activities. All our members receive email reminders and advance notice of upcoming club activities.

The LV Music Club provides 7 monthly activities for the enjoyment of the Village residents. The admission for these monthly events is free to all Villagers. Our monthly activities include Open “Mic” night, movies twice a month and the 17-piece Groovin’ Easy Swing Band. Membership dues help cover the cost of the complimentary refreshments that we serve at all our events.

For more information on the LV Music Club call Marci Lapair 818-399-0843.

BILLIARDS CLUB

By Patrick Price

The first tournament of the year for the Billiard Club will be on February 8. A Billiard Club membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, at 6:30pm in the MPR where the 1 & 15 Tournament awards will be presented.

Billiard Club membership dues are \$10 and now is the time to join or rejoin. We take cash or check (you can leave it on the box on the bulletin board). So, join the Billiard Club for fun and friendships. Contact Kathy Wirtz 818-445-1057 for membership.

VILLAGE ARTS

By Patti Crichton

Kathy Whitesell started our year off with a demonstration of how to paint watercolor skies at our January 3rd meeting. Thank you for your informative presentation!

Our February 7th meeting will be in the MPR at 1pm. We will feature world famous glass artist Dale Chihuly, via a DVD about his art journey. Bring \$1 if you want a

chance to win a 2024 Chihuly calendar at the meeting.

Be sure to look in the LV Library to see some beautiful colorful paintings by member Beverly Goring!

Watercolor classes for Village Arts members with Kathy Whitesell are Monday, February 12th at 1pm and Friday, February 16th at 1 and 2:30pm. Text Patti Crichton at 805-760-7673 to sign up. Classes are \$10 including materials.

Come to a meeting and join Village Arts for \$10/year to receive information about upcoming classes and art events.

WORKSHOP FOR WRITERS

By Mark Sconce

President Mark Sconce opened the New Year’s first meeting more or less on time and welcomed WFW writers to Pat’s Literary Salon where just-baked scones clamored for cinnamon sprinkles. We were enthused to welcome back poet/warrior, Allen Jacoby, and newcomer, Margie Monroe, who looks “to grow in my love of writing and listen to the stories of others.” She came to the right place; we look forward to her inaugural presentation Wednesday, January 24th.

Sconce then shared some technical info regarding quotation marks. Recent publications by reputable writers and publishers have introduced a better way to indicate a quotation. Take Margie’s quote above. Now look at a different way: *to grow in my love of writing and listen to the stories of others*. This italicized way is better because it eliminates confusion

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Writer's Workshop

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regarding placement of quotation marks while retaining the actual quote, plain to any reader. Nifty!

Next, Group Leader Frank Seiden drew attention to his Lesson titled simply Place. Not just a place for everything and everything in its place, as mother used to say, but a commentary on the importance of location in one's writing, particularly fiction. Be aware of your story's environment and observe telling details. Frank offers examples of places that affect the thinking or behavior of important characters, be they humans or the wild ones. Away in a Manger sets the scene for shepherds on watch, kneeling wise men, and respectful animals. Another famous place is the attic where Anne Frank wrote her diary. Besides confiding her coming-of-age feelings, she describes the behavior of the seven other Jews hiding from Nazis in an Amsterdam attic for over two years. Oy...What a place!

GRAPES R US WINE CLUB

By Jan Bender

Grapes R Us holds monthly tasting sessions to discover wines of different varietals and to explore wine regions around the world. The January tasting featured wines from Croatia in central Europe. The two red wines served were made from grapes which are the direct ancestors of California Zinfandel, and the two white wines had an equally distinguished heritage. The evening finished with Slivovitz and the Croatian toast of "Zivjeli" (Live!)

There will be yet another treat coming in February, when Jon Niemann will present "All the Presidents' Wine." We will taste very special California wines, which have been served at the White House by recent Presidents. That must be a good recommendation for our tasting, so be there to discover more.

Tasting sessions are on the 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm in the

A/R. All LV residents and guests are welcome. Bring two glasses and water. Each session is \$15 per person. Reservations are highly recommended. To get our monthly email invitation, drop a line to Barbara at grapesruslvwineclub@gmail.com or call her at 805-303-1518.

WOMEN'S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

The Memorial Cup was played on January 10th.

Lynne Sack took home the trophy for the 18's, and Maureen Hall picked up the trophy for the 9's. We play to honor members who have passed on. The Memorial plaque of remembrance is in the glass case at the Rec Center courtyard.

Our upcoming mixed event is the Chili Bowl hosted by Men's Golf on Saturday, February 3rd. Tickets are \$12 per person and include golf and lunch. See poster at the Golf Shack.

The February monthly meeting is on Valentine's Day, Feb 14th. Come early at 1:30 for snacks, chats, and buy your 50/50 tickets. Meeting starts at 2pm.

Women's Golf Winter Eclectic Tournament takes place on Feb 14 and Feb 21. Sign up with Betty Ericsson, \$5.

Thanks for a fun fifth Wednesday game to finish up January, organized by Carol Dietz. We played 'Three Clubs and a Putter' followed by mimosas. Cheers!

Members all have access to the LVWGA website. Be sure to check it for the latest updates and news. Sheila Bunch, you are appreciated for your diligence on this.

Thank you to President Sharon Price for the slideshow highlighting Women's Golf 2023, and for your energetic leadership.

LV WRITERS CLUB

By Debbie Glass

The new year has been off to a good start. We wrote about our experiences as volunteers and shared stories about one of our most treasured possessions. We ended the month with fiction stories: It was a dark and stormy night . . . or was it?

In February we'll meet Mondays

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Writers Club

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on the 5th, 12th and 26th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Sun Room. No meeting on the 19th. Topics will be “If you had three wishes, what would they be?”, “On the whole, do you think people are good?” and “It makes me angry when . . .”. All LV residents who love to write and share their stories are invited to participate.

For questions about the Writers Club, please contact Debbie Glass at debglass412@gmail.com. Enter Writers Club in the subject line.

WII BOWLING

By Lois O'Connor

The Wii Bowling Club wants to thank the anonymous donor for the gift bag left in the Wii Bowling room. The bag contained two almost new Wii remotes and a Nintendo Nunchuck. The gift is very much appreciated and one of

the remotes is already in use. We had to trash one of the old remotes before the 2024 season started.

A new year and a new Wii Bowling season started the first week of January. On January 2, 3 and 4 Wii Bowling players started 2024 with zero averages and zero handicaps. Sylvia Edmonds started our 2024 “300” Club. The membership is looking forward to other bowlers joining the Perfect Game Club. Nineteen bowlers bowled a 200+ game and their names were listed on the white board. The white board is used to identify weekly 200+ achievements. One of these achievers bowled her games from a wheelchair. Five of the nineteen achieved three 200+ games. Weekly, players bowl three games. To participate in upcoming tournaments a bowler must have bowled nine games to establish an average and a handicap. The next Bowling for Dollars tournament will be on February 13, 14 and 15th. Signup sheet was available as of January 16.

The club has four bowling ses-

sions. Each session may have up to sixteen bowling participants. The Wii bowling room is in the Village Clubhouse Ventura Room. If interested in participating, contact club president, Debra Pettit at 805-504-6774.

MEN'S GOLF

By Tim Palmer

The Leisure Village Golf Association (LVMGA) has started off 2024 with enthusiasm and good golf. The January Regulation tournament was at the Camarillo Springs Golf Course and Jack Bozajian set the standard for the A Flight with a gross 83, to win the flight. Chuck Dolan came in a close second with a low net of 68. Jeff Rach won the B Flight and Dan Connelly came in with a low net of 68. Great scoring in both flights!!!

The LVMGA is coordinating with the LVWGA to build a website to take the place of the booklet now being used. Sharon Price is guiding the LVMGA to build a website similar to the one used by the LV Women's Golf Club, which is very useful to the members.

LET'S DANCE CLUB

By Patrick Price

First, we want to thank all of the dancers and spectators for their support and making Let's Dance a success in 2023. Let's Dance has Funkasaurus Rex in February for your dancing pleasure. Dances are on the third Saturday of the month, from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. This Let's Dance will be on Saturday, February 17 in the AR. Admission to Let's Dance is just \$10 per person. For that low price coffee, water, and punch will be provided as well as dancing the night away. It's BYOB for anything else. We also have a 50/50 give away. Let's Dance has some great volunteers but more are always welcome. Contact Sue Lind at 559-304-1650 if you would like to help the others.

PLAYERS GUILD

By Linda O'Neill

It's worth a re-run to remind you to buy your 2024 membership now. According to Jani Klebanow, Players —Please see PAGE 17

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Players Guild

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Of course, the fee also entitles you to sit in the audience and enjoy the show, and the post-show goodies. Anyone performing on stage must be a member in good standing, be it a workshop or “the big show.”

tenance crew. We have the figures for all of 2023. The total number of jobs for Villagers was 192. We managed 57 completed work orders for “quick jobs” that were accomplished while the requestors waited, and a total of 23 individual requests from the Village maintenance crews and clubs. We are grateful for the donations made to our kitty, to help with restocking of supplies and small repairs to equipment. We are expecting some visits from past committee members in January and February and hope to be up to our number of usual volunteers within the next few months.

The Woodshop is open from 10am until noon every Wednesday and Thursday to accept your repair requests. During those hours, the Woodshop will be operated by Woodshop Committee members only. There will be no charge for these services unless special materials are needed to complete the repair. Finally, we gratefully accept donations for these services to help keep supplies and equipment up to

date. Keyholders are asked not to work on their own projects during these hours. If you wish to become a keyholder, you can contact Pirate or Bud on Wednesdays or Thursdays at the shop to make an appointment to be checked out. You can also reach us by email at the addresses below.

For any other woodshop information, you can email Pirate at Bruc5150@gmail.com or Bud Bradley at Hipbud2@gmail.com.

sages and a presentation with fresh displays showing how to make a simple flower bouquet look special and unique using materials from your own home. We look forward to seeing you then!

LV BOWLING

By Gene Kinsey

We have only just returned to bowling after the holidays but are still in rare form. Obviously, some bowlers have made New Year's resolutions; we just aren't sure what they are. At about half way through the season, we still have another four months to go.

If you want to have fun, check in with Bobi Shmerling at 805-389-1975 for more information. Annual dues are \$20 and weekly bowling Friday mornings at Harley's Camarillo Bowl from 9-noon is \$14. Come on out and give us a try.

Top bowlers in the past two weeks were for the women: Kristine Jones 186 and Nancy Owens 165. For the men: Norm Berezowsky 180 and Dick Fisher 198.

LV WOMEN'S CLUB


By Barbara Cogert

Galentine's Day Party! Please join us for some fun and laughter on Thursday, February 8th. Doors will open at 12:30 and the program will begin at 1:00. We will be making Valentines for the Camarillo Health Care District's Senior Nutrition Program clients. Learn about Valentine's traditions from Pope Gaius in the 5th century and how Cupid was born. Plus, interesting Valentines hacks. Tricks and tips. You will be pampered with Valentine's treats, shoulder mas-

YE OLDE WOODCHIPPERS

By Bud Bradley

December's totals were as follows, 23 jobs completed for Village residents, and a combination of 7 quick fixes and Village repairs for the Village management and main-



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CLUB NEWS

BONE BUILDERS

By Fan

Bone Builders Classes are sponsored by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). These one-hour classes are geared specifically for seniors to improve balance and increase bone density. Classes are free but they are not drop-in classes, registration and a commitment to attend is required. All classes are held in the Santa Rosa Room.

For further information, for the Monday and Wednesday at 8:15am class call Mamata 805-558-9360, for 9:30am class call Fan 805-405-5018, for 5:30pm class call MaryAnn 805-

390-1909, for Tuesday and Thursday 6:00pm class, call Marie 732-407-1816.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

By Andrea Moran

Hello to all Villagers. The love of February with Valentine's Day is special. The Saturday Night Dance Party is having a Valentine Dance, so bring your sweetie. First time Villagers to our dance are admitted for free.

February 10, John & John Duo, Cha Cha lesson, theme: Valentine Dance.

February 24, Michael Falcone, waltz. \$10.00 admission includes dance

lesson, 6:30-7:15, 7:30-10:00 Dance.

The new year finds many challenges so pick up your feet and enjoy the dancing or socializing on a fun Saturday night.

GREAT DECISIONS

By Max Copenhagen

The Great Decisions foreign policy discussion group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 9:30 am in the Sun Room. Join stimulating discussions on important topics of world affairs. Topics for 2024 include Mid-east Realignment, NATO's Future, Indonesia and the High Seas Treaty. A video and guide booklet is available. For information, call 805-312-5506.

RACQUET CLUB

By Sharon Wilson

Happy New Year to all. We welcome our new board president, Gary Carroll. Much thanks to our outgoing president, Roger Florio, for 2 years of fine leadership.

Our next general board meeting will be Wednesday February 14th at 7:00 pm in the MPR. Yearly dues of \$7.00 are now due and will be collected by Sunshine at the meeting.

Sign up sheets for paddle and pickleball lessons are on the bulletin board at the courts. Once enough players have signed up a starting date will be posted. The bubbling of the court surface has been reported and will be addressed.

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DEADLINE for the next publication is 5pm on Thursday, February 15.

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