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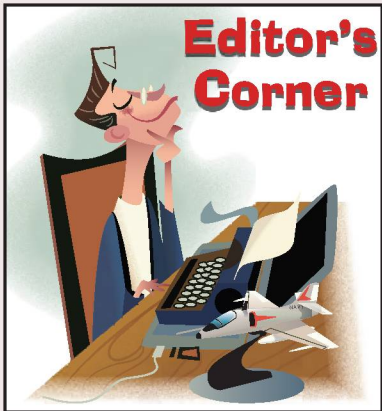


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Editor's Corner

2018 is off to a good start for Leisure Village. We were spared both the fires and mud slides that wreaked havoc in other parts of the county; we were extremely fortunate that the fires were not closer.

Our Leisure Village Association held an excellent town-hall meeting that covered our next fiscal year budget (see our lead story) that left us with a clear understanding of the costs of running the community. Our Board of Directors and the Finance Committee should be commended for their excellent work.

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We have many good articles and Club News items in this issue. Enjoy!

—Tim Palmer

TOWN HALL MEETING BRIEFS RESIDENTS ON NEW FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Operating expenses for Village reviewed

By Patrick Moore

Ted Lansing, Treasurer, Leisure Village Board of Directors, hosted the LV Town Hall on January 16, to present the proposed LVA Budget for the fiscal year 2018-19, which begins on April 1. The proposal anticipates annual revenue of \$11,465,616 as well as expenses of \$11,847,232, resulting in a shortfall for the year of \$381,616. Those figures lead to an increase in homeowner assessments of 3.16%



An anticipated increase in legal fees is among several expenses expected to grow over the next several months. As well, \$10,563 in gas and oil for vehicles, \$12,751 in safety and other fees, \$33,627 for telephone equipment maintenance, \$8,753 for electricity cost increase, a sewage treatment increase of \$50,423, and trash pickup will rise by an additional \$33,897. On the positive side, costs for workmen's compensation coverage are expected to decrease by nearly \$20,000. Assuming an average monthly homeowner assessment of \$500, the potential increase would be approximately \$16.

George Jones, chairman of the 13-member LV Finance Committee, believes most of this year's projected increase can be attrib-

uted to employee cost increases. Salary increases are higher because of a rise in the national minimum wage, elevating them by 2.5 percent. Salaries this year will account for about .5 percent of the assessment increase.

A second factor affecting the cost increase is a substantial up-tick in utilities charges. LVA spends \$800,000 annually for water, sewer, trash collection, all of which go up in cost every year.

On the income side, plans are being considered to inaugurate a vehicle access fee for contractors entering the village. The Leisure Village Association will begin charging contractors for bringing in their six-ton trucks and dumpsters, because they cost us in wear and

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She Brought a Gift for the Village

By Patty Ecker

When Judy Blake moved to the Village, she brought the usual van full of furniture, dishes, and keepsakes from her long and happy life in Northern California. She also brought a present for Leisure Village residents, although she didn't unpack it right away.

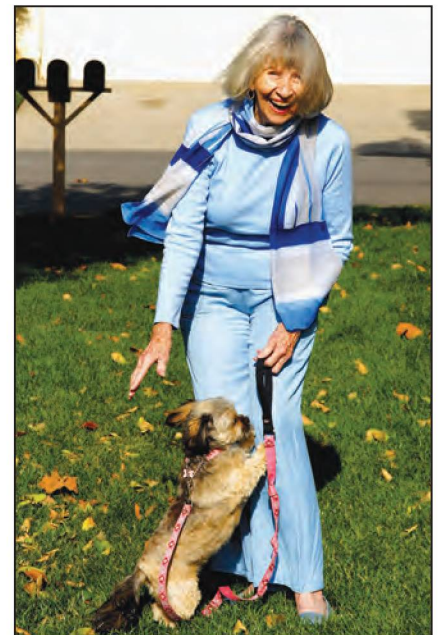
"I was lonely here at first," she admits. Her husband had died suddenly a year before, and moving south closer to her son and granddaughter made sense. But she left "great friends and an active life in community theatre – acting and directing," she recalls. Here, her first connection was thanks to her dog. Walking her regularly brought her pup-to-pup with neighbors. "So I joined the Pet Club," she laughs, and

she began to make friends. Soon after that, she decided to bring out the gift she brought from her previous life.

"I wanted to start a Readers' Theatre here," says Judy. "It's a unique form of dramatic presentation in which the actors don't have to learn their lines; they sit on stage and read them directly to the audience. No memorization, no costumes, fewer rehearsals, it is pure entertainment. It has great value to the audience and great value for the actors."

Judy, who acted professionally (mostly on TV and stage) as a young woman, learned about Readers Theatre in her community theatre work. "It's so freeing for anyone who wants to express themselves, even if they've never acted before," she explains.

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Photograph by BUD BRADLEY

With energy and humor Judy Blake has added a new dimension to the Village's theatrical menu.

WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBERS

Here are some important Village phone numbers and email addresses.

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LTV Program Schedule

February 2018 | Channel 1390

LTV Committee Email:
lvtvcommittee@gmail.com

Contact: John Mayer, Chairperson at 388-4642. DAILY AUDIO: 9:00 and 11:30 AM, 3:00 and 6:00 PM, narrated by Debra Guill.		
Be sure to watch the new EPC, entire nine series, will be showing on Saturdays and Sundays at Noon.		
Day	Date	Program date time 10 am and 8 pm
Thu	1	Women's Club Fashion Show - 2012 (15 min)
Fri	2	What Was My Line - John Baille, Greg Gillmar, Sally Gianco (47 min)
Mon	5	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - LIVE (10 AM only)
Tue	6	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED
Wed	7	Cooking: From Soup To Nuts - 2011 (18 min)
Thu	8	Players Guild - Hello Dolly - 2005 (1 hr. 51 min)
Fri	9	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED
Mon	12	LVA 101 - #11: The Budget Process - 11/20/14 (30 min)
Tue	13	L.V. Musicians Summer Pops Concert - 2012 (1 hr. 51 min)
Wed	14	New York Club Presents: Tatjana - 2014 (54 min)
Thu	15	Showtyme - 2 For the Show - 2007 (43 min)
Fri	16	Saturday Night Dance, Ceramics Club - (21 min)
Mon	19	What Was My Line - Dick Gutman, Millie Matis, Jerry Rosen - (41 min)
Tue	20	Sing-A-Long, Yoga, Bone Builders, Sewing Group - (40 min)
Wed	21	New York Club Presents: Joyce Garro - 11/6/14 (46 min)
Thu	22	Seniors & The Law - 2016 (45 min)
Fri	23	Veterans History Project: Bob Vanderhaven - (55 min)
Mon	26	The History Of Leisure Village Part 1. (2 hrs. 52 min)
Tue	27	Pioneers With Wings - (29 min)
Wed	28	LVA 101 - #10: Assessments - 10/27/14 (1 hr.)

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Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads for the March 2018 issue is Tuesday, February 13 at 5:00 p.m. The Display Advertising deadline is Monday, February 19 at noon. Publication is scheduled for Friday, March 2, 2018. Please e-mail stories and photos to editorilv@yahoo.com. Typed copy (a last resort for submissions) should be double-spaced and deposited in the ILV box in the Rec. Center hallway.

BRIEFS

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ruary 26, Carmen and Burnley, 1605 Burnley 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. Questions concerning eligibility to donate, other sites, dates and times, and for appointments, call United Blood Services at 800-715-3699. Appointments can be made on line at www.unitedbloodservices.org.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

AARP is providing free tax preparation in Leisure Village at the Clubhouse in the Santa Rosa room on Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 5 through April 12, 2018. Appointments are required. Times available are 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. Make your appointment at the Recreation Office after January 1. A list of necessary documents is in the appointment book and posted on the bulletin boards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHINDLER'S LIST PRESENTATION

The mention of "Schindler's List" can evoke thoughts of a movie, a book, music, or newspaper stories. But for someone whose name was actually on the list, the mention of "Schindler's List" elicits a very different response.

Villagers will have an opportunity to hear from a person who was on that list when Celina Karp Biniiaz presents "Second Chance: Memories from life during and after the Holocaust." She will speak about her experience on Tuesday, February 20 in the MPR at 1:30 PM. As one of the last living survivors from "Schindler's List," Celina's personal perspective, insight, and resolve are both inspirational and thought-provoking.

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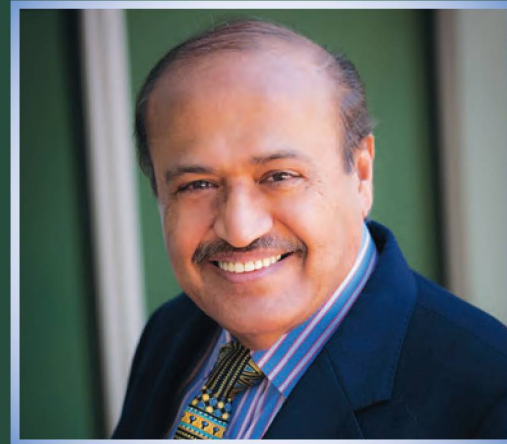
Leisure Village will be hosting Tressa Thompson of the DMV, presenting the Seniors & Safe Driving program along with two Deputy Sheriffs speaking on the common traffic accidents in Camarillo on Monday, February 12, at 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Everyone is invited to participate in this free event.

"GUYS AND DOLLS" COMING TO PLAYERS GUILD

One of the most popular musicals in Broadway history will be coming to Leisure Village in April. This classic musical comedy will be performed April 18 through April 22 on the AR stage. Directed by Richard Weiss, the talented cast will be belting out familiar hit songs such as "Luck Be a Lady," "If I Was a Bell," "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat," and the hilarious "Take Back Your Mink." Ticket sales will begin March 6.

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BUDGET *From Page 1*

tear on our roadways. In the future, contractors will have to pay a fee to make sure Association money isn't spent on their damage. The new policy could see a \$30,000 annual income from the fees.

In addition, plans are being made to open certain LV communications periodicals to paid advertisers, such as Leisure Village eNews, the on-line subscriber news and information source, and the Village Voice, a newsletter mailed

monthly to all residents.

The official fiscal year 2018-19 budget adoption by the LV Board of Directors will take place during the February Open Board meeting set for Monday, February 5.

LV residents can expect a notice to arrive in the mail by the end of February, to announce the budget and potential percentage increase in assessment. The mailing runs about 40 pages and includes budget information, revenues data, and additional documentation mandated by law.

Letter to the Editor

SEND CARD TO ADDIE!

Addie Davis, 92, a forty year resident of V. 31 has moved to the Reserve. As mail was the highlight of her day here at LV, I thought residents might like to send her a card. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from all those that she talked to and/or cared for here in LV. Addie Davis, The Reserve, 3575 N. Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA, 91360.

Thank you.
Julie Smith, 31310 Village 31 (Addie's roof-mate)

IN MEMORIAM

- Marjorie Brennar, V. 22
- Nicholas Fiore – Formerly V 40
- Renee Kaplan, V. 28
- Pat Lowe, V. 17
- Judy Platts, V. 9
- Louis J. Schwab, formerly V. 13
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Mavericks Pool Party and popular Las Vegas Night draw large crowds.

Mavericks: a Club Just for the Fun of It

The idea began in 2005 when some residents who were still working talked about finding something to do in the Village at night. They held a meeting to exchange ideas; thirteen people attended. “The second meeting was attended by 40,” recalls Aleta Howarth, who became the group’s first president. “Too many for anyone’s home. When we asked for a room in the Rec Center, we were told we had to be a club. So we became one.” They wrote bylaws with a simple goal: a place to meet others with similar interests. “We had lists; those who liked movies, who wanted a book club, who favored rock n’ roll dances,” she remembers. “So you could contact someone on that list to get together.” Their first choice for a name was “The Village People.” But all residents are Village people. So they settled on The Mavericks.

Over the next dozen years, the Mavericks has grown into that “easy” organization, as John Wirtz describes it. “We are about fun, entertainment, and an easy way to meet other Villagers, period!” he says with a smile. No fundraisers, no heavy-duty rules, or relentless work involved. “Our only ‘work’ is to plan a monthly event where people can enjoy themselves without any other motive,” he adds. A lively Board of Directors works with him to keep the good times rolling.

What began as a dance or a movie rather quickly morphed into a calendar of very creative events. Members suggested new ideas, some of which are now Mavericks’ institutions. “Some stuck, some didn’t,” says John. The Annual \$20 Fashion Show is one that stuck. Models who create their own outfits by spending a maximum of \$20 at a thrift store sashay down the runway showing off their personal and economical style. The first year the most popular attire was worn by John Wirtz. “No one ever said men weren’t welcome to participate,” he laughs.

Added to the list of Mavericks’ favorites: “Casino Night” in which professional dealers, poker tables, and roulette wheels fill the AR for hundreds of lucky gamblers; “Cash in the Attic” provides Villagers a chance to donate old treasures to be auctioned off for fun and funds to support the Mavericks’ other events.

The Mavericks now number 230 members, dues are \$5 a year – a bargain, says John Wirtz. He’s been president of the club for 6 years. Isn’t he burned out? “No,” he laughs. “I’m having too much fun.”

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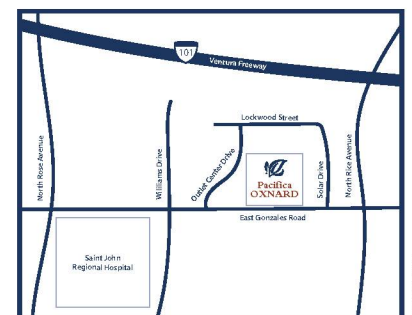
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Grandson's Journey Earns Bragging Rights

By *Lindy Stein*

There are times in one's life when an event so remarkable may happen that you want to shout out to the world. This is a newsworthy story I must share with my neighbors here in Leisure Village. Perhaps you have read some of this story in the newspapers, or heard of it on TV. But the whole story has not been told in the manner I know it.

In June of this past year I received a call from my daughter when she advised me that there would be a TV news program in which my grandson Drew Principe would be featured. Drew, a student at Viewpoint High School in Calabasas, attended a presentation given by Henry Oster, a holocaust survivor. There are many holocaust stories, but this was different.

Henry Oster, born in 1928, grew up in Germany in a middle-class Jewish family. His childhood was

normal until Hitler came to power in 1933. In the special assembly, Henry related to Drew and his classmates the story of the years between 1933 and the time he and his family were taken to the Lodz ghetto in 1941. In the presentation, Henry shared that he had prepared for his Bar Mitzvah, but was relocated two weeks before it could take place. He never had a Bar Mitzvah.

My grandson was so touched by Henry's story that he felt compelled to speak with him. Drew gifted Henry with a special bracelet he had acquired while in Israel at age 14 and they began a beautiful friendship between a seventeen-year-old and a 91-year-old holocaust survivor. Drew suggested Henry travel to Israel for the first time in his life and have a Bar Mitzvah at the Wall.

Drew committed to raising the funds for Henry and his wife to make the trip. Hence, a group of fifty people, including Drew and

his family, traveled to Israel to share in the special event.

It is with great pride and humility that I can now claim "bragging rights" while sharing my grand-

son's grand gesture. A documentary has been made and posted on YouTube under Drew Principe entitled "listen edit v7", where the complete story is told.

JUDY BLAKE *From Page 1*

She proposed it to Joyce Belcher (president of The Players Guild), got the "OK," and now it's two years old and going strong.

With Judy as its director, LV's Readers Theatre performs publically several times a year. Its members meet more frequently. "Anyone is welcome; if you are interested, you're in," she laughs. They consider everything: a poem, a holiday story, a newspaper article, "Anything we can share with an audience for laughs or tears or a moment of pleasure," Judy adds. Some members have acting experi-

ence, others have none. "One shy Villager joined, but wasn't participating much, reading lines from the back," Judy recalls. "Now that newcomer speaks up and sits in the front row, proving that Readers Theatre can be fun and a valuable life tool."

Their most recent performance was just before Christmas in the AR before more than a hundred people. Fourteen Village Readers entertained with jokes and an original holiday story. When the audience laughed and applauded, "We knew that experience was a gift we were giving to them," Judy says with a smile, "We liked it."



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"The conversation will be wide-ranging," said Kathy Talley of the Camarillo City Manager's Office, "Panelists will discuss subjects such as public treatment of today's veterans compared to that of Vietnam vets, as well as the lasting impacts

of that War on the U.S. The event is part of a three-year program by the U.S. Department of Defense leading up to the 50th Anniversary of the conflict." Talley added that Leisure Village veterans have taken part in earlier programs locally and are encouraged to attend this one.

Panelists include Vietnam veterans: author Ted Bagley, retired Navy Captain Charlie Plumb, who was a prisoner of war for six years, Larry Hawley, and history professor Dr. P. Scott Corbett. An audience Q&A will be moderated by KVTA radio host Lyn Fairley, and panelists will be available for conversations afterward during the refreshment hour.

Travel Corner

By Carol Moody

On February 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the Garden Room, join us for the presentation on our trips to Sunny Portugal and Canadian Rockies. We have several new trips up for sale, including the following:

GLENDALE CENTER THEATER *Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat* March 3

BOYS IN BLUE (*Lunch and Dodger Stadium Tour*) March 7

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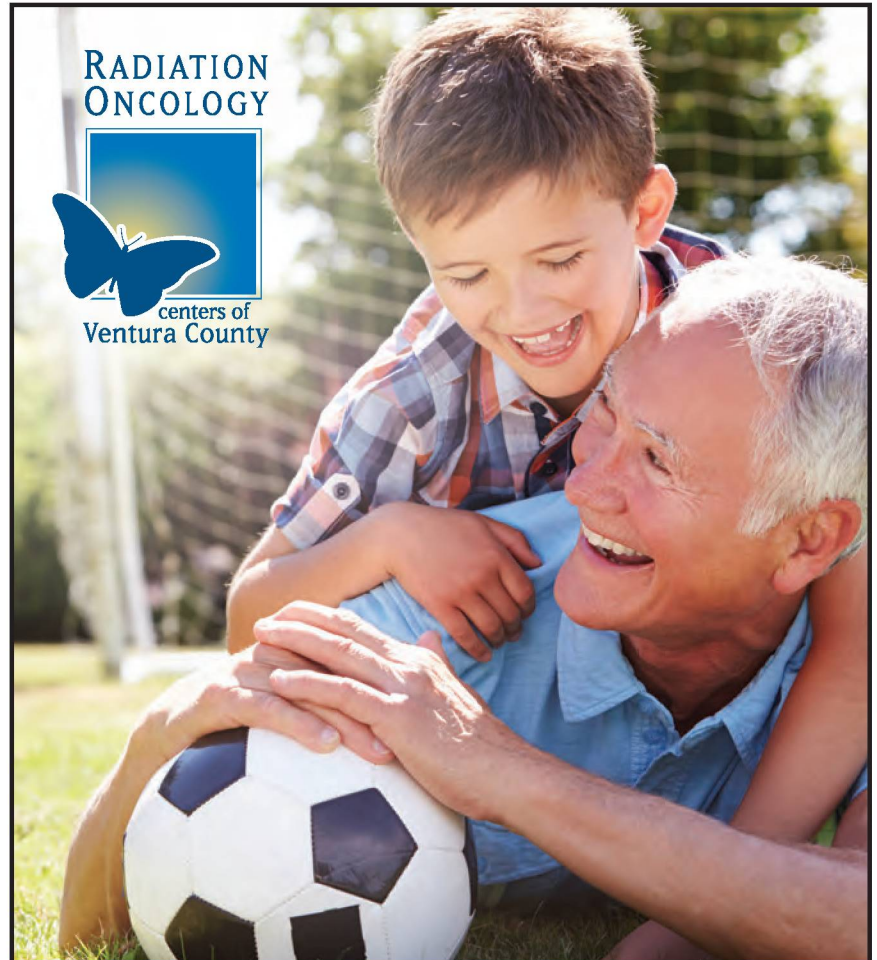
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COOKING WITH LARRY

FROM HOCKEY PUCKS TO STEAK TARTARE OR LET'S JUST DO SOUP

By Larry Swartz

There seems to be a few recurring themes among Leisure Villagers who didn't grow up in California... fresh vegetables is one. So many of the folks whom I've spoken to said, as a child growing up, their mom or cooking parent used only canned vegetables; OK, maybe frozen occasionally, and they didn't really know what real veggies were like until they moved to California. That certainly holds true for me as well. It's one of those cooking idioms...

*My dinner was panned, when I cooked canned.
I was not one of the chosen, when my peas were frozen.
My kudos were best, when I cooked fresh for every guest.*

— L. Swartz

The other one is unrelated to where people grew up. Everyone seems to have a story about getting a call from



their mom at work saying to a 12 year old: you need to prepare dinner tonight, we're going to be late. That's how it started with Helene in Village 40, and that's where the title of this month's column comes from. She was asked to make hamburgers and,

well, one time they were, should I say, slightly overdone, and the other time, drastically underdone.

That's when Helene decided to just throw it all in to one pot and she eventually became the soup maven. Her grandkids love her soups. Since what we call winter is here, it's a good time to think about just making a big pot of soup and using it for 3-4 lunches or dinners, maybe more. Helene is really good at the standards, you know - chicken, split pea, and tomato, but this soup is a little different...so thick it is almost like a stew. Some folks like a heartier flavor, so you could use chicken flavored stock instead of water if you like, but if you do, delete the salt stated in the recipe below.

HELENE'S VEGETARIAN LENTIL SOUP

- 1 large onion chopped
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 pound lentils (rinsed)
- 1 cup medium barley (rinsed)
- 2 1/2 quarts of water
- 2 large ribs of celery chopped
- 1-2 large carrots diced
- 1 large potato diced
- 3 TBSP mince parsley
- 1 16 ounce can chopped tomatoes
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder (or to taste)
- 2 TBSP salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper (or to taste)

Saute the onion and celery in the bottom of a large pot. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, simmer for two hours, stirring occasionally.

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CLUB NEWS

LV BOWLING

By Alan Singer

Hello from the Leisure Village Bowling Club. We've completed 14 weeks of fun, socializing, competition and bowling. The Ladder Tournament is now complete and the winners are Dennis Duran, Bill Kirkpatrick, Leslie Fox, Sandy Rosenthol. Good job, winners! If you are sitting out there in LV land and still have not joined the Club, don't you wish you had? Get more information by calling Joe at 818-518-5742. We will still be able to get you in. The second half is about to start. We are starting the standings over, so this is a great time to join. There will be a Pot Luck, Ladder Tournament, and sweeper yet to come. You can be part of it!

200 games:

Danny - 222,204, 200,211, 232, 233, 245,201,208 204,202, 202,289
Bob A. 219, Dennis - 219, 211, 200,



Photo by JERRY SPECTOR

102 year old Jerry Schneider is never too old to get a strike.

226,202 Mitchell F - 222, Wilma - 204, Bob Mcquivey - 201
Side Pot Winners

Week 11: Leslie Fox, Diane Reider, Sharon Luberecki, Danny Coleman, Stan Reshes, Irving Feiles

Week 12: Laura Schweers, Marilyn Chavin, Vi Guzman, Bigg Al Schuster, Greg cannon, Don Christie

Week 13: Nora Potter, Joyce St. John, Marilyn Chavin, Greg Cannon, John Albany, Dennis Duran

Week 14: Fran Titen, Renee Nocera, Leslie Fox, Robert Argast, Gene Kensey, Jerry Schneider

Week 15: Peggy Rebsch, Leslie Fox Linda Neth Nora Potter, Al Feldman, Stan Reshes, Irving Bergman

Week 16: Elaine Hitchcock, Linda Neth, Wilma Hutson, Irving Feiles, Jim Rebsch, Danny Coleman.

LV PHOTO CLUB

By Rita Linsey

The Village New Year's Eve Party hit a new high on the last day of 2017, and it had nothing to do with champagne. The party-goers had the opportunity to have their pictures taken by skilled photographers in a professional setting with lights, screens, and the LV library's cozy fireplace in the background.

An anonymous donor asked Photo Club members Gregg Gillmar and Frank De Simone to take photos of the partygoers. "She said that she wanted us to do something fun," Gregg said. She contributed \$300 for that fun. This was not one big group shot. Remember Prom Night Pictures? That's what Gregg and Frank provided. Couples, groups of friends, or individuals could pay \$1 for the shoot. More than 160 people took advantage of the offer. The proofs were posted online at

smugmug.org, and Villagers ordered prints from there. "We were really pleased with the project," said Gregg and Frank, who donated all the money – a total of \$462 – to the Photo Club. It's no surprise that other groups are asking them to bring their cameras to their events.

BILLIARDS CLUB

By Patrick Price

The Scotch Doubles tournament will start on Monday, February 5 and continue until the 15th. Then, the first membership meeting of 2018 will be the 'Picnic in the AR Buffet' on Thursday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the AR. Picnic dinner will be "Baked Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Salad, Rolls" and a variety of pot luck desserts that we are asking Members to bring. We will have wine, water and sodas. Since the kitchen is closed, we will NOT have coffee. It's free to paid-up members and spouses. Non-members can participate for \$7 and instantly become members. No tickets necessary. Awards to the top players of the tournament will be presented at the meeting.

There is a small dues payment extension to mid-February. Dues of \$7, except for super senior, +90 years-young memberships (free), must be paid, as well as information updated, to get into the Billiards Club directory. Dues can be dropped in the box on the bulletin board or given to Chris Bogdan, who is available every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (let her know if you are a super senior). If you are paying cash, be sure to attach your name and, exact change, please.

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CLUB NEWS

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Louise Romero

The Women's Club meeting is Thursday, February 8, in the AR and will be preceded by the Boutique, vintage jewelry and See's Candy at 1:00 p.m. The General Meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by the performance of Jason Love. Jason is a well-known comedian and has appeared on HBO and Comedy Central, as well as local venues. Jason incorporates music in his performance, making him a favorite of his audiences. You won't want to miss Jason's performance, and don't forget to bring your spare canned goods for Food Share.

Boutique hours and days are Tuesday, February 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the MPR and Wednesday, February 21, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the AR Lobby. The Social Workshop is dark for the month of February. Fundraiser



A popular item and ladies at the Women's Club monthly meeting is See's Candy and Axxess book. L to R are Loretta Reshes, Barbara Crome and Gerry Leibowitz.

Photo by JUDY SPECTOR

sales of Axxess Cards and book for \$30, with listings of over 400 local merchants offering savings, are available at the Boutique, February 6, in the MPR. For information contact Susan Stein, (917) 886-2615.

WOMEN'S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

Thank you to the Men's Golf for hosting the mixed Chili Bowl Tournament and Luncheon on January 27. The Edith Dowsing Tournament was delayed to the second Wednesday in February.

I would like to advise players of some timely Sand Bunker rules shared by Merle Ruiz:

- Prior to hitting your ball, you may not touch the sand with either your club or your hand.

- Always rake when done.

- If there is a pool of water in the bunker, you may pick up your ball and drop it in another part of the bunker. You must play from the bunker.

- If two balls are in-line with each other, the ball in front may be picked up and marked. The first player should rake the bunker prior to the other person hitting.

February is regular tournament play on Feb. 7, 14, 21. The Eclectic Tournament is played on February 28.

Our monthly meeting is held on Feb. 14 in the Garden Room at 2:00 p.m. Come early at 1:30 to enjoy refreshments and buy 50/50 tickets. Happy Valentine's Day!

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

By Andrea Moran

Hi to all villagers. Hope the New Year will be good to everyone. We heard from Joyce Baker and she is settling in to her new home in Missouri (4 degrees) and keeping very busy. We also wish Bonnie Green a speedy recovery and hope to see her soon and active in our dances.

We have a great line for this month: 2/10 - Tropic Starr (Mardi Gras) with our 2nd liners parading; 2/24 - Wyatt Haupt (come with a smile).

It takes many volunteers to put these dances on each month and we thank you. Please contact Jackie or Andrea (kitchen duties) if interested. Dance room opens at 7:00 p.m., dance starts at 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. We hope you put great dances on your favorites list, and join the "good times."

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WOODSHOP

By Bud Bradley

The expanded Woodshop is ready for new members – novice and experienced. The Woodshop Annex is now set up with basic power tools to allow you to create a memory. If you are a skilled craftsman and can demonstrate those skills, you can gain access to more complex tools and equipment in the main Woodshop. If you have a desire and can demonstrate safety skills with basic equipment, a sander, scroll saw, band saw, drill press or chop saw, consider joining our group of novice woodworkers.

Our Woodshop Committee Members are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon to repair most wood items for Villagers. We gratefully accept donations to help defray the cost of normal materials and



Photo by BUD BRADLEY

The recipe is simple: one tree limb, 2 old table legs, a piece of carpet, a slab of plywood, and the skill of a Woodshop volunteer make a cat tree for a pampered pet.

supplies. Our completed project totals for 2017 are in:

Resident projects: 293

as compared to 276 for 2016
LV/Club projects: 73
 as compared to 70 in 2016
Quickie projects: 47
 as compared to 46 in 2016

A note to all Woodshop keyed members: should you have a completed project that you would like to highlight, we will put a photo of that project on our bulletin board outside the Main shop and Annex. Email your photo to Hipbud2@gmail.com. If you have questions or would like to join our group, please call Ron Quick, (805) 603-8456.

SHOWTYME

By Jennifer Stein

February is a lovely time of year. It's filled with love in the air and valentines galore. So, what better way to celebrate the month than with music, and who's one of the best performers to bring that to Showtyme's stage? The greatest Tribute impersonator in the business today, Raymond Michaels. Raymond will be performing a Tribute to, "Tom Jones & Engelbert Humperdinck". He will be singing the songs we all remember: "Spanish Eyes", "Release Me", "You Really Got a Hold on Me", "Mama Told Me Not to Come", and "What's New Pussy Cat", just to name a few.

Please join Showtyme on Friday, February 9 in the AR. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Members, no-charge; non-members, \$3 donation. Membership is on sale for \$10 per-person. 50/50 raffle & refreshments after the show.



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THE MAVERICKS

By Margo Secia

Dig that “Lucky Charm” out of the back of the drawer ‘cause Jim and Linda Gaffney are hosting “Mavericks’ Casino Night/ Mardi Gras” on Friday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the AR! “Casino Knights” will provide the game tables and dealers for 3-Card Poker, Blackjack, Craps, and Texas Hold’em. For those who don’t know how to play, we’ve been assured that the dealers will be very helpful. Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00 and can be obtained by calling 300-1421. When these tickets are presented at the door on the night of this event (and yes, YOU MUST BRING YOUR TICKETS), they will be exchanged for \$500.00 in “funny money which can be turned into any dealer for chips for

play at the tables. Also, additional “funny money” may be purchased during the course of the evening for \$20.00 for another \$500.00 in “funny money”.

There will be prizes awarded at the end of the evening when you redeem the “funny money” you’ve won and for each \$100.00 you will be given a raffle ticket to be put in the raffle drum for the drawings. The top THREE prizes are a three day/two night stay at Sam’s Town Resort in Las Vegas, and there will be many other great prizes to be won as well. The Club will provide all snacks along with wine, beer, soda, water and coffee, or you may BYOB. Remember Mardi Gras is a masquerade party, so don a FABULOUS MASK and come on down to the AR for this really fun night!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Jim and Linda Gaffney.

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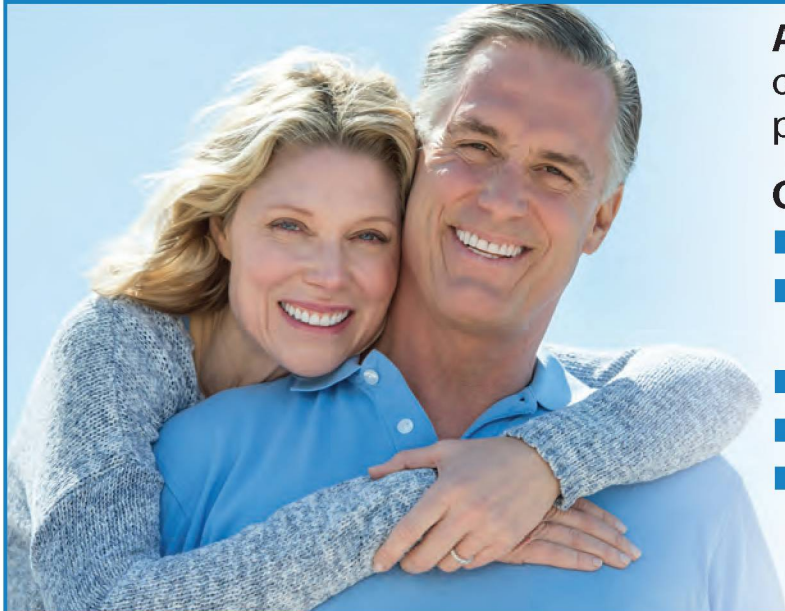


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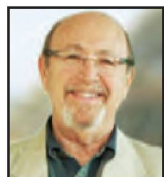
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 Randy Friedman from VCAS Camarillo Shelter was presented with a donation of \$2,000.00 at our last meeting.

PET CLUB

By Ruth Stubba

Randy Friedman from VCAS Camarillo Shelter was presented with a donation of \$2,000 at our last meeting. There were smiles all around and sincere appreciation expressed by Randy and his little dog Josie, who came along for the ride.

What does it take to be a therapy dog? At our next Pet Club Speaker Series meeting on Monday, February 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR, Nancy Mitchell from VIP Dog Teams will answer that

question and more. She currently has three trained therapy dogs ready to be adopted and years of experience and interesting stories to tell us about the power of our four-legged best friends.

We serve refreshments and welcome all visitors. Club dues are \$5 per calendar year. If you would like to become a member, contact Ruth Stubba at 496-7188.

LV RV CLUB

By Jean Tucker

LVRV Club celebrates the holidays with a wonderful dinner at

Jessica's Café. See our Facebook page for more pictures!

Join a group of residents with an interest in traveling and camping in a Recreational Vehicle (RV). We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Rosa room to socialize and exchange information on maintaining and traveling in an RV. Additional social events and RV camping trips add to the fun. You don't have to own an RV to join us!

Future Events and Campouts:

- February 24-26 at Ojai Camp Comfort. Hug a tree, take a hike! Make your own reservation through Ventura County Parks website..

- April 6-8 for Derby Day at Santa Anita Race Track. This event was so successful last year that we are repeating it for 2018. (See pictures on our Facebook page) We dry camp at the race track, take a tour of the track and paddock area, have a catered lunch on Derby Day and take our chances on the races. Save the date on your calendar and look for more info in the future.

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CLUB NEWS

MEN'S GOLF

By Joseph Benti

As one of the Club's lowest handicap golfers (-1), Bob Michna headed to the first tee one recent morning the old-fashioned way, he passed five of the Village's twelve authorized golf carts. The scene is a reminder that only those residents who have received an official "Handicap" flag from the Security office (contact Michelle or Debra for complete information), may occupy the carts on the course.



Photo by JOSEPH BENTI

Club President Gerry Sarno reminds Members that the Club meetings on the second Tuesday of every month now begin at 12:30 p.m., in the MPR. Thanks to Norm Paniagua, we'll have a special guest at the February meeting; Roger Dunn "teaching pro" Jonathon Poole will make a presentation on chipping, and will likely field questions on additional subjects - as they say, this is one you don't want to miss.

The next Regulation outing will be at River Ridge (The Lakes) on February 15. Contact Chuck Dolan or Dan Turner to sign up.

IN OTHER WORDS

By Frank Seiden

Writing is for the reader's/listener's ear. Therefore, sounds that entice the ear are important to drawing the reader's/listener's attention and interest. Also, vivid descriptions give mental images that bring a reader/listener into the story. These are topics that we shall discuss in February when we meet on the 14 and 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Lanai

Room. We'll read and discuss prose and poetry by our members (or visitors if you care to give it a try). Each piece read is a lesson in techniques well executed as well as an opportunity to give supportive suggestions in an atmosphere of friendship.

RACQUET CLUB

By Len Zakas

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. in the MPR is the first Racquet Club meeting of the year. Please come to hear the 2018 Special Event plans for Racquet Club members, including the March Paddle Tennis and Pickleball Tournaments. Sunshine will be there to collect \$7 dues (cash only). Also bring a few \$\$s for our 50/50 event.

Check out the Practice Buddy List on the bulletin board and then call a few people on it. Increase your weekly practice and playing time with new friends.

Round Robin play times for paddle tennis and pickleball are shared on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Intermediate Open Play is as follows:

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VETERAN'S CLUB

By Tim Palmer

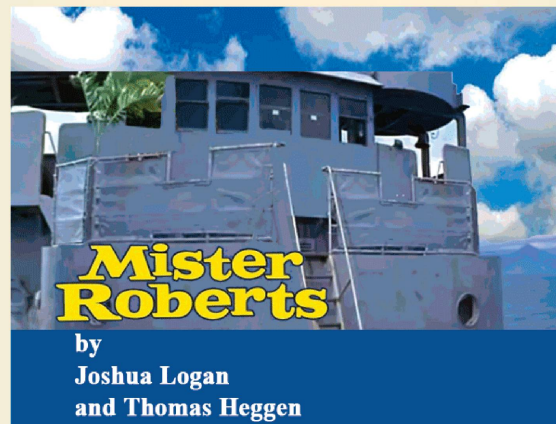
The Veterans Club meets every fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR. Our purpose is to share camaraderie with fellow residents who have served in the Armed Forces. We have had speakers who have combat experience in World War II, both on the ground and in the air, as well as authors who have written about combat heroes. We want veterans to feel proud that they wrote the blank check to Uncle Sam, willingly offering their lives in the defense of our country.

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VILLAGE ARTS

By Patti Crichton

We look forward to an informative watercolor demo by Stephanie Fielden on February 7. She will be offering the opportunity to sign up for a watercolor class on Friday, February 16, Lanai Room, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Thank you to new member, Gloria, who has offered to be the refreshment hostess for our Club; an assistant is still needed. Many thanks to Margie O'Hair who has been in charge of our refreshment occasions over the past years, including meetings, annual pot-luck picnics, and Autumn Art Shows.

Village Arts members continue to meet for independent workshop time in the Lanai Room on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 1:00 p.m. We enjoy the space and company of fellow artists. Please join us.

Take a peek in the Library where Shirley Abbott is displaying her paintings in February.

PLAYER'S GUILD

By Stan Reshes

Players Guild's February 15 show at 7:30 p.m. in the AR will be "Love is in the Air."

Our talented cast will be singing love songs to their spouses on stage in honor of Valentine's Day. And those without spouses will sing songs about what love means to them. It promises to be a romantic evening of beautiful music. Those who have not yet signed up for membership will have the opportunity to join that evening, still only \$10 for the entire year, and that includes all the tasty refreshments following each show.

SINGLE ACTIVE SENIORS (SAS)

By Lee Edwards

Welcome to February!
I am looking forward to dinner at

THE KNITTING CLUB



Photo by BARBARA CRANFILL

The Knitting Club of Leisure Village graciously donated 15 warm, colorful scarves for the Daughters of the American Revolution. Pictured is villager, Judy Herrera of the Conejo Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution presenting fellow villager, Dottie Frenchik of the Leisure Village Knitting Club with a letter of appreciation for her group. Great job, ladies!

Ottavios – as always, the second Tuesday of the month, which is February 9 at 5:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

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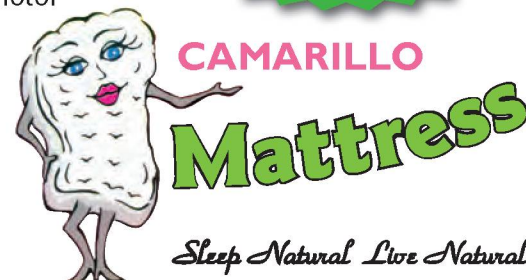
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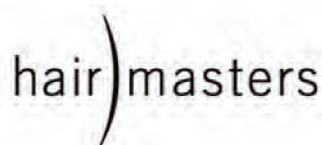
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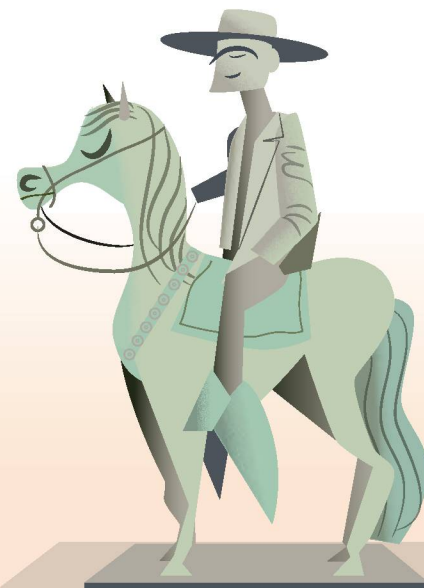
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