

We Don't Know His Name; But We Know His Caring

■ Anonymous Donor Provides Face Masks for Villagers

By *Patty Ecker*

It was an awesome proposal. As the reports and the fears about the COVID-19 pandemic dominated our attention in early April, a Camarillo man – who insisted on remaining anonymous – made a simple offer. He wanted to donate face masks to the residents of Leisure Village. He doesn't live in the Village nor does he do business with the Village. In fact, he had never been inside the gate. But a life principle, learned from his Chinese parents, is to protect children and the

elderly; providing masks here could do just that. Villagers Joy Babcock and Dick Guttman pick up the story from there.

Joy, who is a long-time Village resident, is active and respected in the local Chinese-American community. Born and raised in China, she was instrumental in bringing the musical performances by Chinese-American children to Leisure Village audiences in past years. "They really loved playing here. It was very important to them," Joy says. It was Joy whom LV's donor approached with his idea. He didn't want any publicity. He just wanted to give protective masks to Villagers. So she linked him with LV's Board member Dick Guttman.

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Photograph by JOSEPH BENTI

In just over two hours, several thousand protective face masks were given to LV residents who lined up outside the Recreation Center.



Just a usual sequestered day at work for the Rec Center Team, locked on, masked, and maintaining social distances. Can you identify them all?

Photograph by JOSEPH BENTI



The Rec Center Lock-Down

■ No Recreation, Lots of Concern

It has been the heart of Leisure Village for decades. But over the past two months, the Recreation Center has been dark, locked and silent – a victim of COVID-19, when the Association closed it down on March 19, 2020 as part of the plan to prevent the spread of the pandemic to Villagers. However, it has been neither empty nor silent. The Rec Center team has been working as usual – even though what they've been doing is anything but usual.

"It's been stressful," explains Danel Stites, the Rec Center Manager's Assistant, "because we know that so many Villagers consider this part of their home. Many walked here every day. They came into the office. We answered their questions," until the doors were locked for the safety of everyone.

Recreation Manager Shelly Runge agrees that the closure has been a challenge, "because we are here to interact with the people of Leisure Village." During the pandemic shutdown, the staff focused on health. "Our crew – Mark, Jeff, Ubaldo, Lupe, Glizander, Kyle and Ed have cleaned the entire building, taking everything apart, from cleaning the ceiling light fixtures, washing all the audio equipment, to sanitizing every single chair in the AR," she says.

Fortunately, the services of the Rec Office remained

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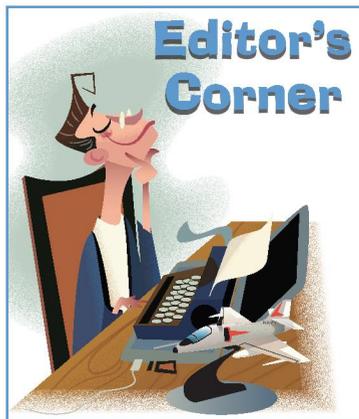


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“What a revoltin’ development this is” as actor William Bendix used to say. We have all of these great facilities and they are locked to protect us from spreading the virus. But, this is the fight that we are given and we can deal with it. To date, Leisure Village residents have set a high bar for adhering to social distancing and stay-at-home restrictions. After all, we are the parents of those who are making decisions about this pandemic (some of us, anyway) and we need to set the example, as we have always done with our children.

We have some excellent articles in this edition that deal with our current situation. Unfortunately, we have limited Club News for obvious reasons, but our contributors have provided us with some interesting insights on what is happening behind the scenes and some ways to entertain ourselves during these “quiet times.” We are limited to 16 pages because of a drop-off in advertising with the Acorn, but I think we have filled them with good information. Enjoy. — Tim Palmer

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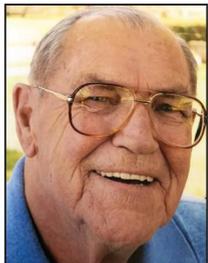
LV's Election 2020 Upcoming in June

■ Candidates for Two Positions on Board of Directors

Four residents have submitted applications to the Association Nominating Committee and have been approved as candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Two Board positions will be open for election. Candidates Night is currently scheduled for May 21. Three of the candidates are:

GEORGE JONES

Lived in Village: Nine years
Committees and Club experience: Served on the Board of Directors for past two years as Treasurer. Served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for past four years. Member of Neighbors Helping Neighbors who help other residents with minor repairs to their homes.
Goals as a Director: His main goal is to maintain the outstanding lifestyle we enjoy here in the Village,



Jones

while keeping to a minimum future assessment increases. George will continue hosting his monthly Listening Post where residents discuss issues that are important to them.

BEVERLY VANDERMEULEN

Lived in Village: 16 years
Committees and Club Experience: Currently President of the Board of Directors; member of the Finance Committee for three years. Has been



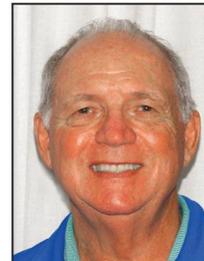
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Board Liaison to the Architectural, Residential Landscape and Welcome Committees.

Goals as a Director: Identifying anticipated cost of increases in deferred maintenance throughout the Village. Make suggestions and decisions based on keeping Leisure Village competitive or better than upcoming proposed adult communities. Identify ways to improve two-way communication between the Board and association members.

CHUCK KISKADEN

Lived in Village: Seven years.
Committees and Club Experience: Served on the Board of Directors, Member of Men's Golf Association, LV Billiards Club and the Players Guild.
Goals as a Director: Maintaining the Association's strong financial stability and overall beauty of Leisure Village.



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IN MEMORIAM

Marney Clay, V. 23
 Sidney Sicoff, Formerly V. 25

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NOTES

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Unwelcome Visitor

The frightening visit of a rattlesnake to a home in Village 32 recently was “cut short” by Officer Tony Winter, who killed the reptile before it got close to the front door. As startling as it was for the residents, it was not unusual for LV’s Security Officers. “We get three to four snake calls a month during the summer,” says Chief Manny Segovia, “Especially from villages along the barranca.” His advice: stay away from the reptile and call the Main Gate immediately. Also, be watchful while walking a dog and when working in a residential garden.

Cryptograms

Encryption, codes and secret messages have been around for centuries. Governments have long used encryption to communicate information they want to keep from the enemy. The most famous example of secret coding was the Enigma Machine devised by Nazi Germany, and ultimately deciphered by British Intelligence.

The simplest kind of secret code is letter substitution in which one letter stands in for another. Here’s an example:

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Good luck!

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Why Am I Feeling This Way?

■ After weeks of sheltering in place, a sadness has moved in with me

By Janey Rifkin

It came over me some days ago! Was it the solitary distancing, the fear for our country, my loved ones, far and near, the stress and anxiety that pervades my every thought? Why am I feeling this way?

“That discomfort you’re feeling is grief,” I learned after referencing the book by Dr. David Kessler, co-author with Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, “On Grief and Grieving.” If we can name it, perhaps we can explain it, he explained. People are feeling many things right now. We feel the world has changed, and it has. We know this is temporary, but it doesn’t feel that way. We are in the path of the deadliest pandemic; the loss of work and livelihoods; the loss of connection. This is hitting us where we grieve!

We are not used to this collective grief in the air. It harbors a loss for general safety. This is uncharted mindset and our grieving is solitary. The coronavirus has command. But wait! Acceptance is where the power lies. We find control in acceptance. “I can wash my hands; I can keep a safe distance; I can be at home; I can come thru’ this.” Anticipatory grief is the mind going into the future and imagining the worst. To calm yourself, you want to come into the present. Realize that in the present moment, nothing you anticipated has come true. Your shelter is a safe place, you have food, you have water. You are not sick, you are O.K.

Those among us who have ever practiced meditation know we have the capability of easing stress and anxiety. Often, it can be as easy as taking deep breaths. Why am I feeling this way? Let go of what you CANNOT control. By focusing on what you CAN DO, stress and anxiety will lift. And yes, we will prevail and come through this time – together!

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- If you want the answers before next month's paper comes out, you're out of luck
- There will be no prizes, this is just to get you thinking
- And remember to keep laughing! Even when you're not.

MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE EDITION

- What is the speed limit on Mountain View Drive?
- How many yellow lines at the crosswalk near Village 20?
- Who donated the bench near V. # 22?
- What is significant about the bench near the golf course and across from V 22 between village 24 & 26 on the right side of the street headed toward LV Dr.?



- There are some yellow dots on one side of the street, only they're supposed to be a total of 31...2 are missing. Clearly define which two are missing by column and row counting from the curb looking toward the middle of the street. Column 1 is on your left and row 1 is closest to the curb.
- What color are the bows on the Easter bunny baskets on the patio in the back of the house at Village 19?
- How many baby ducks did the duck have who is sitting on the patio at the corner of village 23 and Mountain View Dr? And don't forget the little baby near the owl.
- Which villages have more than one entrance off Mountain View Dr.?
- There are two gates kind of across the street from each other that have icons hanging on them.

What are they?

• There's a crosswalk by village 20 between 24 and 26 that has seven diagonal lines. Why do some crosswalks have diagonal lines and others have vertical or horizontal lines depending on how you are facing them? You gotta figure this one out for yourself and the more creative your answer, the more points you score... like "the guy who painted them just came from Sheila's Wine Bar"

• What could you find out by calling 818-901-6352...but don't call it. You can figure this out without calling the number.

• What is significant about the number 21 when you look at the entrance sign on Village 25?

• Spell the flower that is pronounced Boo-gun-vee-ya

EAST LEISURE VILLAGE DRIVE EDITION

• What telephone number is 805 WUT-ICAT and who comes if you call the number?

• What is significant about the number 15 on the Village 40 sign?

• What village did Fred Richter live in? How many handicapped parking spaces in the East Parking Lot.

• The mail is picked up at 10AM and at what time in the afternoon from the mailbox in front of the rec center?

• If you deleted no par from a sign in the east parking lot, what rule would remain?

• What is the address of the rec center?

• There is a blooming bush/tree prevalent around Leisure Village that comes in yellow, soft red and white. What is the name of it?

• What two villages does the bridge connect?

• What was the Women's Club busy doing in 2004?

• What color are bottlebrush trees?

• What are the 3 phrases on the green leaves at the bus stop on LV Dr.?

• What tree at what location would it be wise to bring a bottle of vodka to?

WEST LEISURE DRIVE EDITION

• What is the article in the LV By Laws that requires a guest be with a resident host in the RV lot?

• How many clouds are in the LV
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available. Several residents were able to obtain medical equipment by making phone requests. "It was simple. We just put the walker or the wheelchair outside the locked door," explains Stites. She also enjoys the Village optimism shown by the number of people who have called to reserve rooms for parties later in the year.

Villagers did not always accept the lockdown graciously. Several residents were huffy about not being able to borrow a puzzle or a book from the library. One man yanked on the locked main doors with such force that he broke the locking mechanism.

For the Rec Center team, the lockdown has offered a clear picture of LV's residents. "It's not only the pool or the fitness center or the library they miss," says Danel. "What they miss most is each other whom they meet here every day."

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JOSEPH BENTI

A Safe Distance - It's All in the Family—*Chatting with your sister has become more complicated in the age of COVID-19, say Marilyn Chavin and Linda Cannady. Marilyn, who lives in Village 44 and her sister Linda, a Village 13 resident, meet on the shuffleboard court for a chat. They say they prefer the safety of social distance and the good exercise from their separate walks to the bench in the middle.*

**LV QUIZ** *From Page 6*

RV club logo and what color are they?

• How many clouds are in the sky right now over Village 1?

• What is significant about the number 11 with regards to the Village 14 sign?

• At the bocce ball courts or whatever you call that weird game, the

signs on the North end are very colorful and reminded me of a country flag.

If you wanted to honor that country at dinner, what dish would you bring?

• What is strac on spelled backwards?

• What is radar spelled backwards?

• What is unique about Village 4?

• What was that bird that just flew by?

• Which villages have more than one entrance off Leisure Village Dr?

• What two villages does the bridge connect?

• Can you go faster on Mountain View Dr. or Leisure Village DR.?

• There is a blooming bush/tree prevalent around Leisure Village that comes in yellow, soft red and white. What is the name of it?

COOKING WITH LARRY**Look at It and Make It**

I want you to be able to look at a photo of a dish and say "I can cook that!"

It's not as hard as it sounds if you just think about it for a second. When I look at this Arroz Con Pollo, the first thing I think is "I'll bet I can get by with just one pan."

I'll follow a recipe if it is something that uses unfamiliar ingredients, but with Arroz Con Pollo, I can handle it - and so can you.

1. Make sure the chicken is handled and cooked properly so you don't give yourself food poisoning, so if you don't know how, read up on it.

2. Process

a. Finely chop a few celery stalks, ¼ lg red onion, chop fresh red bell pepper in ½" squares

b. Season four bone-in chicken thighs with salt, pepper, a touch of cumin and a dash of turmeric

c. ½ cup dry rice and please don't use instant. Arborio is best, but any other sticky rice will do.

d. Olive oil

e. Saffron

f. 1 + cup chicken broth - better than bouillon; low sodium is the best. Dissolve about 10 strands of Saffron

g. 2 whole scallions - chopped

h. ½ cup of frozen peas

i. Why not some chopped stuffed olives

I realize it doesn't look like some of these ingredients are in this picture, but I don't care. I know they will help the flavor.

In what order should I cook all this? I'll sauté the veggies on medium heat and, hmmm, should I throw them all in at the same time? No. What takes longer to cook goes first and what could burn goes last, so I'll do:

• Celery

• Onions and peppers. Season with a dash of salt, pepper, approx. ¾ tsp of ground cumin and 4 tsp of ground turmeric. Stir well and continue browning

• Chopped olives



When they just begin to brown, add another bit of olive oil and the rice. Slightly brown it, but watch it closely so it doesn't burn. Then add ½ the stock, which by now should be a bright orange from the saffron, and simmer.

In a separate saucepan, brown four thighs so they are just done. After about 15 minutes, or when the rice begins to soak up some of the liquid, add the other ½ cup and the browned chicken. Gently stir so that everything is dispersed evenly, cover and simmer another 20 minutes, adding more stock if required.

Check the chicken and rice to make sure they are properly done, then add about 2/3 cup of the peas. Stir and cover. You should not have to cook it further as the peas just need to get hot, but make sure the rice is done. Serve topped with raw scallions.

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■ Mandatory Isolation Got You Down, Chum? Bob, Carl, Mel, Bud & Lou to the Rescue

By Patrick Moore

So, how you doing? I'm doing alright here in my museum of culture isolation, but if you wish to read about Coronavirus, politics and toilet paper, then you have apparently overestimated my tolerance for such things.

It's just that comedians and musicians have been more comforting and enlightening to me than preachers or politicians or philosophers of our time, to paraphrase Kurt Vonnegut Jr. In such down-turn periods as these, music lifts the spirits and laughter main-lines a jolt of endorphins that tend to make everything all-better.

In the spirit of avoiding the media cockfights, and to seek out a little patch of peacock sky, allow me to set your compass in the direction of a few giggles. I think it was the fictional Billy Clyde Puckett, who said, "Laughter is the only thing that cuts trouble down to a size where you can talk to it." And the quickest link to laughter is your friendly, all-knowing internet connection; specifically, YouTube, home of emotional leakage in various hues.

YouTube, where you can find the classic Abbott and Costello, "Who's On First" vaudeville routine, subsequently translated to radio in the '40s, and then television in the 1950s. The most popular comedy team of the 1940s and '50s, the boys first worked together on the vaudeville stage in 1935 when Lou Costello's regular partner failed to show for a performance. Bud Abbott, who worked behind the scenes as a box office manager at the time, volunteered to fill in, and they were a hit. The performance is an evergreen-gold routine as funny today as it was in 1935. Just type "Who's On First" in the YouTube search engine and choose a version.

The second of my comic trio-to-try, here, is the signature bit by two comedy mavens of five decades; Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner. "The 2,000-Year-Old Man" started out as a party ad-lib skit the pair would perform at friend's homes. The comedy Mensas met in the 1950s, when they co-wrote, along with Woody Allen, Neil Simon, and Larry Gelbart, Sid Caesar's television programs, "Caesar's Hour" and "Your Show of Shows." A comedian, actor, director, screenwriter and publisher, Carl Reiner's career spans seven decades. Mel Brooks, a director, writer, actor, comedian, producer and composer is known as a creator of comedy film farces and parodies, including the television comedy, Get Smart. Among his movie credits is directing and/or writing the flicks Blazing Saddles, Young Frankenstein and Silent Movie.

Finally, I'd like you to type "Defusing A Bomb" in the YouTube Search box, and take a gander at Bob Newhart at his hilarious best. Look for the voice-only version; no video works best for this one. Known for his two 1960's number one ranked comedy albums, one of which is still the top 20 best selling comedy album of all time, and for two hit television sitcoms, "The Bob Newhart Show," and "Newhart."

So, that's my troika of comedy efforts intended to get you started. It's only a beginning, though. I have more for you, should you need them. Try Buddy Hackett, "The Chinese Waiter," Foster Brooks' "Dean Martin Roast of Don Rickles" and for some plain, old-fashioned silliness, look at Brother Dave Gardner, "The Origin of Rock and Roll."

So many things become a bore by our age. Philosophy, politics, silly love songs and other fast foods, but comedy is an enduring art form. Like poetry can make you cry and a good musician can make you dance, a good comedian can make you laugh until you pee.

CLUB NEWS

MEN'S GOLF

By Joseph Benti

The coronavirus has intruded on the normal business of our Club at a time when we were scheduled to nominate and elect a new Board for 2020-'21. At our last meeting, there were no nominations or indications that any members were interested in running the Club's business. Current President Norm Paniagua, Secretary Harvey Harris and Treasurer Max Chopra, have indicated they are willing to serve another term. Current 1st Vice President Robert Malinow and 2nd Vice President Nick Schellong will not seek re-election. Because of the County Health orders prohibiting all non-essential gatherings of two or more, it is not clear if we will use email or telephone to vote. Also, another casualty of the current situation is the club championships; those, too, will require unfamiliar changes to be decided by the Board and the Membership.

GRAPES R US

By Linda Brown

When the Recreation Center re-opens - Grapes R Us is a Leisure Village club dedicated to the enjoyment, education and conversation around wine. Themed monthly tasting events are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Friday of each month in the Club House Santa Rosa Room. The tastings are led by a wine professional and are formatted to stimulate discussion and camaraderie while tasting the wines. Tastings are \$10 per-attendee for GRU Club members and \$15 for non-members. Membership is \$5 per year. Contact: Jon Niemann, cantamar@me.com or Janis Kajita, jkajita@tec.com.

PHOTO CLUB

By Chuck Murrow

Coping with Social Distancing. We all have had our life's rhythm

disrupted by the coronavirus which has gripped not only Leisure Village but the entire country. The LV Photo Club took this "new normal" living to redesign how they meet and judge the monthly theme submissions. The club accomplished this using a professional photographer without being physically together for a meeting.

All April photos can now be viewed at <https://leisurevillage.smugmug.com>. Once on the site click on 2020 Galleries, then click on 2020 LV Photo Club Pictures, then choose April Pics. The comments provided by the judge can be viewed by clicking on the comment box in the top left of the screen. The photos for March

are also available for anyone interested. The Photo Club intends to keep the competition schedule on track despite the required current and possibility for future "social distancing."

For additional information contact Ken Lauchner at ken.lauchner@roadrunner.com or 805-491-2432.

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PLAYER'S GUILD

By Stan Reshes

Hope springs eternal! We have to think this way in times like these as we move through this COVID-19 pandemic. All we can promise you is that Players Guild will keep you informed of any new developments (rehearsals, show dates, etc.) as they occur. Meanwhile, if you have already purchased tickets to our next play "Carnival" they will be honored at the appropriate time. The Show Must Go On, and it will, we just don't know exactly when. Good health to you all, keep safe.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

By Betty Ericsson

When the Recreation Center reopens, the duplicate bridge club will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Join us anytime—new players are always welcome.

For Monday evenings, contact Betty Ericsson at 760-779-8782. For Wednesday evenings, contact Betty Rasmussen at 805-807-8829.

ACTIVE SENIORS

By Lee Edwards

As I write this article, I hope life will return to normal and restaurants will reopen in May. Then we can resume our monthly dinner at Ottavio's on Tuesday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m. You may reach me at 805-484-3289. Be well and be safe!

WORKSHOP FOR WRITERS

Pat Lagerstrom

Last month we suggested that writers put their stay-at-home thoughts on paper. This month our message is the same. In this serious time in our history, both personal and national, it makes sense to chronicle and record in diaries, journals, and chapbooks.

Our successors will come to know exactly how we felt about things, how we dealt with our miseries, large and small, and how we spent our time during this prolonged isolation. Such written memories will become a part of our history and, over the years, when we reread them, we will be glad we wrote them.

"Workshop for Writers" is taking a sabbatical while the virus is stalking California citizens. When the virus is vanquished and the ordeal over, we will adjust to the "new" normal. Villagers are invited to join us every second and fourth Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Rec. Center's Lanai Room. We usually finish by 4:00 p.m.

Our group is a mixture of beginning writers, published writers, and wannabes. We all fit in. We receive a written lesson each time to help improve our writing, and we

read our stories to the group. Try writing something and bring it to our next meeting. Expect a friendly critique. We look forward to meeting you and, importantly, hearing from you.

PHOTO CLUB WINNER OPEN CATEGORY



■ 1st — Gregg Gillmar | Concentration

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CLUB NEWS

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Pamela Almeida

Gosh ... being at home and being socially distant has been quite a challenge for all of us; we hope you're safe and well. It's been very quiet on the streets and walkways but it's also nice to know that Leisure Village took the home quarantine order with flying colors. The LV Women's Club was not so quiet though. On the second day of quarantine our own Susan Rockwell assembled a brigade of WC members and handmade hundreds of face masks for two local hospitals and rescue missions. If you would like to help Sue and her team call 805-279-0613.

The Leisure Village Women's Club will return healthier and stronger. If you're looking for a project maybe there are some gently worn pieces of jewelry that can be repurposed for our jewelry sales. Our meetings and our entertainment programs will be back in full strength once we get past this challenge.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

WRITERS CLUB

By Harvey Brosler

WRITE-PRESENT-PARTICIPATE-ENJOY-LEARN. A main purpose of the Club is to share memories of our lives, the lives of our family, and our opinions on different topics. Writers Club meetings are held every Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the MPR when the Recreation Center is open. We do not critique

the words. We are interested in what each resident has to present. Residents may write on any topic, fiction or nonfiction, or use the Suggested Topic for that day. Due to the Center being closed, members have been writing articles and poems and sending them to the other members by e-mail who may provide comments on the subject matter. We are a closely knit group. We miss being physically together, making presentations and exchanging ideas, and look forward to this virus crisis being over so that we can safely personally meet again. Contacts: Larry Kalisher 805-465-0042, larry.kalisher@gmail.com or Harvey Brosler 805-465-0006, hs-bros@roadrunner.com.

WOODSHOP

By Bud Bradley

The photo, this month, is of a refurbished bench, now accepting "sits" behind the gazebo near the pool.

The Woodshop welcomes residents who are interested in joining our group of woodworkers. If you have interest and can demonstrate basic safety skills with equipment you wish to use, please call Ron Quick at 805-603-8456. In January, we certified one new key-holder.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, between 10:00 a.m. and noon, you will find our Woodshop Committee members available to repair most wood items for Villagers. There is no charge for these services, except for the cost of any special materials we might need to complete the repair. We gratefully accept donations to help defray the cost of normal materials and supplies.

The job totals are not available this month but will pick up again, once we have access to the shop.

It's happening again!!! The Annual Woodshop Yard Sale. However, due to the problems with social distancing, we have had to postpone the date. We will let you know when it will be rescheduled. We are accepting used tools and equipment that may be taking up room in your garage or storage area. Call Bob Sears 559-977-7481 and leave a message; we can arrange a pick up. You may also email Bob Bobs425@



Photo by BUD BRADLEY
This refurbished bench now accepts 'sits' behind the Gazebo near the pool.

gmail.com or Bud Bradley Hipbud2@gmail.com. And Thank You for your support and understanding.

Finally, a reminder. Stay well by following the guidelines set by the Health Department, and be patient! This too shall pass.

MUSIC CLUB

By Harvey Brosler

The Music Club had planned on having its annual St Patrick's Day Dance for the benefit of Food Share

of Ventura County on March 17, before the virus ended all activities and with limited contact to other residents. As soon as the epidemic is under control and we can all return safely to our normal activities, the Club is still planning on sponsoring the Dance in its future plans. Hold on to your admission tickets. Admission is two or more canned goods per person worth at least a total of five dollars or more, or five dollars or more per person for the benefit of Food Share of Ventura County.

As the need for food is currently great and will continue to have a devastating effect upon individuals and families in Ventura County, it is recommended that when the Club is able to sponsor the Dance, residents and their guests consider donating money. For every dollar, Food Share is able to turn each dollar into 3 meals.

Of course, the Club will resume its normal activities, namely Monday movie night, "Open Mic" Night, and free access to the practices of the Groovin' Easy Swing Band. Until then, BE SAFE.

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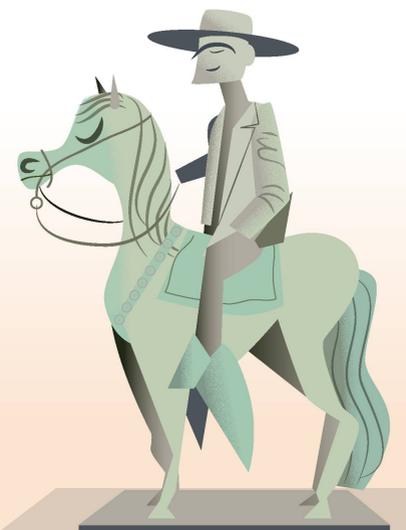
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Living trusts are a popular estate planning tool that allow you to select someone to manage the property in the trust according to your wishes upon death or incapacity. You [the **grantor**] get to choose which assets go into the trust, and who you want to be the **trustee(s)** [trustee is the person who will manage the trust assets during your life and after your death]. Often, grantors make themselves the trustees during their lifetime, and designate others to be successor trustees upon their death. **Revocable** living trusts give grantors the ability to change the terms of the trust or cancel it altogether while they are still alive and have capacity.

There are many *benefits* of revocable living trusts. One of the primary benefits is that assets properly transferred into the trust *avoid probate*. Avoiding probate *saves time and money* and *provides more privacy*. Wills go through probate in the court system, and the probate process can be costly and is a matter of public record (meaning the public can access the information). In contrast, trusts are handled outside of the court system so the trustee(s), others involved in trust administration and your beneficiaries are usually the primary people with access to information in your trust. Another attractive feature of trusts is *flexibility*. You get to choose WHO gets your assets (**beneficiaries**) and you can *control* WHEN and HOW your beneficiaries receive them. You have the option of distributing assets upon your death, or you may choose to distribute at various times of a beneficiary's life or for specific events like graduation, marriage, etc.

In addition to the benefit of avoiding probate and having flexibility in distributing your assets after death, revocable living trusts also *protect you during your lifetime*. Trusts allow you to determine in advance how you wish your trust assets to be managed *in the event that you no longer have capacity to manage your own affairs*, allowing you to protect and provide for both yourself and your loved ones.

Trusts are legal documents that must be prepared properly in order to be valid. Life circumstances are so unique that it is best to seek out a good estate planning attorney to create your trust so that it meets the needs of you and your loved ones.

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