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Amateur Radio Club Offers Professional Results and Security

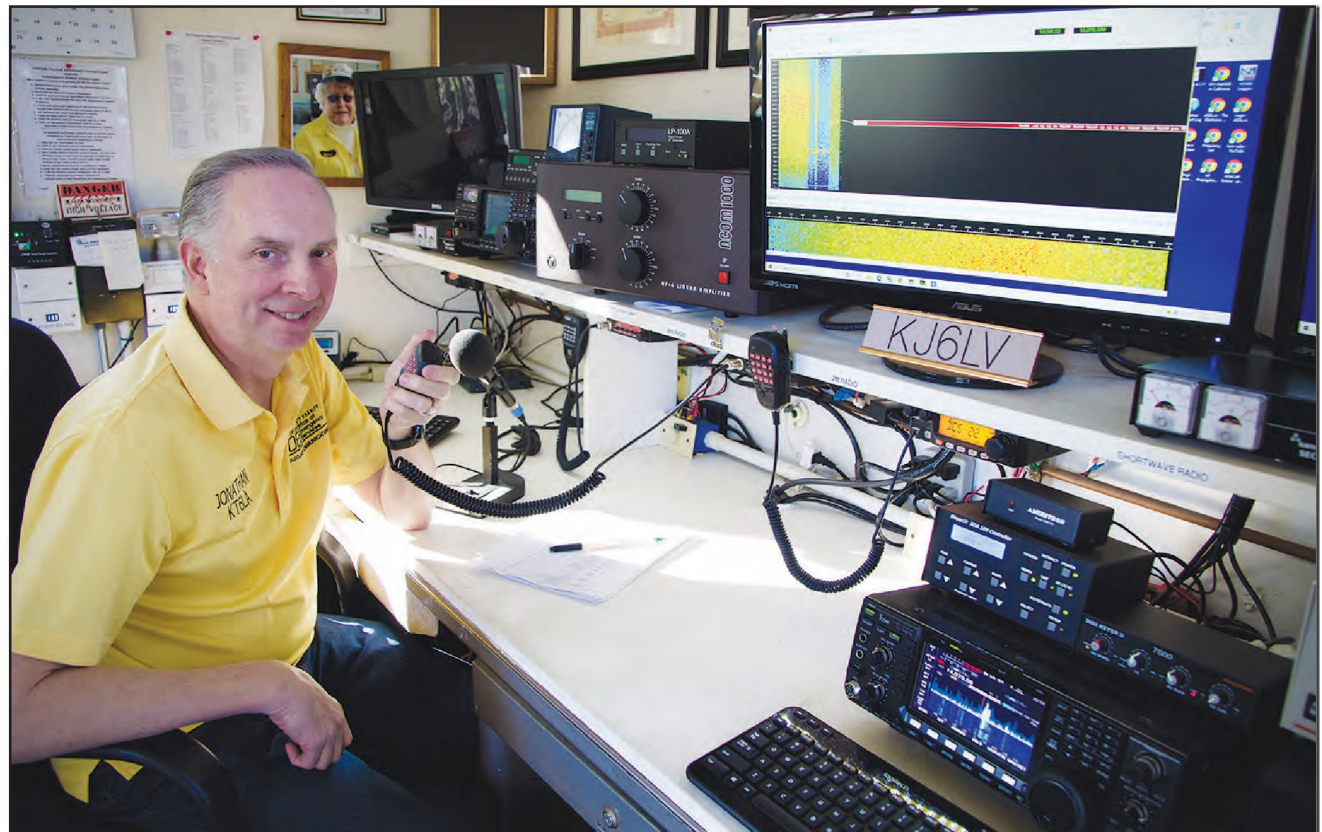
By Jonathan Fox

Leisure Village needs the Amateur Radio club. While some people think it's just a small club for a few hobbyists to have fun contacting other hams, there is more to it. The city and county needs volunteers who are able to set up communications in emergency and disaster situations. So our club promotes training and exercises concentrating on the use of our equipment for emergency situations.

We are members of the Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) of Ventura County. The ACS group prepares for the unexpected in times of need but also helps out with community events such as the Camarillo Airshow and Christmas Parade to provide emergency communications. In an era of cell phones and the Internet, amateur radio still plays an important role in times of disaster or emergency.

Some of our amateur radio operators were a part of a Ventura County Mass Care and Shelter Exercise. Our local ham radio operators provided communications support between the different transportation agencies that normally have no ability to contact each other. Other recent events included an earthquake simulation with the U.S. Geological Survey and another with the Red Cross.

Our current setup allows us to use our higher powered shortwave radios to transmit messages from the LV Ham Shack to anywhere there is a working email system. So if our power, Internet and cell phones were down, we would still be able to summon help from the city, county or state. We would also have the ca-



Photos by JON NIEMANN

Above, Jonathan Fox sits at the main radio control center. At right, bowtie antenna atop the radio shack. Radio operators can "point" the radio waves toward the target area for listening to or transmitting messages around the world.

pability to get messages to the email addresses of our relatives outside the affected area to let them know our status and well-being.

Thanks to the donations of our LV residents and the support of our past president Ted Lansing plus our members, the station was upgraded in 2017 to become state of the art. The LV ham radio station, KJ6LV, is now the premiere, shortwave emergency communications facility of the

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NEWS BITES By Patty Ecker

Sending Village Warmth Across Ventura County

The beginning of 2021 was chilling - and not just because of the surge in COVID cases. The weather, too, was brutal with frigid temperatures and howling winds across Ventura County. The discomfort, that kept many people at home, had a different effect on members of LV's Women's Club who quickly recognized that homeless people outside our gates and across the county needed help. "When we distributed the thousands of protective masks made by Villagers to shelters and service groups, we heard about the people with no housing, no warm clothing, or protection," says Mamata Kalle. Shearon Millar mentioned that the Women's Club had some used cold weather clothes in its storage area. Could they be donated? Shearon's affirmative answer started an amazing example of Village generosity.

Pam Almeida wrote an eBlast



Photo by BUD BRADLEY

"Just one more load?" asks the team of Village volunteers who collected more than a hundred bags of warm clothing for needy and homeless people in Ventura County. (l-r) Shearon Millar, Mamata Kalle, Susan Rockwell and Kathy Wirtz begin to fill up Susan's truck again.

that went out across the Village. "Almost immediately, people began to call or drop off warm

clothes," Shearon recalls. "In less than a month, a mountain of jackets, sweaters, coats, and all things

warm were donated by residents and transported to homeless shelters and service locations across Ventura County. It is mind-boggling how generous people are."

The donations filled the back of Susan Rockwell's pick-up truck - five times. "Many had the price tags still on them," Susan reports. "And much of the used clothing looked practically new." Deliveries were made across the County to shelters like the Lighthouse in Oxnard and the Catholic Charities facility in Moorpark and were enthusiastically and gratefully distributed quickly.

The team of women who are responsible for sharing this warmth from Leisure Village to residents across the county predict they will fill the pick-up truck at least one more time before spring weather and warmer temperatures arrive. Donations can be made by calling Shearon Millar at 805-603-2773.

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Amateur Radio

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Ventura County ACS group.

On the fun side, the club has earned two awards. One for making confirmed contacts with all 50 states in the US – Worked All States. The second is for confirmed contacts with a total of 131 countries around the world – DXCC award. We are skilled in making these contacts by either voice, morse code, or digital radio communications.

Club meetings are currently on Zoom and you are welcome to attend. To learn more about the Amateur Radio Club send an email to KJ6LV@yahoo.com. We look forward to connecting with you.



Photos by JON NIEMANN

Jonathan Fox is ready to share the workings of the station at the Ham Shack located across from the Village's Picnic Area.

ABOUT REAL ESTATE

By Sharron Parker

"Home" Means More Now

In Leisure Village, most of us have purchased the retirement home that we intend to spend the rest of our lives in. Leisure Village



homes are perfect palettes to turn your creative ideas into reality. Utilizing that creativity to personalize that home for our individual needs and tastes is a great idea for our sense of well-being. That being said, while some upgrades may not increase a selling price that would ultimately cover all the costs, upgraded homes are more attractive to potential buyers and will put that home on the top of the list of similar homes that had not been upgraded. In a market like the one we are currently experiencing, the models with refreshed kitchens, bathrooms and that "pride of ownership" are selling quickly and with multiple

offers from buyers vying for that special forever home.

There is nothing like having to spend so much time at home to make you fully grasp the importance of your living space. The comfort and satisfaction of the space you occupy could be one of the most important aspects of feeling truly at home. A space that reflects your way of living and style brings an unparalleled sense of warmth and security. One of the questions I am asked frequently is about the financial ramifications of upgrading a home by doing remodeling projects. A common question is will I be able to recover those costs

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NEWS BITES By Patty Ecker

Home Delivery Available for Shabbat Meals

As the restrictions of the pandemic stretch on, the members of Temple Etz Chaim of Thousand Oaks present a new way to welcome the Jewish Sabbath by offering kosher Shabbat meals for home delivery. “Everyone wants a nice meal,” explains Temple President Shari Mark, “But we’re all either tired of cooking, concerned about going out or both. Shabbat should be special, and we want to help make that happen.”

The Temple Etz Chaim meals will offer a variety of entrees including chicken, brisket, vegetarian options and various ethnic flavors. Prices will vary based on the entrée; the average cost will be \$18 for an adult meal. Anyone – Jewish or not – interested in prepared kosher meals delivered to their door can contact Executive Director Gideon Manzur at gideon@templeetzchaim.org or by calling 805-497-1424.

About Real Estate

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when it is time to sell the home. My answer is generally, “If you have the financial means to create that special place for yourself, then ask ‘why not.’ Perhaps your enjoyment of your home outweighs the concern of the financial return on investment in improvements.”

Inventory is still very low in Leisure Village, prices are inching up, interest rates remain at record lows, and buyers are lined up waiting for their favorite model to come on the market. If you are in the process of deciding whether to sell your home, it might be a good idea to contact a realtor and discuss the potential of taking advantage of this perfect sellers market.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have received a copy of Inside Leisure Village with a profile of Lee Edwards. In the article she mentioned she was first matched with a couple who had a new baby in Coventry, England. That baby was me.

I was born August 1, 1939 and am still in contact with Lee. I have visited her twice in California and she came with her lovely husband Jim to see my parents and my family in Cardiff, Wales twice. I was hoping to visit her again this year but the trip is off for the moment.

The last time I saw her was in her house in the Village some years back. I have sent her photos of all my family. I phone her frequently and when she knows it's me, she always says MY BABY!

She is a fantastic woman and has told me a lot about Coventry which was heavily blitzed during the war. My parents and I were evacuated to Wales during that time. My greatest hope is to meet up with her again and bring her English chocolates.

Kindest Regards,
Dr Tony Harris

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By Janey Rifkin

How European Ingenuity Created the COVID Vaccine

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In a Massachusetts laboratory, run by a team of researchers, scientists, and medical entrepreneurs from around the world, historic life-saving maneuvers to produce a desperately needed and coveted vaccine was taking place. It was indeed a massive enterprise! Moderna scientists at the lab used the genetic sequence of the virus, made public by China, to design an mRNA molecule that teaches the immune system



to recognize it and neutralize it. The Moderna vaccine employs a technology created by Hungarian-born scientist Katalin Kariko. Simultaneously, Pfizer Pharmaceutical House, in conjunction with BioNTech, a European company, headquartered in New York City embarked on the same direly-needed medical miracle. With their German counterparts, the Pfizer vaccine was produced by second-generation Turkish immigrants to Germany, Ugur Sahin and Ozlem Tureci. Their scientific creativity was pushed past the finish line by company CEO Albert

Bourla, an immigrant from Greece.

By February, 2020, completion of the two vaccines was accomplished within a few weeks of each other, and shipped to the National Institutes of Health to start clinical trials. This largely unknown time-line shows that while development of the coronavirus vaccines was astonishingly rapid — testing them was painstaking. More than 300,000 Americans died and some 16 million more were infected while a nearly miraculous solution went under testing and approval. Needless to say: For sound reasons of safety and ethics, science and government did not authorize their use until solid testing results were complete; and rush approval was enacted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A most remarkable achievement in our lifetimes!

Nine Special Words


By Pat Lagerstrom

There are a lot of words in the English language and sometimes it is important to look closely at some of them. I did and I found nine of them I want to share with you at this tough time in our world.

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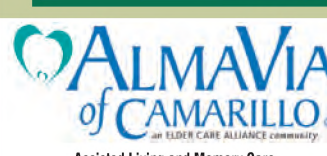
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A PINCH OF SALT

By Larry Swartz

MEMO TO: Mr. Rocket J. Squirrel
 FROM: Larry Swartz
 RE: My Stash

Dear Rocky:

We haven't met before but I know a lot of your Leisure Village family. Since you have experience in squirreling away food supplies, if you'll excuse the expression, I'm writing you to see if you can help with a couple of concerns; (a) better navigate buying and storing food supplies during the pandemic and since I'm up here in the Rockies (you can tell by the snow falling on my head), give me a few ideas on scavenging in the wild.

Food Storage

Not sure if your tree has internet, but I do and I'm having problems on the Costco website. The pictures are all the same size so when I don't look closely, I end up buying a 3 year supply of saran wrap...the small box looks just like the giant one. And, before I knew it, I found myself with 5 pounds of oatmeal I bought in error. I made some oatmeal cookies, but the oatmeal risotto and oatmeal lasagna didn't turn out so well. What are some ways you use acorns? I see your friends running around all the time with them in their mouths.

Wild Food

The other day I was in the woods and came home with a nice supply of wild mushrooms, dried honeycomb, pawpaw, elderberry flowers and pigweed. I kind of feel like I'm a contestant on that Food Network show where you have to cook something spontaneously from 5 weird ingredients...Sweet & Sour Pawpaw with an Elderberry reduction garnished with pigweed?!

Looking forward to your response. In the meantime, if you find yourself with a lot of leftover oatmeal, try my cookies. I'm not much of a baker but when you got 5 pounds of oatmeal, you gotta try something different...see the next column:

Ingredients

- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 large egg - room temperature
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup raisins

In a large bowl, whisk together the oats, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, salt. In a medium bowl, combine peanut butter, egg, vanilla, honey. Whisk well. Mix the two bowls together. Add the pigweed and the pawpaw...no wait, that's the other recipe...add the raisins and cool for thirty minutes. It's gonna be a sticky mess.

Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Re-



move the dough from the refrigerator. With a cookie scoop or spoon, drop the dough into 2-inch balls and arrange on the baking sheet, leaving 1 inch of space around each, gently flatten each cookie to be about 3/4-inch thick. Put in a preheated 350 degree oven..

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HISTORIC REFLECTION By Max Copenhagen

THE NATURAL VILLAGE: The Virtual Living Forest of Leisure Village

We live in a forest of 4400 trees, a virtual botanical garden with over 150 different species. The most abundant trees are listed in the attached box. Other interesting trees present in small numbers are Chinese Flame, Ginkgo, Camphor, Norfolk Island Pine and New Zealand Christmas Trees. You can read a story about Norfolk Island Pines in "Tales of the South Pacific" by James Michener.

Villager, and Landscape committee chair Don Marquardt, explains that we have so many different and exotic trees because the layout was planned by landscape architects working in New Jersey for the corporation that built the Village.

We had a big wind storm on January 19th. Strong winds of 46 mph were measured at the Camarillo Airport with possibly higher gusts here in the Village. Sadly, we lost at least 42 of our trees.

The last extreme weather event was in 2011 when a lot of trees were damaged after 5 inches of rain and strong south winds. Landscaping Assistant Angel Tarango, who has worked for the Village for the past ten years, says "That was a bad storm. It had been raining for days, and the soil was saturated when the wind hit. About 50 trees of all sizes fell down."

Why do trees blow over? Aside from the strength of the wind, it mostly depends on the kind of tree and the soil conditions. Palm trees generally survive storms with their tall limber trunks flexing in the wind. What bends does not so easily break. A lot also depends on the roots. Some trees, like oaks, send a deep tap root down to find groundwater, but some have shallow roots. Trees growing in moist soil, like Redwoods along a stream, do not need to go deep. When the soil is thin and moist, roots tend to fan out near the surface.

Then, when that soil is saturated by sustained rain, it can get slippery and roots do not hold.

Other factors are spacing and the quality of the wind. In a dense forest, each tree is protected by other trees around it, while a lone tree on a golf course or wide expanse is exposed to the full force of the wind. Many trees that would survive a steady high wind will succumb to the force of a sudden gust in those conditions. If it is raining, the extra weight in the canopy increases the risk of a tree toppling over. Even if a tree is not completely uprooted in a strong wind, it may break at a place where it is weak or rotten.

Landscape Superintendent Mike Udem says, "Urban forests like ours face many new challenges, such as non-native pests, reclaimed water and drought. Our goal is to continue to develop a planting program to identify and resolve these challenges."

The Village contracts with West Coast Arborists for professional tree services. In the past, trees were marked with metal tags, but now they can be identified with GPS. This is important for assessing and managing their health, tracking work history and scheduling future needs. Once we had over 5700 trees, but many had to be removed due to disease, rodents and to prevent damaging roofs, foundations, curbs and sidewalks.

It is sad to lose so many trees. We may not notice a wind-thrown tree in the natural forest. Without



Photo by SUSAN SCOLASTICO
One of many animal occupants in LV, a barn owl rests in a tree on LV Drive.

injuries or property damage, it is just a natural phenomenon. When we see our lovely trees blown down, it is distressing. Yet, we can try to look at the cup as more than half full. After almost 50 years, we still have many large trees in the Village, and the survivors are the tough ones and likely to be here after the next big storm. "Nevertheless", Marquardt says, "I love the landscape and will continue to make suggestions to improve it. I love Leisure Village. It's paradise."

LV Trees, % in order of abundance

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| Pear | 9.1 |
| Canary Island Pine | 8.6 |
| Melaleuca | 8 |
| Liquidambar | 5 |
| Eucalyptus/Gum | 5 |
| Aleppo Pine | 4.4 |
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A WORD ON WINE By Don & Barbara Senior



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Mendoza wine-growing region of Argentina. The Andes in the background tower over the valley.

Argentine Malbec – Smooth on Your Palate, Easy on Your Wallet

We first encountered Argentine Malbec at open air cafes in Buenos Aires many years ago. It was mid-January, their summer, and the cafes would fill with people in the early evening. A variety of tapas were offered, along with local wines, usually Malbecs. We knew of Malbec in Bordeaux blends, but here it was a standalone wine. And what a surprise it was! With a magenta tinged rim, it was deep purple-red, almost opaque, and very fruit forward. Soft tannins made it a pleasing mouthful, pairing wonderfully with tapas.

Malbec is best known as a ripe, dark-fruited red grape from Mendoza, Argentina, but it originated in the Cahors region of southwest France. There it is tannic, high in acid, and, due to Malbec grapes' poor resistance to weather and pests, it never became a top French varietal. Argentine Malbec is a different beast—very fruit forward with soft tannins and very drinkable.

Today, Argentine Malbecs account for 75% of the world's planting, and the resulting rich red wine pairs beautifully with Argentina's signature cuisine - meat grilled a la parilla. Malbec's journey to Argentina began when a group of winemakers brought back Malbec cuttings from France in 1880. Malbec turned out to be a perfect match for the hot dry climate of the Mendoza Valley at the foot of the Andes Mountains.

For over 100 years, Malbec was popular primarily in Argentina. Then in the 1980s, a 3rd generation winemaker, Nicolas Catena Zapata, became convinced that Argentine Malbecs could also earn a place on the world stage.

He set out to improve the quality of his wines by planting Malbec vineyards at even higher elevations. His own vineyard manager doubted the grapes would ripen at those heights, but they did, and beautifully. The vines had naturally low yields and ripened slowly over the summer, making wines of great balance, elegance with deliciously soft tannins. Nicolas fine-tuned the clones and eventually created unique Catena Malbec clones that form the basis of today's fine wine renaissance in Argentina. He was the first to export wines and bring them to world competitions. It wasn't long before his Argentine Malbecs won acclaim and Malbec was established as a well-known world varietal.

An Argentine Malbec tastes as if it has been aged in oak for several years, but usually it has only 6-8 months on oak. Vineyards on flat ground with ample water also translates to lower production cost, enabling great tasting Malbecs to be widely available in the US for \$9-\$15. Treat yourself to an inexpensive luxury. Light up the barbeque and enjoy an Argentine Malbec soon.



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LV PHOTO CLUB

By Chuck Morrow

The first Photo Club virtual meeting was held in February. Although the club has been active this past year of COVID shutdown, continuing with monthly themes and members have continued to submit their photos for judging. The February meeting over Zoom

was an effort to move forward and bring the members together again. In the future, all members are invited to gather via Zoom to view the monthly judging process.

The winner of the February Assigned Category of "Doors" was Gregg Gillmar, Gregg was also the winner of the Open Category—quite a month for Gregg. The winner of the Mobile Category was Linda Cannady and the winner of the

Creative Category was Ron Matson. The Photo Club wishes to thank professional photographer, George "Hutch" Hutchinson for his judging service as well as his patience.

The photos submitted by the category winners along with all entries can be viewed at <https://leisurevillage.smugmug.com>, then select LV Photo Club Pictures, then go to 2021 LV Club Pictures and select February.

If you are interested in joining the Photo Club or have questions contact: Ken Lauchner at 805-491-2432 or ken.lauchner@roadrunner.com.

We offer lessons for reasonable prices and are fortunate to have skilled members willing to share their expertise. Monthly meetings are held, where we often have art demonstrations and other informative activities.

Village Arts members have opportunities to display their artwork at various venues, including the annual spring Craft Faire and autumn Art Show, in the courtyard glass display case, in the Lanai Room, and we are invited to the Camarillo Art Center for a month's show each year. During our lockdown, President Kiefer set up a Facebook page for Club members to share their work.

Annual fees to join Village Arts is \$10. We look forward to getting together again.

Questions? Contact Patti 805-760-7673 or pcrichton77@hotmail.com.

Members, we miss you! However, there will be no meetings or art classes yet. Many of us enjoyed the January art display by Bonnie Mills at the Camarillo Art Center. Bonnie is a recently retired art teacher from Camarillo High and the daughter of our Pat McGregor. In the past she taught a number of art classes to our Village Arts group, and we look forward to learning with her again in the future. In the meantime, stay healthy and keep painting!



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VILLAGE ARTS

By Patti Crichton

Village Arts comprises artists who create paintings and collages, using different media, including acrylics, watercolors, pastels, pencil crayons, oils, pen and ink. Experience levels range from the beginner to the very knowledgeable.

During non-COVID times, the Lanai Room is open for independent workshops on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday afternoons for members. We have a wide variety of materials available for your use, or you may bring your own. Artists have space to work on projects and share ideas.

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■ 1st – Linda Cannady / Beach Dogs

PHOTO CLUB WINNER – CREATIVE CATEGORY



■ 1st – Ron Matson / Self Portrait

PHOTO CLUB WINNER – OPEN CATEGORY



■ 1st – Gregg Gillmar / Buoy Oh Boy

CLUB NEWS

BILLIARD CLUB

By Patrick Price

The Billiard Club is still here. Although we had plans ready for the first two Billiard Room reopenings, which did not happen, things are improving about COVID. We will be ready for the next reopening.

October, 2020 was the Billiard

Club's 40th Anniversary. That didn't work out. The Billiard Club is one of the most social clubs with a very high participation rate. We have regular tournaments to give everyone a chance to improve. The Billiard Room is usually full of players and spectators during these tournaments. Many of the more skillful shooters are happy to help new or returning players.

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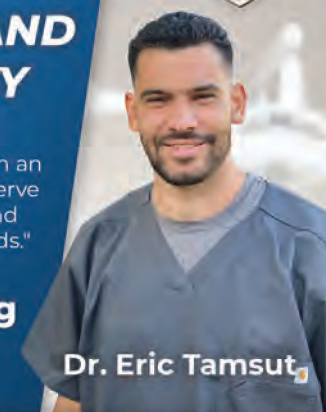
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Billiards

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The Billiard Club also puts on several lavish events a year including our picnic. We will be looking for a new President and Secretary at the election in October 2021.

WOODSHOP

By Bud Bradley

This month's photo is the finished re-modelling of an "Arm Chair", to one with arms removed, as requested by a villager. Our "Chair Man," Bob Sears, can do most anything, but not right now.

The woodshop is open, although on a limited basis. New hours of operation: 8:30 AM until 4:45 PM, Monday thru Friday only, to facilitate staff checking and locking before clocking out. The Annex is still not yet available to us but we are hoping that will change soon.

As of this time, we are still not



Armchair before (on left) and after (on right.)

able to perform repairs for Villagers. Notifications will be sent out when this rule changes. Current keyholders are still making good use of the facility.

On a sad note, we lost one of our brightest stars a few months ago. Richard Del Giorno passed away and is now, we're sure, doing some amazing work for all the villagers in heaven. We will miss him.

If you are around the shop most any morning, come by and meet

"Pirate." There are sign-up sheets posted on the door and current key holders will be able to sign up for as much as a 2-hour shift. Rules of operation are posted there also. One can sign up for as little as a half hour shift, but no more than 2 hours per day.

You can email Bob Sears: bobs425@gmail.com or Bud Bradley: hipbud2@gmail.com for more information regarding Woodshop operations.

PET CLUB

By Cathy Michaels

Fall 2010 — Mary Ann Robnett, then a one-year LV resident, was walking her new dog, Rollie, a small white Bichon-poodle mix adopted from the Ventura County Animal Shelter (VCAS.) She thought, "There are all kinds of clubs in LV, but not one for residents with pets! Why not start a Pet Club?" And so, she did, helped by others.

The club mission statement promoted responsible pet ownership and pet well-being. With the board organized and officers appointed, monthly meetings began January 2011. From the get-go, thirty plus residents attended. Today with membership well over 100, the Pet Club has enabled conversations between members and vets, supported development of Camarillo's dog parks, funded

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Pet Club

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VCAS with monetary gifts and other resources, deepened understanding about animal behavior, and introduced local wildlife and the Moorpark Zoo exotic animals. All this accomplished with monthly get-togethers to better pet and animal welfare and swap pet tales!

LV MUSIC CLUB

By Harvey Brosler & Marci Lapair

The following is a list of activities sponsored each month by the Music Club. These activities, when we resume, will be subject to the requirements and guidelines of the Recreation Center when it is reopened. Admission to the activities listed below are free to residents and their guests, refreshments are often served.

MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Hollywood films are shown in the AR on the first and third Monday from seven p.m. to approx. 9:00 p.m.

FANTASTIC FRIDAY

“OPEN MIC” NIGHT

“Open Mic” night is scheduled in the AR from 7 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Whether you perform or just want to be an appreciative listener, come for an evening of music from talented, professional Leisure Village residents and special outside guests.

GROOVIN EASY’

SWING BAND

Practices for the seventeen piece Groovin Easy’ Swing Band are scheduled for Tuesday evening between seven p.m. and nine p.m. in the AR. Enjoy listening, and dancing if you wish.

We at the LV Music Club hope you are safe and doing well. The Club used money from our treasury last year to make a \$1000 donation to the Ventura Food Share. We would also like to thank Richard Weiss for the wonderful holiday concert he performed for us in December on LVTV. We look forward to providing you with musical entertainment soon!

SHOWTYME

By Jennifer Stein

Showtyme Presents: The Paperback Writer’s Beatles Tribute Band. Let’s flashback to Ed Sullivan circa 1964 introducing the Beatles for the first time on stage in the US. Showtyme delivered a dynamic and engaging version of that event in 2018.

Let’s relive that show once again in 2021 on March 12th-14th on LVTV channel 1390 @ 10am, 3pm & 8pm. Experience the classic signature songs that the Beatles created for generations to come in the comfort of your home. Let *Eleanor Rigby & She’s a Woman* capture your heart. Travel in time with the *Yellow Submarine, I Want to Hold your Hand & Help*. These are just a few songs that will be performed from that show. You’ll have to tune in for the full event to hear the rest.

Transform your TV experience with vibrant costumes and fond memories of one of the many Friday evenings that Showtyme entertained the residents at Leisure Village. It’s fun, and it reminds us that we have many clubs and activities to enjoy. We will enjoy them again in the future. In the meantime, mark the date for March 12th-14th @ 10am, 3pm & 8pm on channel 1390.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer @ 805-204-8324. In the true tradition of Showtyme. “What Time is It? It’s Showtyme.”

WRITERS CLUB

By Harvey Brosler

WRITE-PRESENT-PARTICIPATE-ENJOY-LEARN.

A main purpose of the Writers 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 one p.m. in the MPR when the Recreation Center is open. We do not critique the words.

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■ 1st – Gregg Gillmar / Still Secure

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Writers Club

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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 email 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 the day we can safely meet in person again.

Contacts: Larry Kalisher 805-465-0042 larry.kalisher@gmail.com, or Harvey Brosler 805-465-0006, hsbros@roadrunner.com

to join Women’s Golf, the annual fee is only \$10 to participate in the Club activities.

If you are new to golf, there are opportunities to learn the game through mentors and occasional lessons from volunteers. The putting green is always open for practice. Golf can be fun and frustrating, but we seem to enjoy it all the same because we visit with friends while we get some fresh air and exercise. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the current LVWGA president, Kathy Whitesell, at 805-482-4705. What’s keeping you from coming out to play?

GRAPES R US WINE CLUB

By Barbara Senior

WOMEN’S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

The Leisure Village Women’s Golf Association (LVWGA) members were recently asked what makes our club fun and what is the advantage of becoming a member? Women’s Golf president, Kathy Whitesell, contributed many reasons: It is said that we live in one of the most desirable places in California. We, as residents of the Village, have our own private golf course that is playable all year round.

LVWGA is an organization which encourages participation in golfing activities for new golfers as well as experienced players. During non-COVID times, the Club has monthly meetings and Wednesday morning tournaments. Even while we are in Club hibernation, when it comes to mixing social activities with outdoor exercise, golf is where it is at. Golfing at the Village is social. It gives you the opportunity to visit with new friends and Villagers of all backgrounds. We have special tournaments throughout the year, including some events where we collaborate with the Men’s Golf for friendly competitions followed by luncheons. It is not expensive

Grapes Are Us is a monthly wine tasting meeting to compare wines, learn about wine characteristics and explore different regions. Meetings are the 3rd Friday of every month, formerly in the AR, but due to Covid restrictions, we currently meet virtually by Zoom. We send an invitation to the virtual meeting, those who RSVP receive two bottles of wine for \$20, collected when the bottles are delivered. The wines are selected by wine enthusiast Jon Niemann, who spent many years working in the wine industry. In January we explored wines of Argentina – Malbec and Torrontés. In February, it was Zinfandel and Rosé style. In March we’ll be exploring Australia with Shiraz and Chardonnay.

We are welcoming new members to the club. Join us and take part in the virtual tastings, learn a little and enjoy the wine experience. Drop a line to Janis at grapesruslvwineclub@gmail.com or call her at 805-910-9526.

PLAYERS GUILD

By Linda O’Neill

We hope you all enjoyed our Valentine show. We had fun play-

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Players Guild

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ing and singing some pop and favorite country music love songs. Players Guild will be resting for March, but you are in luck as we're taking requests for our April show: "Springtime in Leisure Village!" What tunes do March, April and May have you humming? Pick a singer; pick a song. (Aw, okay, you don't have to pick a singer.) If you need help in remembering a lovely tune, check out The Great American Songbook. Send your choice to hi5brie@aol.com; subject line "Players Guild April 2021" no later than Friday, March 19th.

You can hear us sing your choice in the April show to air on LVTV, Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18. Scheduled times both days are 10 am, 3pm and 8 pm.

MEN'S GOLF

By Joseph Benti

If you are a golfer, whether a scratch player or high handicap, you too can enjoy the competition, pleasure and friendships you can find with fellow golfers by joining the LVMGA (Leisure Village Men's Golf Association.) Annual dues are just \$10 which entitles you to regular Tuesday morning tournaments in the Village and participation in Regulation Tournaments each month at area courses (greens and cart fees paid individually).

Additionally, when the virus is finally under control, we will resume our regular Monthly Meetings (2nd Tuesdays, free pizza every three months), Mixed Tournaments with the Women's Golf Club several times a year, and one or two annual out-of-area tournaments. Handi-



Photo by PATTI CRICHTON

Kibble, the good luck dog, aboard the specially designed "Kibble Cart" where John Palmer scored his hole-in-one. Kibble is often as not with John when he plays the course, non-tournament days, that is.

caps are established by playing five scored rounds and are recorded and published monthly. Club President, Jim Murchie (jmurchie@att.net) and/or Membership Chair, Gerry Sarno (gerardsarno@gmail.com) will be happy to assist you with more information.

ACTIVE SENIORS

By Lee Edwards

Did you see the January issue of ILV? I want to use my column this month to thank the people who featured my story. Of course starting with Patty Ecker, who interviewed me and then wrote the beautiful article. Thanks to our editors Jon Niemann and Jennifer Stein who printed it using up the entire front page. In that same issue under Club News are more pictures of a drive-by organized as a surprise for my 97th birthday by Mamata and Hemu Kalle and some members of

my temple, Temple Ner Ami.

None of this would be possible without the terrific photos taken by Bud Bradley. That photo on page 1... Where did you put all my wrinkles? Once again, my thanks to all of you. I am blessed to have so many friends in Leisure Village.

I was really touched when I read that Jon had dedicated the issue to me, it is so good to have good friends. Bud Bradley, your photograph made me look ten years younger, many thanks.

All of us should thank Jon for the spectacular photos of the wind storm damage in the Village.

Now to club news: we used to go to dinner once a month to Ottavios for many, many years and, of course, we can't do that now. So I will start phoning one or two of our regular Active Seniors, each day a couple more. I think we would all enjoy a friendly personal phone call instead of the everlasting spam calls. Bye for now.



REACHING OUT

By Joseph Benti

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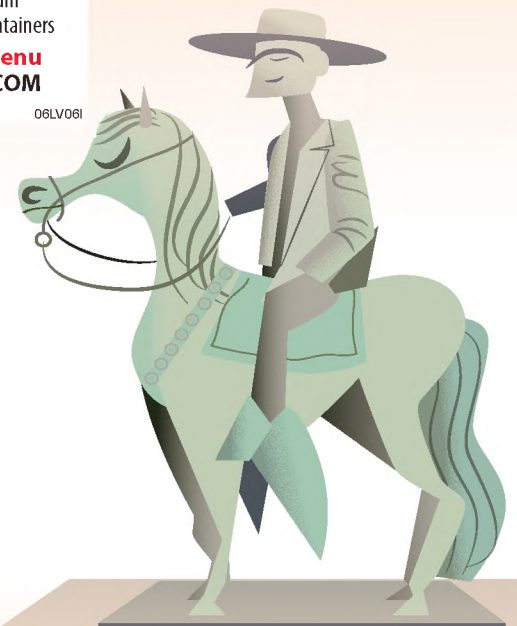
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Record keeping for taxes can be frustrating and confusing. Don't rely on LUCK! Here we bring you a few concepts we hope you find helpful regarding document retention and preservation.

TIME FRAME TO KEEP DOCUMENTS: *First and foremost, you should consult your tax professional so that your document retention is tailored to your personal situation because tax professionals are the only ones who can provide tax advice!* That said, most people believe it's best to keep your return and supporting documents for 3 years after the due date of your return or the date you file it, whichever date is later. There are some exceptions of specific documents you should keep longer than 3 years, some up to 10. We have a link on our website to an article that lists some of those specifics.

Additionally, it can be a good idea to hold onto copies of the *tax return itself indefinitely*. Why? Well, on our website we have a link to an article about someone who learned first-hand the value of this concept. A man received an IRS request for a copy of his tax return from 5 years prior. Ironically, the IRS had records of his filings prior to that year and after, but was missing that one year. Here's a quote from the article:

"You see, the three-year statute of limitations applies only when you filed an income tax return. If you didn't file a tax return, the statute of limitations never started to run. More importantly, the statute of limitations applies only when you can prove you filed an income tax return. If the IRS doesn't have a copy of your tax return, it's going to assume you didn't file one, and you have to prove you filed it."

The author of the article did file his taxes for the year the IRS was requesting. Luckily, he had a copy that he was able to provide them. The moral of the story is that the burden to prove filing will ultimately fall on the taxpayer. Keep this in mind as you decide how many years of returns you want to store. This brings us to the next concept...

HOW AND WHERE TO STORE DOCUMENTS: Disasters & civil unrest have brought to light the importance of having more than one copy of important documents, and storing the copies in different locations. A good way to store more than one copy of an important document is to have both a hard copy and a scanned, digital copy. Digital copies should be stored so that they can be accessed independent of the physical computer in case the computer is damaged or stolen. (And make sure your scanned, digital copy is stored in a safe, secure manner that protects it from online intrusion.)

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[Article referred to and quoted above is by Bob Carlson written in 07/2018 on Forbes.com. A link to the full article is on our website.]

Story mentioned in above article:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/bobcarlson/2018/07/09/how-long-should-you-keep-tax-returns-longer-than-you-think/#3c3083524b36>

Articles that list specific documents to keep longer than 3 years:

<https://www.kiplinger.com/article/taxes/t056-c005-s001-how-long-should-you-keep-tax-records.html>

<https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2020/how-long-to-keep-records.html>

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