

The Champagne Village Times



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Happy New Year!

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Standing Committee Chairs

Doreen Smith,
Architectural
Mimi Baca,
Social Activities

Board Meeting Notes

Approvals:

The replacement of the awnings at the Village Hall and the Laundry. This was a reserve expenditure in the amount of \$3266.00.

Replacement of the water shut off valves with three ball valves and installation of water meters on the homes in the Original Section of the Community was also approved. The unit cost for this project is \$320.00 per home.

Permission to use the Multi-Purpose Room for an art class was granted to Bette Pickford. Look for details in this newspaper.

The respective committee chairs gave their reports, as did the Managing Agent, Rick Gibson and Community Manager, Tom Riggs.

Next Board "Workshop": January 13, 2003, at 9:00 AM, in the Card Room. (Always held the Monday prior to the Board meetings.)

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting: January 15, 2003, at 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

Office Notes

Please remember, assessments are \$180.00, starting January 1st, 2003.

Classified ads at the mail center need to be on 4 X 6 index cards.

We would like to thank Sue Kessler for the wonderful job she did re-doing all of our bulletin boards.

Thank you to everyone that donated to Elizabeth Hospice. To date we have collected \$210.00.

Minutes and financial statements are available in the small card room for your reading. SAC financials are posted quarterly and may be viewed at this same location.

New Residents:

#81 Donald & Judith Collins	751-2592
#175 Dennis & Dorothy Roberts	749-4541
#268 Margarete Schulist	749-0773
#321 Sadie Savoian	751-0782

Correction:

#74 Bette Pickford	751-1445
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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Ken Johnson

Well, here it is! A new year and a new Newspaper format. After several weeks of pushing, prodding and generally getting this molded into shape, we felt that the first issue of 2003 should be the one with the new format. We hope you find it a little more enjoyable and easier to read. We would like to hear your comments (good or bad) about this innovation. Please feel free to drop a comment off in the CV Drop Box in the office door. You can send it anonymously if you wish, but we'd like you to sign them, so we can address any problems you see that we don't, and discuss them with you if necessary. Meanwhile, enjoy your new Newspaper and have a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!

A FOND FAREWELL

By Connie Morey

Due to physical reasons, Ruth Humphrey has submitted her resignation as "Kiosk Supervisor" effective December 31st. Ruth has been serving the owners at Champagne Village for 14 years. Our thanks and best wishes go with you. The gate staff will now consist of Ruth Benway, Eileen McCarthy, Aleene Chambers, Ruth Williams and Connie Morey. Connie will be (as her daughters have dubbed her) - "Gestapo Leader" and welcomes your input. The entire staff thanks you for all your Christmas remembrances and we wish each of you a wonderful 2003!

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Mimi Baca

THERE'S MAGIC IN THE AIR!

A Magic Show will be held on Friday, January 31st, at 7:00 PM. Be sure to mark this date in your 2003 social calendar. And invite your grandchildren!

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Thanks to all those who participated in our first Holiday Home Tour. It was a huge success! We

already have 4 additional families who are willing to open their homes next December!

CHAMPAGNE TASTING AND TRIM-A-TREE

And speaking of December 2003, we're planning a Champagne Tasting and Trim-a-Tree party for that month. Here's how it will work: Putting an ornament on the tree gets you a taste of champagne--such as Duval Leroy Elegance, Veuve Cliquot Brut Reserve and Lechere's Orient Reserve Brut NV --to name three. In all, we'll have ten different kinds of champagne to try.

ANTIQUÉ ROADSHOW

On February 8th, the San Diego version of the "Antique Roadshow" comes to Champagne Village from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Watch for the flyer in your box in the week of January 20th. And that evening, February 8th, the musical group SOL returns! The food will be an old-fashioned meat and potatoes dinner.

We're placing these two Feb. dates in the January Newspaper, because they are so close to the beginning of the month. We want you to be sure to mark them on your calendar!

THE SAC MEMBERS ARE:

Mimi Baca - Chair

Stan Peterson - Vice Chair

Linda Harper - Creative Chef and Food Purveyor

Priscilla Dearman - Secretary

Mary Starkey - Treasurer

Bruce Cripe - Logistics

Members at Large- Doreen Muller and Jennie Shaw.

WELCOME WAGON

If you have moved here after May and have not, as yet, been visited by our Welcome Wagon people, please call Mimi (751-1032), so we can deliver a Welcome packet to you!

JULY 4TH GRAND MARSHAL

Which resident will it be this year? Who embodies the Champagne Village spirit? Who deserves the honor? Start brainstorming NOW with your

neighbors and friends. Put your suggestion in any SAC member's social box. Your name is optional. Give us one or two sentences why you feel your nominee should be the Grand Marshal. Feel free to nominate as many people as you wish.

Also, the Escondido Amateur Radio Society will be sending 5 Volunteer "Hams", (as amateur Radio operators are known), to our July 4th Picnic to help with communications.

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Mimi Baca

JANUARY POTLUCK

Our monthly potluck will be held on Friday, January 10th, in the Village Hall at 6:00 PM. Please be sure to either sign the potluck sheet or call Mimi. The Question of the Month will be "Who inspires you- living or dead-famous or not?"

THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH

In December, we went to the Castle Creek Country Club. In January we'll go to Mimi's in Oceanside. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Hall. We meet at 4:30 PM at the laundry room across from the Hall. Newcomers please join us! For information, please call Mary Starkey (751-0825).



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: Have your blood pressure checked free of charge. Friday, January 3rd, in the Village Hall from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. *Fresh coffee and refreshments.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday January 5th, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, in the Village Hall. Cost is only \$2.00. Bring your own table service.



FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny

So many of the volunteer drivers for "Friends Helping Friends" are on trips or have had health problems of their own, that we are in short supply, and there is now an increased demand on our services. We need your help to drive Villagers who have no other way of getting to their medical appointments. If you can volunteer a little of your time, please call Jan Denny (749-4255). The more drivers we have, the less often you will be called upon. Your assistance is greatly needed and greatly appreciated.



To those people who need rides to their doctors' offices: call Jan at the above number, and she will find a driver for you. Please call as far in advance as possible. But if you have an emergency, call 911 instead.

Getting To Know...

By LoReta Phelps

"Getting to Know" will not appear in this month's Newspaper, due to LoReta being on special assignment at the North Pole, interviewing Santa Claus.



LIONS CLUB

By Billy Smith



We will pick up your used clothing, household items, used furniture, and aluminum cans!! Help us help others in need! Your donations go directly to help others! Used clothing and household items are taken to the Interfaith Council thrift store in Escondido. They offer assistance to many needy families with shelter, clothing and food. Call Billy Smith

(751-3305), or Chuck Chandler (749-8874), for pick up.

We are a service club that is dedicated to assisting the blind. We buy glasses for school kids, and help in the training of seeing-eye and care dogs. Many other needy organizations have our support, also, such as the local hospice group, Children's Hospital, and we send blind kids to camp.

The club is open to men and women that live in the Village. WE NEED YOU! Please join us on the first and third Wednesdays, at 5:30, in the Village Hall for dinner on us to see what our club is all about. For more information, please call Billy Smith (751-3305), or Brita Colburn (749-5567).

Many thanks for dropping your old glasses in the Lion's box in the Village Hall by the copy machine. These glasses are sorted, repaired by the Lion's Club International staff, and then given to those who cannot afford to purchase glasses. Your donations are appreciated.

Bill Cowan - 97

Joe Wagner - 95

Bob Olsen - 93

Oaks Golfer of the Year:

Tom Clatworthy - 52

Bill Purcell - 50

Billy Smith - 48

A reminder that the Dues for 2003 are now due and payable. They are the same - \$35.00 for the year.

Get your checks, payable to CV Men's Golf Club, to Ken Stackhouse before the end of January.

Welcome to our newest member, Dick Kirby – There's a few Birdies and Holes-in-One waiting out there for you, Dick! Go get 'em!

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and, for no reason at all, you really stink!

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Ken Johnson

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate to be voted on:

President: Jean Slaughter

Vice President: Terry Quimby

Secretary: David Cherry

Treasurer: Ken Stackhouse

The results of the Safari to the Colony in November were as follows:

“A” Flight (Tiebreaker):

1st Orlie Macioci, 2nd Bud Steen

“B” Flight:

1st Tom McCue, 2nd Chuck Talbot

“C” Flight:

1st Alan Whaite, 2nd Billy Smith

The Turkey Shoot winners in Nov. were Mike Menko, Tom Clatworthy and Joe Koistra.

The Club Champion has been selected, and our congratulations go to Don More!

The finals are in for the Golfer of The Year for both the Fountains and the Oaks. As you can tell from the scores, it was a tight race to the finish!

Fountains Golfer of the Year:



FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Helen Rose

The Fountain Ladies Golf Club met Wednesday, December 11th, at the Lawrence Welk Restaurant. A choice of two lunches was offered. There were eight tables of foursomes. We had the honor of two past members, Reba Marone and Betty Witty, attending. They were the founders of the Club, and were so enthusiastic about the good times they used to have. We would like to encourage more past active players to join as social members. Marie Wilson, President during 2002, introduced the new Board; Dottie Moore will be President during 2003; Jane Humphrey, Vice President; Lorraine Kroetch, Secretary and Sheila Osbourne, Treasurer. The Committee Chairpersons were thanked for making the year an interesting, challenging year. We look forward to the next year and welcome new members, whether they play golf or not.



OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Millie Bryant



Our moveable Brunch Christmas Party was a spectacular event. The Tram, driven by Dave Cherry, picked the ladies up at the laundry room and drove them to Loretta Pittman's home, where we had hors d'oeuvres. We decorated the Money Tree for the Salvation Army Teenagers with \$404.00! On to Betty Ann Maurer's home for a sit-down lunch of quiche and tossed salad. Back on the tram, and singing merrily to Kay Decker's home. We enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. As we departed, each lady received a gift box made from a Christmas card, filled with truffles and sugar coated almonds. Our heartfelt thanks to Linda Cherry, who orchestrated this beautiful Christmas party that included all our social members, and gave us a wonderful opportunity to visit with each other.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 2, in the Village Hall Card Room, at 12:30. Be sure to come for Pay Day and lunch.

The Board meeting has been rescheduled to January 16th, in the Village Hall Card Room. This important meeting is for all Board Members and Chairs, and will include lunch. Please RSVP to Lue Guthrie.

We welcome new members, and cordially invite you to join the Oaks Ladies Golf Club. For more information, please call Joyce Martin (749-8422).

TENNIS CLUB

By Tom Mc Cue

December Play Day had a disappointing turnout, perhaps due to time, temperature and mature bones. Bring your thoughts on this to the January meeting, which will be held on Thursday, January 9th, at 4:30 PM. Our hosts will be Shirley Henderson, Lanny and Angelo Scalise. Sign up as usual on the bulletin board.



2003 dues are due and payable at the January meeting, \$12.00 for active, \$6.00 for social members.

Watch for flyer for Friday night pizza.

LADIES MONDAY BRIDGE

By Melba Crandall

Monday Ladies Bridge 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hostess for January is Norma Moore (751-1784).



BRIDGE TUESDAY EVENINGS

By Maxine de Guehery

Enjoy an evening of bridge with your neighbors! Tuesday evening 7:00 PM, in the Village Hall. January hosts – Al and Helene Beach (749-3387).

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

By Gary Beach

Every Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1:00 PM, in the card room. No stress, no pain. Just relax and have fun. Singles welcomed. Call Gary Beach (749-3387) for a reservation.

COUPLES BRIDGE

By Helene Beach

Wednesday, January 8th, in the Village Hall. Hosts are Bernie and Rosemary Matson (751-8464), and Dwain and LuAnn Rowe (751-0172). Sign up at the bulletin board to make your reservation and indicate whether you will bring hors d'oeuvres or dessert to serve 12. Cocktail hour at 5:00 PM. Bring your food donation, libation and \$1.00 per person prize money. There are 3 prizes for men and 3 for women. The more signups, the bigger the prizes.

Let's make 2003 a banner year. Get all your friends out, the more the merrier. The signup sheet for 2003 is posted. If you haven't yet chosen your spot

to serve, please do so. Any questions call Lue Guthrie (749-7946) or Helene Beach (749-3387).

HAPPY HANDS

By Nancy Musko

Join us at Happy Hands every Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We are a group of “lightly organized” ladies who enjoy crafts, needlework, knitting, crocheting, etc. Many of our projects are donated to “Piece by Piece”, that supplies articles of clothing to abused and neglected children in San Diego Co., the Brandeis University Women’s Committee that supports the never-ending needs of the San Diego Children’s Hospital Foundation for use in their Neonatal I.C.U., St. Clair’s Home for abused women and children, and we donate pieces of new material to the “Heart in Hands” group at Palomar Hospital, for the Hand Puppets and Heart Pillows they make for hospitalized patients. We want to thank the generous residents of CV for their donations of yarn and material for these various projects. It is greatly appreciated.



Anyone who is interested in learning a craft, or needs help with something they are working on, are welcome to come to Happy Hands, and one of us can probably assist you. For information, call Nancy Musko (749-1125).

CANASTA = PENNIES

By Dori Sherwood

Meets 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM every 1st and 3rd Thursday at the Village Hall. Call Dori Sherwood, (749-9505), for more information.

BINGO

By Billy Smith

Join us on the third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM, at the Village Hall. This month’s games will be held on January 17th. Bingo cards are 50 cents

each....buy as many as you want to play. To enter the progressive jackpot, the fee is \$1.00. January’s jackpot will be worth approximately \$120.00. Bingo attendance has been very low. In the month of November, we only had 17 in attendance. If there is not a better attendance in the future, we may have to discontinue Bingo. Please tell your friends and neighbors. It’s a fun evening, with refreshments!

BUNKO

By Shirley Henderson

Our Bunko group meets twice monthly (second and fourth Fridays), at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. Those interested in playing, please call Shirley Henderson (749-6447), or Barbara Schulte (749-1808).

EZ TENNIS

By Doreen Burchett



EZ Tennis will resume play on Friday January 10th, 2003.
TIME: 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
PLACE: Village Hall

Join other residents for fun, socialization and exercise. Wear tennis shoes if you want to participate in a game that is “EZ” to learn. Equipment is furnished. Spectator’s welcome. Sign ups may be necessary later, in order to determine the number of players expected each week. Contact: Jay and Doreen Burchett (751-4998), for more information.

ART CLASSES

By Bette Pickford

Professional watercolorist, Gordon Olson, is interested in teaching a one-hour drawing class twice a month at Champagne Village, starting in early 2003. Gordon is a retired architect, and former owner of an art studio and gallery. He is



presently a member of the San Dieguito Art Guild, and teaches art at various active retirement centers and other facilities. His classes offer opportunities to beginners through advanced artists, for self-expression and a feeling of accomplishment from their artistic creations.

Bette Pickford, a retired school teacher and principal, is now a resident of Champagne Village. She has taken Gordon's art classes for the past 2 ½ years, and she will sponsor his classes at Champagne Village.

Gordon supplies all the art materials for each class including: art paper, paints, charcoal, pastels, ink, watercolors and colored pencils. Each student chooses which medium he/she wishes to use. Gordon often take the students' finished drawings, before they are colored, and shrinks them down to make a few greeting cards that the creator can send to relatives and friends. All supplies and the cards are included in the nominal fee for each class. Gordon receives a total of \$40.00 for each class that he teaches. If eight students sign up for the class, we would each pay \$5.00 per class. Of course, if ten residents sign up for the art class, the fee per class for each student would be \$4.00, etc.

Gordon takes his students step-by-step through the creative process, as they explore such techniques as shade and shadow, perspective drawing, and illusion of shape. In the CVPOA Office, Bette Pickford will leave a binder with some of the drawings she created in Gordon's classes. That will give you a better idea of what you can create in the class. If you are interested in taking the class, please notify Bette Pickford, #74, (751-1445). She will compile a list of interested residents, and get back to you regarding the time, dates and place for this wonderful opportunity to express your own creativity.

TRAVEL

By Charlene Thompson

Spring 2003:

Here's what is coming up in the Spring:



Faxploration, Mexico
The Glory of Easter, Crystal Cathedral
Canadian Rockies Train Excursion

CHAMPAGNE COMPUTER CLUB

By Richard Coffman



The Champagne Computer Club will meet Friday, January 3, at 4 PM, in the Village Hall. The club was started to help members with their computer "challenges", and to share information among club members. Club dues are \$5 a year, and any resident who owns a computer is welcome to join. Any resident is welcome to attend club meetings. Persons who don't wish to join the club can add their name and email address to the CV Email List by sending their email address to the email address listed below. They will then receive special offers and late-breaking Village news. The list is not shared with any other entity.

For information, contact Richard Coffman (751-2772), or email at richman@adventure2001.net.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

By Leonore Alvarado



We are encouraged by the attendance and interest in our Prayer for Peace service and thank all those who have called with words of encouragement. Thank you all for your support. We have scheduled the 2nd Sunday of every month, at 5:10 PM, in the Village Hall, for our gathering. Mark this special day on your calendars and come join us as we continue to ask our God for peace and thank Him for all His blessings.

If there is anyone who feels spiritually inclined to lead the group, we would be more than happy to meet with you. Please contact us at (751-2291).

Be there, or be square.

In an attitude of gratitude,
Rick & Leonore Alvarado

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE WISDOM CIRCLE

By Larry Stevens

We are an interactive sharing group motivated to co-facilitate one another in areas of holistic-based health, love and prosperity—all while exploring expanded levels of consciousness and our innate human spirit. All beliefs are welcome. There are no dues, fees or sacred oaths required. There is no fostering of dogma, judgment, specific religion or absolute truth—just an all-inclusive forum for realizing our true and magnificent potential.

Our next meeting, with Swiss psychotherapist, human potential researcher, artist and author of “Life-Changing Explosion of Consciousness – An Introduction to Holographic Psychology,” Dr. Margrit Spear, is on Jan. 9th – 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

The wisdom circle meets on National Holidays – in the Champagne Village Clubhouse’s small card room (immediate left after entering main doors).

This program is being hosted by former Vietnam Navy pilot, current Institute of Noetic Sciences (I.O.N.S.) coordinator, human potential/Science-of-Spirit researcher and resident of C.V., Larry James Stevens. Call (749-7056) for more info.

EXPLORING SAN DIEGO

By Richard & Annetta Coffman

Tired of slaving over a hot stove? Ask your sweetie to take you to Charlie's Family Restaurant! Charlie's serves up home-cooked meals at reasonable prices and with promptness. Charlie's is at the corner of Ivy and Pennsylvania in Escondido.



Take 15 to 78, go east to the end of the freeway (Broadway). Take Broadway south and across the bridge to the second T-intersection (across from Grape Day Park). Turn left on Pennsylvania and go a couple of blocks. Charlie's is on the right at the corner.

Hungry for some exquisite country scenery? Returning from Charlie's, turn right onto Broadway from Pennsylvania and take Broadway to its very end! It's about six miles, one way. On the way, there is a mushroom farm on the left, where you can

buy an assortment of mushrooms. Returning from the end of Broadway, about 3½ miles, turn right on Jesmond Dene and follow it north to its junction with Centre City Pkwy (old 395), near the Mountain Meadow/Deer Springs intersection.

ODDS AND ENDS

VAN TRIPS: The Village Van leaves the first and third Wednesday for North County Fair (Westfield), Trader Joes and Henrys. The van leaves the Village Hall at 9:30 AM, and returns at 2:30 PM. Sign up at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome.



The Village Van also goes to the Von's Shopping Center on El Norte Pkwy., every Friday at 9:00 AM.

SEE'S CANDIES: I have See's gift certificates for \$9.20 a pound compared to the retail price of \$12.40. Please make your check payable to Linda Harper, and leave it with your order at #186, or in the Village office mailbox. Any questions...call (751-0075) or email to linda8975@yahoo.com

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Where: Champagne Village Hall
When: 1st Thursday of each month, 10:00 – 12:00
Services: Check and clean all hearing aids.
Sell batteries of all sizes.
Otoscope evaluation.
Schedule hearing test appointments.

OLD TIME MUSIC LOVERS

By George Rollins

“Old Friend” Doug Best is back on radio. KKSM 1320 A.M. from Oceanside EVERY SATURDAY

MORNING, from 7:00 to 11:00 AM. Doug was formerly on 1450A.M. Saturday mornings from Escondido and Carlsbad. Tune in, you will love the music.

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE DISCOUNT CARDS

By Richard Coffman

The Champagne Village Club cards, which show an expiration date of 12/31/02, will be valid thru **12/31/03**. Village residents should apply for this card themselves at the Welk Resort, call Heidi, (751-9378).

CV CHORUS NOTES

By Joan Van Ingen

The CV Chorus wants to thank all our friends and neighbors for the wonderful reception we received. The energy from you all made our program even better than we had hoped. In the "thanks" right after the program, three very important people were overlooked! We have Alda Pickard who does our flowers, and quite often the table decorations. The candelabra was the brainstorm (not to mention saws, nails, etc.) of Chuck ("Cowboy") Talbot. I'm sure you all noticed the beautiful "stained glass" angel panels. Our very own Joyce Martin created them. So, although a bit belated, our thanks to yet more of our talented chorus members. May you all have joyous holidays and a good 2003.



MEN'S POOL

By John Dolan

Come play with us weekdays. Call John Dolan (751-8500), or Skip Skillion (749-1811), for information.



WATER EXERCISE

Open to all interested ladies. Held at the pool on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:00 AM.

BOOKMOBILE



The San Diego County Library Bookmobile will be in Champagne Village on January 14th, and January 28th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM .

They are scheduled to be in CV every two weeks.

GOLF CART CLINIC

A-1 Golf Cart clinic is held the second Friday of each month at the Picnic Area beginning at 9:00 AM.



Victors Mobile Cart Service will have a clinic on the last Friday of each month, at the Picnic Area, beginning at 9:00 AM.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2003

Trash normally is picked up on Fridays in the Village. The following shows the holiday week that trash service will be delayed one day, from Friday to Saturday.

New Year's Day – January 1, 2003