

# The Champagne Village Times



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Happy New Year!

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## **Directors/Officers**

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## **Standing Committee Chairs**

Joan Gaumer, Architectural  
Doreen Smith, Social Activities  
Matt Madsen, Disaster Control

## **Board Meeting Notes**

? The Board voted to approve a plan submitted by SAC to install a sidewalk in the picnic area that runs from the paved area, by the sink, all the way to the restroom area. Much of the labor will be provided by volunteers and the Association will pay the cost of the concrete, a pump and a finisher.

? To ensure compliance with new provisions of the Civil Code, the Board adopted a new "*Assessment and Full pay Policy for Assessments.*" All owners recently received a copy of this policy along with their 2006 budget package.

? Karen Smith will be sponsoring a "Fall Risk Assessment Program" hosted by Gentiva Health Services. The time and date to be determined and will be announced via this newspaper.

A new deposit/fee schedule for the installation of a new home was passed by the Board. These fees will be used to defray the cost to the Association for the supervision of new home installations.

? The Board approved a request by a resident to use the Multipurpose Room for an ongoing fund raising effort which will support SAC.

? All four ballot measures, were defeated. Totals are posted on the Bulletin Boards.

**Next Board "Workshop":** January 16, 2006, 9:00 AM, in the Card Room (*always held the Monday prior to the Board meeting*).

**Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting:** January 18, 2006, 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

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

## OFFICE NOTES

**ASSESSMENTS:** Starting January 1, 2006, the assessments will be \$169 per month and will be reflected on your bill.

**TRASH DELAY:** Due to New Years Day, the trash will be delayed one day. Pick up will be on Saturday, January 7.

## **S**OCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Where it goes, no one knows for sure, but my how it flies! Time...Do you remember when you were a teenager and couldn't wait for a Friday or Saturday night? Seems like a week was a month long. Now the months fly by like mere moments.

It's been a great year in Champagne Village. Although some of our dear friends have left us and we'll miss them, more have come in to be part of our special community. It's the participation of the residents that makes this a wonderful place to live. There are many activities that take place in the Village and it takes many more dedicated people to organize and run them.

The SAC Committee would like to wish all of you a wonderful, happy and healthy New Year and to say THANK YOU to everybody who volunteers their time and energy which makes our social activities so outstanding.

We've got lots of great things happening this year and a 2006 calendar of "Coming Attractions" is being printed in this issue of the C. V. Times. Cut it out and keep it as a reference.

If you haven't tried volunteering, as yet, make a resolution to try it this year. You'll have fun, make new friends and it'll make you feel great.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

What a night! It was magical! The Village Hall was decorated with boughs of holly and other

beautiful decorations and the tables were just lovely, thanks to all of our hosts/hostesses.

"Lace Apron" catered the delicious dinner and it proved to be a resounding success. The Vidal's played our favorite tunes as we danced the night away. This party was a super way to start off the Christmas season. All had a wonderful time.

### FIRST FRIDAY DINNER/DANCE OR ROARIN' 20's DANCE AT "HERNANDO'S HIDEAWAY"

JANUARY 6, 5:00 PM.



The Drama Club is hosting the First Friday Dinner Dance of the New Year and they've chosen the theme "THE ROARING TWENTIES AT HERNANDO'S HIDEAWAY."

Twenties dress is optional and the cast of the Drama Group will be your Hosts! While we are looking to raise money for quality microphones for our performances, we will lock up the Feds so we can enjoy good food, good "hooch", neat dancing, silly picture fun and great raffle items. In case you haven't heard some items are: a four-pound Prime Rib Roast, a lovely bottle of Bailey's Irish Crème (faith and begorah!), a neat purple box of Crown Royal, terrific baskets filled with sausage, cheese, crackers and more, a fifth of Black Velvet Canadian Whiskey, sweatshirts and other donated items. We will hold a drawing at 7:00 PM. Buy your raffle tickets early or that night. See a fine demonstration of the Charleston and dances of that era. To buy raffle tickets call Jennie Shaw (751-8909). Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, or 8 for \$10 or 16 for \$15.

Our menu will consist of a hearty chicken casserole along with a fresh salad followed by a birthday dessert. Robin Uncapher will entertain us with music and song as we "shimmy like our sister Kate."

Social hour begins at 5:00 PM with dinner starting at 6:00 PM. Please bring your favorite beverage, a few light snacks and enjoy the early evening hour.

The cost is \$5 per person with all checks made out to SAC. Put your name and space number on your envelope and drop it off at the Village Hall office by January 4. Start the New Year out right and join us. Twenty-three skidoo! Oh, you kid!

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

By Mark Henderson

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

### **THERE IS A CHANGE.**



Because New Years Day falls on the first Sunday, our breakfast will be served on, Sunday, January 8, from 8:00 AM until 9:30 AM in the Village Hall.

Cost is only \$2.00. Bring your own table service. Bring an empty egg carton if you wish to purchase eggs by the dozen.

### **A CHRISTMAS "THANK YOU" FROM SAC**

A hearty thank you goes to Judy Johnson for all of the delicious tangelos and tangerines she donated to the Men's Breakfast. They were so yummy!

Thanks also to everybody else, who over the past few years donated fruit from their trees.

If now, or in the future, you have trees with more fruit on it than your family can handle, please consider donating it to the SAC Board. As you know, it will be put to good use and lots of the others residents can enjoy it too.

If you have any excess fruit at this time, please give Linda Harper a call (751-0075). We're going to need it by Tuesday, January 3, in order to use it by the day of the Men's Breakfast, which in January is going to be held on Sunday, January 8. Just keep SAC in mind when your tree begins to hide your house with fruit.

## **WELCOME WAGON BRUNCH**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 10:00 AM**

Have you recently moved into the Village? If you have not, as yet, attended our Welcome Wagon Brunch, here's an invitation for you. Please join us in the Village Hall on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 10:00 AM**. Please RSVP to Lois Burdick (751-9967), so we can have enough food for you. At the Brunch you'll meet the Welcome Wagon Team, board members, chairs of various activities and our

brunch sponsor, Arlene Garich. We'll also have a Welcome bag of goodies for you. If you are housebound and cannot attend the brunch, Janice Gleyzal (751-1224), will be glad to deliver the Welcome bag to you.

## **DRAMA CLUB DINNER THEATER**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 5:00 PM**

The Drama Club presents "Senior Follies." Last year it was a mystery and this year it's a comedy. Whatever the subject matter, you can be sure it's going to be great fun.

Dinner will be chicken, rice, veggies, salad and dessert. The cost for this super event is only \$10 per person. Sign up in the copy room, make your check out to SAC, put your name and space number on the envelope and give it to your table hostess. The hostesses name is found at the Number one line of the sign up poster. Be sure to bring your choice of beverage to enjoy during the social hour.

Sign up early, pay your money, bring a beverage, then sit back, enjoy and watch the thespians of Champagne Village emote.

### ***A SPECIAL THANK YOU***

In addition to thanking the many volunteers who help out in many different ways, a special thank you goes out to residents Frank and Paulette Oswald. Frank is our resident "guru" of the computer world and has been in more Champagne Village homes than Santa Claus, helping fix computer problems. He donates half of his "fee" to the computer club and half to the SAC Stage Fund.

Paulette is the "Chief Beautician of Champagne Village" and when she's not busy with her grandchildren, she manages to cut the hair of many villagers. She has donated over two thousand dollars to the SAC Stage Fund. What would we do without the Oswald's? Now that's a question we don't care to ponder. Thank you both and have a super New Year.

### **HAIRCUTS**

Paulette Oswald (Champagne Village Resident) has graciously offered to cut Villagers' hair to benefit the CV stage on Monday's and Tuesday's. Suggested donation: minimum \$10. Call her for an appointment (749-5599).

### **NOTARY PUBLIC**

Arlene Garich is a California Notary Public. She will be donating all fees received to the SAC committee towards the Park Fund to enhance our picnic area for our benefit in the future. This will

be another win-win situation for everyone. Call her at home (751-2700) or cell (500-0662).

**COMING ATTRACTIONS  
SAVE THESE DATES  
2006 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

Friday, January 6	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, January 8	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, January 28	Drama Club Dinner Theater
Friday, February 3	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, February 5	Men's Breakfast
Friday, March 3	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, March 5	Men's Breakfast
Friday, March 17	St. Patrick's Day Dance
Sunday, April 2	Men's Breakfast
Friday, April 7	First Friday Dinner Dance
Friday, May 5	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, May 7	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, May 13	Garden Party
Friday, June 2	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, June 4	Men's Breakfast
Sunday, July 2	Men's Breakfast
Tuesday, July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Picnic in the Park
Friday, July 7	First Friday Dinner Dance
Friday, August 4	First Friday Dinner Dance in the Park
Sunday, August 6	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, August 26	Luau in the Park
Friday, Sept. 1	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, Sept. 3	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 23	Chili Cook-off
Sunday, October 1	Men's Breakfast
Friday, October 6	First Friday Dinner Dance
Saturday, October 28	Halloween Party
Friday, Nov. 3	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, Nov. 5	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Nov. 11	Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner
Friday, Dec. 1	First Friday Dinner Dance

Sunday, Dec. 3	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Dec. 9	Christmas Party
Saturday, Dec. 16	Champagne Village Chorus Holiday Concert
Sunday, Dec. 17	Holiday Home Tour
Monday, Dec. 18	Caroling Around the Park
Sunday, Dec. 31	New Years Eve Party

**COMPUTER TALK**

By Richard Coffman



**The Champagne Computer Club** will meet at its regular time on **Monday, January 2, at 7:00 PM in the Card Room** of the Village

Hall. One of the items of discussion will be an update on efforts to obtain broadband service in the Village. Other discussion will center around troubleshooting computer problems. Any Village resident is cordially invited to attend.

**INVESTMENT GROUP IS STARTING UP -- AGAIN!**

**The Investment Group** headed by **Dale Matheny** is starting up again. It will meet **Monday, January 2, 2006, at 6:00 PM in the Card Room** of the Village Hall. Dale is back in the Village after a short flirtation with Illinois and is eagerly looking forward to this first meeting of the New Year. The Investment Group is open to any resident of the Village and anyone doing trading or investment in the stock market and other markets will find the group discussions helpful.

**CHAMPAGNE SINGLES**

By Pat McGuire

**JANUARY POTLUCK**

Hi Folks! I'm the new kid on the block. Actually I've been here since July 2003. I've been voted in as the new Chair of the Singles group and the first male Chair! My term begins in January. My "platform" is to attempt to get more single men to

attend the potlucks. I miss good old-fashioned home cooking, so as soon as I moved in I started attending the Singles Potlucks. (My only task was to bring and pour wine and take out the garbage. (So what else is new?) The next meeting of our Singles group will be Friday, January 13 at 6:00 PM. First

time attendees may come as our guest that which means you do not have to cook. Just bring a plate and silverware. Questions? Call me. Pat (749-4724).

### **THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH**

Hope you all had a great Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. I am going to try a new sign up system starting in January, 2006. You will have a choice of two Restaurants, plus a third line for you to put your preference. Example Follows:

<u>ITALIAN</u>	<u>CHINESE</u>	<u>PREFERENCE</u>
Ciaos – Vista	Chins – Esc.	

If you sign up at the preference line, the majority wins. Your fearless leader, Orlie.

### **TRAVEL**

By Joe Klopp



Want to go somewhere? Please pick up a “SUGGEST A TRIP” form in the office from Karin. I scheduled the following trips based on WHERE YOU told me you want to go.

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT**

**EARLY.**

#### **Las Vegas, NV., Golden Nugget**

**January 23, 24, 25 (Mon., Tu., Wed.)**

3 days/2nts, \$130 per person double, \$183 Single, The Golden Nugget, downtown. **INCLUDES:** 1 free breakfast buffet, 1 free welcome cocktail, baggage handling, driver’s gratuity and deluxe motor coach! Of course, we will have snacks, movies, bingo and lots more fun! **Depart Mon., 8:00 AM, Return Wed. approx. 6:00 PM. SOLD OUT. Taking standby names.**

#### **Palm Springs Follies**

**Wednesday, March 8. \$70**

#### **Headliner, “The Four Coins” Subject to change.**

The Palm Springs Follies is a fantastic show and one that once you see it you’ll want to make it an annual event. All the actors are between 50 and 80 and are retired performers that put together a Vaudeville act sure to please everyone. Before the show, enjoy shopping and lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants nearby.

**INCLUDES:** Deluxe Coach, Reserved Follies Seats, snacks and Driver’s Gratuity. Please reserve your seats early. The contract calls for a 90-day cancellation notice. This trip was a great success in April 2005 and it sold out so book early. Departs 9:00 AM, arrives back 6:30 PM. **SOLD OUT. Taking standby names.**

#### **Planning stage if people call and want to go.**

**“Chocolate Covered” L.A. Tour. \$65**

**Date to be determined if I get enough calls.** Only five people showed any interest so far. Please call me if you are interested.

Start off this new tour with Chocolate Tea & cake at the Chado Tea Room in Pasadena. Next visit the packing house for Trader Joe’s CHOCOLATES, then on to lunch at the **Renaissance Restaurant** inside the Manor Hotel. Dessert, of course, will be a CHOCOLATE treat prepared by an award winning pastry chef. Your next stop is Surfes, where you will learn the shortcuts to dazzle your guests with great desserts and try a few samples while you’re there! The final stop is at Campartes, a 55-year-old family run CHOCOLATE factory, where you will taste some samples! (*Guide will be giving tour w/lots of great info.*) Please call if interested.

For planning purposes please fill out the one page flier in last month’s issue of the CV Times regarding day trips. (December Issue)

Would anyone be interested in these longer trips? Please call and let me know. I will not go forward with dates unless there is an interest, so please call.

#### **Lake Powell Adventure** (by Bus, Train, Boat)

**5 days/4 nights.** See many of the area’s most spectacular scenery by Bus, Train, & Boat! All day boat ride on Lake Powell thru canyons and visiting the world’s largest man-made bridge, “Rainbow Bridge”, enjoy a 65 mile Train Ride up to the “Grand Canyon” and view the beauty of “Bryce Canyon” by bus. \* 1 Night in Williams (Grand Canyon), 2 Nights at Lake Powell, and 1 Night in

Mesquite \* **INCLUDES:** All day boat ride on Lake Powell, Train Ride to Grand Canyon, Guided tour of GC w/lunch, Bryce Canyon, All Bkfst., 1 Lunch & 2 Dinners. \$535 p/p dbl.

## **Branson, MO. By Air**

### **7 Days/6 Nights**

**INCLUDES:** Roundtrip Airfare, 5 Nights Branson & 1 Night Kansas City. \* 7 Fantastic Shows in Branson \* Tour of Harry Truman Library and Museum \* Visit Eureka Springs \* All Breakfasts (some continental), 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners \* All transfers included to and from Airport. Fantastic Sightseeing and much more. \$1,355 p/p dbl. (**ALL ABOVE INCLUDED**)

Please call if you are the least bit interested in either of the above two trips.

ALL TRIPS DEPART FROM THE LAUNDRY AREA. You may need a jacket on any of the trips. I provide water and a light snack. You are always welcome to bring your own refreshments. **Please pay by the "PAY DATE" or earlier.** Friends and relatives are welcome to travel with you.

**HELPFUL HINT:** If you want to go on a trip why not call two friends and see if they might like to go. If everyone who signed up for a trip called just two friends and **spread the word**, I don't think we'd ever cancel a trip.

**Reserve your seats by calling Joe or Mary Klopp 749-1314.**

### **PAYING PROCEDURE:**

Please pay for your trip by check made out to Joe Klopp and put in my mailbox (414 Myrtle). Note in "Memo" on the check, which trip it is for. Please reserve your seat early so I will know if we have enough so I won't have to cancel the trip. **NO checks will be cashed until we have enough reservations to take the trip.** If the trip is cancelled, I will return your original check. Call me if you want to pay by cash.

**NOTE:** You must pay or cancel by the "Pay Date" Please, when you book a trip make a note on your calendar of the pay date or better yet pay when you book.

**REFUND POLICY:** There will be a 100% refund policy up to the pay date; after the pay date, unfortunately, I will be unable to refund your

money. However, I will make every attempt to resell your reservation to someone else and return your money.



## **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:**

By Fran Robinson

If anyone needs to have their blood pressure checked, please phone Fran Robinson (751-5488).

## **CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB**

By Woody Woodward



Our meeting was held on Thursday, November 17, at the Village Hall. We all enjoyed the tasty macaroni and cheese with rolls. Vice President, Paul Hughes, conducted the meeting in the absence of

President, Matt Madsen.

We had played "beat the pro", so we were joined by acting pro Josh Karp. Josh says that there will be complimentary coffee available for the tournament players on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Bud Steen won the 50/50 raffle of \$32.

The Temeku HILLS SAFARI WAS HELD ON November 28. Matt Madsen won the A flight. Mike Riehle took B flight honors and Bob Day triumphed in C flight.

Our December meeting was held on December 15. The Kitchenistas served up some ham, roast beef and turkey sandwiches along with Christmas cookies. There was also some delicious eggnog.

Angelo Scalise is home from the hospital after knee surgery and Jan Holle's wife, Lois, is doing better in her recuperation.

Our officers for 2006 will be Matt Madsen, President; Paul Hughes, V P; Bob Day, Secretary; and Ken Stackhouse, Treasurer. Most appointed positions will be filled by those who performed so admirably in 2005.

Paul Hughes presented Alan Whaite with cigars for outstanding effort in the kitchen. He also thanked those who helped during the year.

Matt gave a summary of 2005. He remembered Bob Burroughs, Bob Saint and Bill Ruffin who passed away this past year. On the brighter side, he enumerated our new members who joined this year

and all our hole-in-one makers were congratulated. All told, there was over \$12,000 in prize money distributed on the Oaks and Fountains combined.

Lee Rabeneau introduced new member Ken Morgan. Ken is a new owner here in the Village and is semi-retired, still dabbling in real estate investments.

There were plenty of awards given for 2005. Among these were: Club Champion-Jay Holle, Most Improved - Terry Quimby (Fountains) and Wayne Tillman (Oaks), Golfer of the Year - Tillman (Oaks) and Quimby (Fountains).

Charlie Service wants input on the Safari format to make it more enjoyable for golfers of all skill levels. Bud Steen thinks a Ryder Cup style tourney may be held next year without participation from the Fountains Men's Club. He is also going to invite the Lomas Santa Fe Club to our course.

We raffled off a lot of prizes (some donated by the Pro Shop) and Steve Remers won the 50/50 raffle for \$54.

Anyone interested in joining our fun-loving club can contact Lee Rabeneau (751-2544). We usually meet on the last Thursday of every month at the Village Hall.

## **FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB**

By Luella Guthrie



Our year-end meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant in Escondido, after a round of golf. We all enjoyed a delicious lunch of salad, steak, chicken and dessert.

Very nice to see a few of our social members join us.

President Ivy Johnson thanked her board members with a gift to each of her "crew" for a job well done. The new board, ready to take over January 2006 was introduced: Jeanne Humphrey, President; Dottie Moore, Vice President; Sharon Groepper, Secretary and Loretta Pittman, Treasurer.

Everyone received a copy of the Bylaws, with changes noted that we had voted on and passed.

No 50/50.

Good luck to our new board----wishing them a successful year of guiding our club.

## **OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB**

By Carol Cox



Our Christmas Tea was wonderful thanks to Martha Sumner and her team. The tables were beautifully set and decorated. We had matching tea cups and silver tea pots. Several members brought cookies. There were so many cookies that we had an impromptu mini

fund raiser.

Approximately thirty members were in attendance. A pun on tea was researched over the internet by Lorraine Burchett. This took us back into history of golf tees, very entertaining. Margaret Meadows gave us a better understanding of Hi and Low Tea. Several attendees shared comments about their Christmas past. We all agreed it was a great event to sit around, relax and enjoy each others company.

Welcome to Carol Repos our newest member. Carol decorated tee and sweatshirts in holiday scenes and these articles have been sold for SAC donations. There is a lot of talent in this Village. As parting gifts, we also all received Christmas mugs filled with candy.

We still play golf weekly on Thursday AM and welcome new members.

Thanks to the Welk Pro Shop for their coupons.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.**

## **TENNIS CLUB**

By LoReta Phelps



If you're a tennis player or want to learn how to play, then join the Tennis Club. Check with Ray Kessler (749-3059), membership chairman about joining.

Dues are \$12 a year for active members and \$6 a year for social members. For those of you who are already members, it's time to pay your dues. Get a check or cash to Rob Jacobson (274 Camphor Lane) for this coming year.

The first activity for 2006 will be a potluck on Thursday, January 12, at 4:30 PM in the Clubhouse. The hosts will be Sue and Ray Kessler along with Don and LoReta Phelps. Be sure to sign up for your tasty contribution in the copy room.

Plans are under way for a Valentine Dinner Dance. Details will be forth coming from the committee of:

Sue Kessler, Addie Wilkins, Pricilla DeArman and LoReta Phelps.

## LIONS CLUB

By Mark Henderson



The Champagne Village Lions would like to thank the residents of our community for helping make our first fashion show a huge success for Campaign Sight First II. Proceeds netted from this event totaled, \$3,518!! Recipients of this program will experience a profound new awareness of their world around them. What better gift could we give them during the Holiday Season to transform a life from strife to a life filled with hope.

As we renew ourselves in our pledge to eradicate preventable blindness around the world, we also ask those of you who are interested in reaching out in our community to join us. The strength of our continued commitments is only as strong as our commitment to membership growth. If you would like to get involved with the largest service organization in the world, adding a selfless quality to your life, please call our membership chairperson, Lion Lois Burdick (751-9967), or our club secretary Sandi Henderson (749-5546).

## HAPPY HANDS

By Janina Garvey



Join us at Happy Hands every Tuesday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Village Hall. We are a group of "lightly organized" ladies, who enjoy crafts, needlework, knitting, crocheting, etc. And we invite any resident who enjoys hand work, or would like to learn, or just like to get acquainted with some friendly Villagers. For more information, call Janina Garvey (749-1730).

## PINOCHLE

By Marion Psota



Are you a pinochle player? If you are new to Champagne Village or just have forgotten – WE DO have a

group of pinochle players who meet the first and third Friday of each month. The time is 1:00 PM in

the Card Room. It's just a friendly, fun time – cost is \$1. If you are interested in playing, please give Marion Psota (751-3940), a call and we'll put your name on the list of available players. Someone will call you the week of play and check if you're able to join us on Friday.

## MONDAY MEN & WOMEN'S BRIDGE

By Melba Crandall



Monday Bridge is from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. The hostess for February will be Norma Moore (751-1784). Please call Melba Crandall (751-7011), for reservations if you are a newcomer to the Village.

## TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

By Mary Roth

A friendly group of bridge players meets every Tuesday evening - 7:00 PM - Village Hall – come join us!!

## BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

By Bob Spencer

Every Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1:00 PM in the Card Room. No stress, no pain. Just relax and have fun. Singles welcomed. Call Bob Spencer (749-6698).

## COUPLES BRIDGE

By Luella Guthrie

Wednesday, January 11, 2006. 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Betty and Bob Spencer (749-6698) and Theresa Stalzer (749-3985).

Make your reservation to play by signing up on the bulletin board in the copy room. You may sign up to bring (service for twelve) of Hors d'oeuvres or Dessert. Please bring your own libations.

Three prizes for women and three prizes for men are awarded. Please bring \$2 per couple for the prizes.

Come early, circulate, visit with friends and enjoy the delicious food that has been brought....and then Play Bridge!

### **PENNY CANASTA**

By Betty Bearman

Meets 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM every Thursday in the Card Room. Call Betty Bearman (751-0477), for more information.

### **HAND AND FOOT**

By Sandra Watkinson

Join us for this fun and easy canasta type card game. Every Monday at 1:00 PM in the meeting room behind the laundry.

### **BUNCO**

By Carolyn White

Bunco is a fun dice game and very easy to play – and you can win prizes. The cost is only \$3.

We play the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Village Hall. This month the dates will be the 13 and the 27.

We need to know if you will be there so we can make up tables of four, so please call Carolyn White (751-1833) or Lanny Scalise (751-2630) to reserve your seat.

Mark your calendar and we will look forward to seeing you there. **BRING A FRIEND OR A NEIGHBOR!** The more people that play, the more money you could win.

### **WATER EXERCISE**

Deanna Clatworthy



Open to all interested ladies. Held at the pool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 AM. Come try the water aerobic 40-minute cassette tape.

If you like it and plan to continue, there is a one time charge of \$5 to cover batteries, tapes and a new tape player when needed. See Nicki or Deanna at the pool.

### **STRETCH CLASS**

By LuAnn Rowe



Get in shape for the New Year! These classes are becoming very popular and many people are feeling positive results from attending the class. If you haven't tried it yet, just

stop by any

Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM or Friday from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. You can see what we are doing and decide if you would benefit from this class. LuAnn Rowe (751-0172).

### **MEMORY KEEPERS SCRAP BOOK CLUB**

By Janet Hyman

A new club is forming in the Village. If you love scrap booking or would like to learn more about it, please join us. We'll meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the card room of the village hall.

Just bring your supplies, maybe a light snack and come on down and have some fun. It's also a great way to share our creativity. We can always learn new and clever ways of making our memory books even better.

The first workshop will be Saturday, January 28, 2006. Call Janet Hyman (749-8120), to let her know that you're interested or if you need additional information.

### **MEN'S POOL**

By John Dolan

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



### **VESPERS**

By Margaret Meadows

This is a non-denominational service held every Sunday in the card room at 4:00 PM till 5:00 PM with Pastor Jake Duran officiating. All are welcome.

## CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

By LoReta Phelps



The road crew did a great job cleaning the Champagne Blvd. roadside the first week of December. However, as time passed, like weeds in your garden, the trash began to reappear. So, the first Wednesday of January, the crew will be out in force again. If you would like to help out, call Addie Wilkins (751-1859).

## FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



If you're new here and haven't heard of "Friends Helping Friends," we are a group of volunteers who drive fellow Villagers to medical appointments when they have no other means of getting there. If you are in need of our services, please call me (749-1438) and I will find a driver for you. Please call as far in advance as possible. If it's a real emergency, however, call 911 for assistance.

**We need more drivers**, so if you can help out occasionally, please call me at the above number to get more information and see if it's something you would like to do. Thanks so much.

## Getting To Know

By LoReta Phelps

There won't be a "Getting to Know" this issue because the writer is on Christmas break.

## ODDS AND ENDS

### THANKS FOR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TOY DRIVE EVER!!!

There are simply no words I know that can really convey to you the depth of our thanks for your overwhelming generosity on behalf of the many

underprivileged children served by The Salvation Army. Talk about a toy drive – *I have never seen anything to equal the generosity of you Villagers!* ... And I have been involved with this program for many years. Don and I have taken bag after bagful of toys down to The Salvation Army and last Tuesday, Don's truck and my car were once again filled with the last load of toys for these kids.

There's an old Salvation Army song I learned many years ago that says:

I admit it is most remarkable,  
It is strange, but it's really true.  
The more in life you give away,  
The more that comes back to you!

There's a second verse that I don't remember, but don't you agree with these words. It's true. It's as we give that we receive – there is true joy in giving! I wish there was some way I could convey how remarkable your generosity really is. This might help a little:

Angels exist, but sometimes . . .  
Since they don't all have wings,  
We call them FRIENDS

You are indeed friends of the children. Your gifts made many children very happy on Christmas morning. May God continue to bless you in the coming year.

Ruth Royer, aka Mrs. Claus

**CHORUS:** Thank you to the Village Chorus for the wonderful concert that they performed Dec. 17. It was so nice to once again hear all the old carols and to sing along. Our chorus, I know worked very hard to give us this special gift at this Christmas time. (Notice I didn't say Holiday Time). From this grateful Village resident, once again THANK YOU!

**VAN TRIPS:** The Village Van leaves the second and fourth Wednesday for North County Fair (Westfield), Trader Joe's and Henry's. 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:** One pound gift certificates will be \$10.35 as of January 1 2006. This will give you \$14.10 worth of spending power at any See's location. Any questions...call (751-0075) or leave your check made out to Linda Harper, 186 Skyline Drive. Please do not leave with Karin in the office.

### GOLF CART CLINIC



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

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

### NEW RESIDENTS:

#7 James & Carol Kostick	749-8313
#193 Doug Winther	No Phone Yet
#263 David & Faye Hale	No Phone Yet
#335 Laura & Judith Roof	751-3453
#365 Mike & Jerry Golden	No Phone Yet

### FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Where: Champagne Village Hall

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning  
Battery Purchase  
Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

### BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz



The San Diego County Library Bookmobile will be in Champagne Village on January 3 and January 17 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Stops are made near the mail boxes. *They are scheduled to be in CV every two weeks.*

### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2006

Trash normally is picked up on Fridays. For New Years Day, the trash collection will be delayed one day, from Friday to Saturday, January 7.