

The Champagne Village Times



Champagne Village Property Owner's Association

Board Meeting Notes

1. By unanimous vote the Board approved switching the Pool Room and Card Room for better space utilization, reducing the number of pool tables from four to two. The revenue derived from disposal of the two excess pool tables will more than cover the cost of relocation. There was no time frame set for the completion of this project which will be mostly done by staff.



\$5,445 was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

2. The Board extended the deadline for return of Bylaw Ballots to January 20, 2010. Please make sure to vote and return your ballots by the new deadline.

3. A proposal for the installation of automatic door operators on the Men's and Women's Restrooms in the Village Hall at a cost of

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If you have a power, cable, internet outage or your home phone is not working properly please **do not call the Office to**

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Escondido, CA 92026

Email: cvoffice.karin@gmail.com

Phone: 760-749-8008

Fax: 760-749-8036

report the outages.

Please call the appropriate phone number to report the problem:

**SDG&E:
800-411-7343
for Electric Service.**

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800-310-2355 or 611
for Phone Service.**

**ORION
760-591-9600
for Cable & Internet.**

These phone numbers are also in your CV directory.

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Editors,

Pat & Janet LeRossignol

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Doreen Smith, Director

Joe Klopp, Director

Bob Bolt, Director

Doris Wright, Director

Connie Bentley, CFO

Standing Committee Chairs

Ken Hazzard and
Lois Burdick, A&L

Janet LeRossignol, SAC

Charlie Service and
Ken Hazzard, Disaster

- Next Agenda Workshop is January 15 at 9 am in the Card Room (always held the Friday prior to the Board meeting).
- Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting is January 20 at 1 pm in the Village Hall.
- Board minutes and financial statements are available in the Library for your reading. SAC financials are posted quarterly and may be viewed at this same location.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

COMMUNITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Tom Riggs

In early December the Board of Directors voted to continue the tradition of awarding the full-time employees a holiday gift. On behalf of the employees I would like to thank the Board and the Association as a whole for their generosity and support during this Holiday Season.

All of the employees are continually committed to providing a high level of service to the Association and will continue to ensure that the Association is maintained in a *first class manner at the lowest possible cost to its members*. Finally, we would all like to wish everyone a Happy, Safe, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR USPS LETTER CARRIER, NANCY



I just want to remind all of you, that as a "rural" mail carrier, I can mail your packages for you.

All you have to do is give me your package, I will take it to the Post Office and have the correct postage put on your parcel. I will pay for the postage and then bring you back a receipt showing how much money you owe me!

This way you can avoid standing in long lines at the Post Office.

I also carry and sell postage stamps and I can bring you flat rate boxes if you need them.

OFFICE NOTES

OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed on December 31 and January 1, 2010 for New Years.

GATE HOLIDAY HOURS

The gate will be "manned" from 10 am to 2 pm on New Year's Day.

ASSESSMENTS

Your assessment payment for 2010 will be the same as last year, \$190.



THE VILLAGE HALL COMPUTERS

The Office has been receiving complaints about individuals, including caregivers, tying up the computers for several hours at a time. Remember, these computers are for the occasional use of the residents and their guests. Please be considerate of others and limit the time you spend on the computers, especially when others are waiting to use them.

If you are having problems with the Village Hall Computers, please call Richard Coffman (751-2772).

ADS AT THE MAIL CENTER



When submitting an ad to be placed at the mail center, please remember to keep the size of the ad to 4 inches x 6 inches. You can also include a small picture to go with the ad. The Office has 4 x 6 cards if you need one. We will no longer accept full page ads.

NO TRASH DELAY

For the New Year's Holiday there will be ***no trash delay.***

Pickup day is Thursday, December 31.



WINTER POOL HOURS

December 1 - March 31

ADULTS - 10 am to 2:30 pm

CHILDREN - 12 pm to 2 pm



Social Activities Bulletin

By Janet LeRossignol

Social Activities Committee

Janet LeRossignol, Linda Harper, Jane & Paul Fischer, Patty Mann, Julie Mathews,

Peggy & Michael Holder ~ posters created by Annetta Citino

THANK YOU TO THE SAC MEMBERS!

By Janet LeRossignol

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Social Activities Committee for the wonderful job they did this past year in planning, organizing, and implementing all of the events. You rock!

The Committee meets once a month for about two hours to plan the monthly events. We have to consider that our residents are from 55 on up, like all types of music and enjoy different types of foods. We *know* that we cannot please everyone, but we try to please most of the people most of the time. We listen to your complaints and take them into consideration when planning the events. The bands that we hire are suggestions from our residents and they are always asked to play music from the 40's, 50's and 60's which covers all age groups.

If you would like to be on a **Call List** when SAC needs help with an event (such as decorating, greeting guests, helping prepare the meal, serving) please call me (749-7934). This is strictly voluntary and you are never expected to help at every event. Thank you in advance for volunteering your time.



2010 Schedule of Events

Sat, Feb. 13	Valentine's Dinner Dance
Sat, Mar. 13	St. Patrick's Day Party
Fri, Apr. 16	April Dinner Dance
Sat, May 8	Drama Club Performance
Fri, June 4	June Dinner Dance
Sun, July 4	4 th of July Picnic
Sat, Aug. 7	August Dinner Dance
Sat, Sep. 11	September Dinner Dance
Fri, Oct. 1	October Dinner Dance
Sat, Oct. 30	Halloween Party
Sat, Nov. 13	Vets Dinner
Sat, Dec. 11	Christmas Party
Fri, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 3

(Always the first Sunday of the month)

8 am to 9 am

\$3/person - pay at the door

Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, waffles,
fruit, juice, coffee

All residents and their guests are welcome!



MONDAY GAME NIGHT

6 pm every Monday

5 pm potluck on Jan. 11

Every Monday night is Game Night in the Village Hall. Villagers and guests get together to play Mexican Train, Mah-Jong, Wii, Sequence, Hearts, Spades, jigsaw puzzles, or they bring a new game to play! There is no sign up. Come to the Village Hall and join us.

DONATE YOUR EXTRA FRUIT FOR THE MEN'S BREAKFASTS

If you are one of those lucky people with a fruit tree on your property, please drop off any extra fruit at the kitchen, so it can be used at the monthly breakfasts. Thank you!

MISCELLANEOUS

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

We would like to thank Annetta Citino for caring about our community. Although others thought of it, she was the only one who took the time and effort to write a letter to the CV Board suggesting that the Pool Room be switched with the Card Room, complete with all the reasons why it made sense.

She wrote that the Pool Room has four pool tables and only one of them is being used each week. For a long time it has been difficult to fill even one table. A new location might stimulate more interest. It is time that the Pool Room be opened up to new use and two of the billiard tables be moved to a new location such as the Card Room and the remaining tables be sold to help defray the cost of the change.

She also wrote that many of the activities now held in the Card Room could be moved to the Pool Room which is much larger, such as the Board Workshops, Drama Club, Chorus, Stretch Class, Vespers, Bible Study, Singles Group meetings, special events, the Red Hats and many other uses. There is even a patio area adjoining the Pool Room that could be set up with tables and chairs from the front veranda of the Hall. It has two private exit doors to the outside and one double door exit into the Hall. She suggested that the storage rooms that now open to the Card Room could be opened to the Pool Room. If necessary, the spaciousness of the present Pool Room could supply space for storage also. She wrote that change is good when it serves the community and that this is sure to become one of the most popular rooms in the Hall.

The Board voted unanimously to make the change. If you have an idea that would make CV a better place, take the time and effort to do the research and then write a letter to the Board. Who knows. They might agree with you!

USELESS TRIVIA

Celery has negative calories - it takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR THANK YOU

The Care & Concern Committee



Thank you to Arlene Garich and Mimi Baca for sponsoring and organizing the annual Holiday Home Tour. The Care and Concern Committee appreciates the generosity of all who gave donations as they toured the homes. We wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

By Arlene Garich

One of the most enjoyable aspects of living in Champagne Village, especially during the holiday season, is the Holiday Home Tour. Five homeowners, in the true spirit of the Season, graciously opened their homes to all of us. They were Carlsley Merrell, Patty & Mike Mann, Mary Jean Sullivan & Paul Evans, Carmen Peña, and Crystal & John Dunn.

I'm so happy to have played a small role in this most pleasant event. I've seen neighbors meeting neighbors for the first time and other neighbors reconnecting with friends they haven't seen in a while.

The frosting on the cake, so to speak, is knowing that your donations will go to our Care and Concern Committee. I've already lined up one of our homeowners for our 2010 Holiday Home Tour!

BUBBLY BABES

By Mary Starkey

On December 13 we had our annual Christmas Party in the Village Hall. We had a great meal and exchanged gifts.



Our Chapter is 7 years old, and a new year began in October. We have no rules except to wear purple and red at every outing.

Our next outing will be in January and hostesses Thelma Reich and Lue Guthrie will contact you for details. Watch your mailbox for the invite.

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Mary Starkey



On December 11 we had a beautiful Christmas Party, with individuals decorating their tables. About 40 singles attended and we had fun just enjoying each other's company.

Next month begins a new year. So, "Happy New Year"! We will meet on the second Friday of each month at 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite potluck dish and if you can, a friend. The date to begin a new year will be January 8. See you all there.

COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman

The Champagne Computer Club will be resuming its monthly meetings in January at a time yet to be determined. We will notify our Computer and CV email list. If you would like to be on the CV email list, just email welkman1@gmail.com of your intention.

We will also begin using the projector and screen in the Hall for computer seminars. Watch for notice of that in the Fireplace Room by the two computers. Residents are invited to take advantage of the two computers in the fireplace room opposite the Village Office. Maintained by the Computer Club, they are connected to the Internet via Orion's broadband fast service for surfing of the Net.

LION'S CLUB

By King Lion Jack Cox

Happy New Year - may 2010 be as kind as 2009 if not kinder

I really want to wish all CV'ers and fellow Lions a grrrrreat 2010. We had a super Christmas Party at our December meeting. Food, toys, gifts and cash were collected for various charities totaling over \$250 from fellow Lions at the meeting.



Also at this meeting Barbara Richardson was elected and installed as a new member. Way to go Lion Barbara! This was the "highlight" of the meeting if I must say so myself! However, a great time was had by all.

The Directors of the CV Lions Club voted to spend \$1,800 on various charities throughout the county this past meeting. These charities are the life-blood of the Champagne Village Lions Club. We are honored to serve these charities ranging from serving the home-

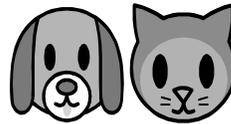
less to sponsoring blind youth at various camps. We have a long history of such activities including the San Diego Center for the Blind and many other eyesight loss services. These funds are the ones secured from public fund-raising activities such as "White Cane Days", "Dinners", "Breakfasts", plastic bottle and can drives and other activities. We deeply appreciate your continued support of these events. Without such, we could not carry out our mission of "WE SERVE".

CV PET LOVER'S CLUB

By Doreen Smith and Doreen Burchett

Even though the weather is cooler, many pets and their owners continue to enjoy socializing in our new pet park every afternoon around 3 pm.

All pet lovers are invited to come into the pet park to socialize with us and enjoy the pets at play. In addition, everyone is welcome at our quarterly meetings in the Village Hall. We meet on the third Tuesday of the second month of each quarter at 3 pm.



Our 2010 schedule of meetings is February 16, May 18, August 17, and November 16. The schedule is posted in the mailbox area for future reference. Please let us know if there are topics you would like to discuss at our next meeting on February 16.

If you haven't listed your pet with us, you are missing the opportunity of having over 60 people help look for it in the event it gets lost. Just call Doreen Smith (751-2205) or Doreen Burchett (751-4008) or sign up at our next meeting.



MISCELLANEOUS *continued*



If you live at the south end of Live Oak near the Dog Park, you've likely seen Ged Peterson walking her two pugs, Winnie and Lily. Always walking right with them is Fergus, a stray cat who was apparently abandoned in CV over 10 years ago in that neighborhood, and somehow manages to survive. The residents named him Fergus and it's apparent that he was used to living with dogs. Over the past year he has been coming into Ged's yard every day nuzzling right up to her pugs, head-bumping them and purring. Recently she found him in her laundry room asleep in the dog bed with the pugs. That meant that he's figured out how to use the doggie door because she never lets him in the house! The pugs don't mind and have allowed him to join their family as an outside addition. Although he loves the dogs, he won't let humans anywhere near him!

SPORTS

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Steve Webb

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Morgan after a great Christmas lunch of ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, and tossed salad. WOW! It was great!



The winners of Golfer of the Year and the Club Championship will be awarded at the January meeting. It's time to pay our membership dues. The vote was carried to raise the dues to \$55 a year, an increase of \$5. Bob Olsen gave the Fountains report and the big money winners were Charlie Service, Steve Webb, and Jim Robinson. The Fountains starting times are moving back a half hour. First tee time will be at 7:30 am instead of 7:00 am. Chuck Kemp gave the Oaks report. The starting times on the Oaks are changing from 7:30 am to 8:00 am. January 12 is going to be "Beat the Pro Day" with Ed Cartwright.

A special "thank you" to Allan Whaite for all of his hard work preparing our wonderful lunches; also to Wayne and Bob for all of their help. Thanks to Ken Morgan for doing a great job as our 2009 President. Jim Robinson and Don Resch were the 50-50 drawing winners. See you on the course!

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF

By Janet LeRossignol



Our December meeting was our annual Christmas Luncheon and was held at Alfredo's Italian Buffet.

Betty Service thanked her Board and all the committee chairs for all their work and support these past two years. Joan Stewart, incoming President, thanked Betty for her two years leading the Fountains Ladies Club and presented her with a check.

Joan introduced the new board members, Donna Andreas - Vice President, Joni Moreland - Treasurer, and Janet LeRossignol - Secretary. We have 38 members paid for 2010.

There are some new and exciting games for the new year such as Synchronized Swimming and Throw Momma from the Train (you get to "throw" your partner's ball closer to the pin once on every hole!).

Joni Moreland, Janet LeRossignol, Joan Stewart, Donna Andreas



There will also be a "Closest to the Pin" contest every week for a \$1 buy in. The Ace of the Year will be played on January 6.

Betty Antunes won 3 of the door prizes and Joni Moreland won \$47 in the 50-50 drawing. The members generously donated \$137 to Interfaith Community Services.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Priscilla De Arman

On Thursday December 10 we all gathered at the Castle Creek Country Club for our annual Christmas party. Terrific attendance with many of our social members participating. Connie and Sue made sure we all got the food we had ordered in advance and that the poor waitress was kept on her toes. Fun games and singing topped the day. What a beautiful group of ladies sharing a beautiful feast day.



TENNIS CLUB

By Naomi Daily

Thank you, Steve and Brenda, for the lovely Christmas Party. The food was excellent and a good time was had by all. Our first meeting of the new year will be Thursday, January 14 in the Village Hall. Please sign up in the Copy Room and plan to bring an appetizer or dessert and your own drinks. See Addie about paying your dues of \$10. We will look forward to the New Year.



CARDS & GAMES

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

By Bob Spencer



Bridge is played every Tuesday afternoon starting at 1 pm in the Card Room. No stress, no pain. Just relax and have fun. Singles welcome. Call Bob Spencer (749-6698).

COUPLES BRIDGE

By Betty Spencer

Our next date is Wednesday, January 13 at 5 pm in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening will be Sherman & Dorothy McKissock (751-7573).



Make your reservation to play by signing up on the bulletin board in the Copy Room. You may sign up to bring dessert or hors d'oeuvres. Please bring your own libations. Three prizes for women and three prizes for men will be 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!

PINOCHLE

By Marion Psota

Are you a pinochle player? If you are new to Champagne Village or have just forgotten, WE DO have a group of pinochle players who meet the first and third Friday of each month. The time is 1 pm in the Card Room. It's a friendly, fun time and the cost is only \$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.

PENNY CANASTA

By Betty Bearman

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

HAND AND FOOT

By Stella Stanek

If you're a card playing nut, join us for an easy canasta card game that you can learn in one hand! We play every Monday at 1 pm in the Multipurpose Room behind the Laundry Room.

BUNCO

By Carolyn White

Bunco is a fun dice game that's 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 pm to 3 pm in the Village Hall. This month we'll play on January 8 and January 22. 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.



forward to seeing you there. BRING A FRIEND OR A NEIGHBOR! The more people who play, the more money you could win.

PUZZLE LOVERS

For all those people who just love to work on jigsaw puzzles, there is a puzzle at one of the tables in the Village Hall to work on at all times. Come in and have fun.

POOL PLAYERS CLUB

By Orlie Macioci



If you have played pool, billiards or snooker before, we want you! Our Champagne Village Pool Players Club needs some new blood. Women are welcome, too. We play Monday through Friday from 1 pm to 3 pm, subject to change if so desired.

We have four tables and can barely fill one table of four players. So, if you're interested, please contact Orlie Macioci (749-6444). Thank you.



Mark your calendar and we'll look

EXERCISE

LINE DANCING

By Janet LeRossignol

Lessons - Mon - 8:30 am
Dancing - MWF - 9 am

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings men and women dance to all types of music for exercise. Come try it!

Beginners should start with the Monday lesson at 8:30 am to learn the steps to each dance. Once you know the dances you'll be able to dance with the rest of the group at 9 am. Call Janet for questions about the class (749-7934).



WATER EXERCISE

By Deanna Clatworthy

MWF - 10 am
TTh - 1 pm

Open to all interested persons and held at the pool on Monday, Wednesday and



Friday at 10 am. **Due to night falling earlier, the Tues/Thurs sessions will start at 1:00 pm**, weather permitting.

Come try the 40 minute water aerobic CDs. If you like it and plan to continue, there is a one time charge of \$5 to cover batteries and other expenses when needed.

Call Deanna if you have any questions (751-0204).

STRETCH CLASS

By Jackie Lohrke

Stretch Through
Conscious Movement

Tuesdays - 9 am

Jackie Lohrke teaches how to move consciously through movement on Tuesdays at 9 am in the Village Hall. Please dress comfortably. Bring mats, belt, towels and small cushions. Tummies will be more comfortable if breakfast is small and



eaten early before class. Instruction is based on years of practicing and teaching Yoga and other disciplines. Any questions, please call Jackie (749-2335). New students are encouraged to contact Jackie prior to attendance.

CV
GYM



Have you tried it yet?



CRAFTS

MEMORY KEEPERS SCRAP BOOK CLUB

By Janet Hyman

Saturday, January 23, 10 am to 4 pm
Please Join Us!



If you love scrapbooking or would like to learn more about it, please join us in the Village Hall this month.

Just bring your supplies and a light snack and come on down to have some fun. It's also a great way to share our individual creativity. We can always learn new and clever ways of making our memory books even better. Even if you don't have any interest in doing it yourself, drop by and see how great some of them look. If you need supplies or want to ask a question, call Janet Hyman (749-8120).

HAPPY HANDS

By Janina Garvey

Tuesdays - 1 pm to 4 pm



Join us at Happy Hands every Tuesday from 1 pm to 4 pm in the Village Hall. We are a group of "lightly organized" ladies who enjoy crafts, needlework, knitting, crocheting, etc. We invite any resident who enjoys hand work, or would like to learn, or just like to get acquainted with some friendly Villagers.

We are accepting handmade caps and baby blankets. Any donations of materials or time will be greatly appreciated. Please bring yarn to Happy Hands on Tuesday's 1 pm to 4 pm (or join us). For more information call Janina Garvey (749-1730).

VOLUNTEERING



In Memory of...

Dick Tuininga, November 30, #410

Michael Kapp, December 24, #227

*Please remember their families in your prayers.
Cards and notes of encouragement are welcomed
long after a loved one passes on.*

FORGETFULNESS

Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not among the dead;
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And more "mixed up" in the head.

For sometimes I can't remember,
When I stand at the foot of the stair,
If I must go up for something
Or if I've just come down from there.

And before the "fridge" so often
My poor mind is filled with doubt,
Have I just put food away, or
Have I come to take some out?

And sometimes when it's dark outside,
With my nightcap on my head,
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or just getting out of bed.

So, if it's my time to write you,
There's no need in getting sore,
I may think that I have written,
And don't want to be a bore.

So, remember, I do love you,
And I do wish you were here;
But now, it's nearly mail time,
So I must say "Good bye, Dear"

There I stood beside the mail box,
With a face so very red.
Instead of mailing you my letter,
I had opened it instead.

I stand beside my desk,
My head is bowed in shame.
I'd re-address this letter,
But I just forgot your name.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



If you're new here and haven't heard of "Friends Helping Friends," we are an organization 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 (749-4255) and I will find a driver. 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.

CHAMPAGNE BLVD TRASH TALK

By Addie Wilkins



We are running out of the orange vests that we wear when picking up trash on Champagne Boulevard and also the tongs used to pick up the trash. If you happen to have either of these items and no longer are picking up trash, please return them to me at #104 or call 751-1859 and I'll pick them up. Thanks!

You Know You're Living in the 2000's when...

- ◆ You try to enter your password on your microwave.
- ◆ You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
- ◆ You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3.
- ◆ Your reason for not staying in touch with friends is that they don't have email addresses.
- ◆ When you go home after a long day at work, you still answer the phone in a business manner.
- ◆ You've sat at the same desk for four years, but have worked for three different companies.
- ◆ Your company's welcome sign is attached with Velcro.
- ◆ Your resume is on a diskette in your pocket.
- ◆ Your supervisor doesn't have the ability to do your job.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

By Jim and Carol Kostick

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



The Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study is held every Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room behind the Laundry Room. It includes Praise and Worship, sharing the Sunday Readings and time for Prayer of Petitions.

All are welcome. Please bring your Bible. Information? Please call Deacon Jim and/or Carol Kostick (749-8313).

VESPERS

By Margaret Meadows

Sundays at 4 pm

This is a non-denominational worship service held each Sunday at 4 pm to 5 pm in the Card Room. Pastor Derke Bergsma will be conducting the services. The first Sunday of the month we will celebrate communion and everyone is invited to stay after the service for fellowship. Please bring a dish to share.



We are in need of a pianist. Please contact me (749-7573) if you are interested or know of someone who might be willing to come for just one hour to play for the singing of hymns.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

By Barbara Pittman

Thursdays at 7 pm

You will feel right at home in this informal gathering in the Village Hall Card Room. The study is held in a casual setting on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm. You don't need to know anything about the Bible. You just need to have an interest in it or a spark of curiosity about it!



Questions like: Can the BIBLE offer a solution to a personal problem? Can one get any comfort studying SCRIPTURE? Are there answers in the BIBLE concerning world peace? These and other intriguing issues can be discussed at non-denominational meetings with Pastor Estus Pittman and others in lively exchanges.

On occasion, we do have a little snack afterwards. And, of course, if you have a prayer need, we will pray for you. **You will enjoy being a part of this Village family!** For more information call (751-4342).

Our first Bible Study for the year will be on January 14. Hope you all have a Happy New Year!

CHURCH ~ A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION?

By Bev Davenport

I don't know about you but if I miss church on Sunday, I feel like I missed out on something very special. As a

child I grew up at church and loved every minute of it.

They say it's easier for some people to believe in God than others, but over the years I have discovered it is a choice that each of us make. If I'm wrong about God and who He is, I have nothing to lose because my faith has given me great peace, comfort and joy. Now, if I'm right and there is a God and He is preparing a place for me called heaven, then I have every thing to gain. WOW. I can't go wrong.

Church to many is an institution that has way too many rules, but I believe God wants church to be a place where a relationship with Him is encouraged. Church helps me keep my focus on the Lord and how He wants me to live. I know I don't do everything right, but at church I not only worship my living God, I hear guidelines for how to live my life.

The Lord encourages us to not forsake gathering together to worship Him and encourage each other. Maybe religion was crammed down you as a child or you have been offended by people in your past and they have made it uncomfortable for you to attend church or you just don't agree with the doctrine.

If we keep our focus on people, we will always be disappointed and if that's why you don't go to church maybe it's time to look for a place to worship the Lord and get your focus back on Him.

Our own Vespers service in the village on Sundays at 4 pm is a good place to start. Check it out. It is convenient and you will hear a great biblical message from Pastor Derke Bergsma. The service is non-denominational and if you can't get out to church this is a place where you will feel welcomed and loved by the people who attend. You won't be asked to teach Sunday School or give a tithe, but you will hear truths that we all need to hear.

If you need a ride call Bev (715-6335) and she will make sure you have a ride. Church might be a great New Year's Resolution this year.

ODDS AND ENDS

CV HEALTH STEWARDS

By George Cholaki



Let's start off the new year by reviewing Dr. Nick's seven pillars of weight loss and maintenance.

1. Change the way you see before you change the way you look.
2. Slash your calories by eating for the right reasons.
3. Fill your tank with the right amount of the right foods.
4. Burn calories like never before.
5. Plan a radical sabbatical.
6. Don't travel alone.
7. Realize that your weight loss journey is for a lifetime.

If you'd like to read Dr. Nick's book and are ready, call me (749-9997) and I will lend you a copy.

LIBRARY

By Nickie, Joann, Connie and Liz



December was very special with the installation of the additional shelving approved by the Board and the rearrangement of the various types of books and media items. Check out the new labeled areas and the magazine racks. We hope all our regular readers enjoy the upgrades and maybe the improvements will even entice some new "customers".

Among the latest donations is a multitude of Hopalong Cassidy and Have Gun Will Travel videos. You cowboy genre fans should check them out, literally, and warm up the cool winter evenings with these old friends. Please remember to place all your returns in the basket and call before you make a large donation so we can properly classify and shelve your treasures.

BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz

Bookmobile dates are January 5 and January 19. The Bookmobile has a new parking place *in front of the laundry room* and a new large



and roomy vehicle with lovely artwork on the outside panels but the same helpful librarians, Jose Luis

Damian and Gerardo Vargas for your reading needs. Come in and find your reading interests. We are very fortunate to have the services of our North County Mobile unit of the San Diego Public Library.

Those stops made by the units making the most use of their facilities will be kept on their schedule and there is a possibility those less used will no longer be recipients of their service. Invite your friends and neighbors to come when the van is in our area.

VAN TRIPS

The Village Van goes to the Von's Shopping Center on El Norte Pkwy every Friday at 9 am.

Please call the office to sign up (749-8008). All residents who no longer drive are welcome.



And we think it's cold here!

GOLF CART CLINICS

A-1 Golf Cart clinic is held the second Friday of each month at the car wash area at 9 am.



The Escondido Golf Cart Service

clinic is on the last Friday of each month at the car wash area at 9 am.



TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2009

For the New Year's holiday there will be **no trash delay**. Pickup day is Thursday, December 31.



NEW RESIDENTS

#250 Diane Hoadley & Debbie Chappie 749-2286

#407 Virginia Davenport & Francis Mott 908-8698

#455 Ronald Fischback & Debbie Rivera 751-4174



ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

CARDS & GAMES

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Bridge for Everyone	Tues. 1 pm	Bob Spencer	749-6698
Bridge for Couples	2 nd Wed. 5 pm	Bob Spencer	749-6698
Bunco	2 nd /4 th Fri. 1 pm	Carolyn White	751-1833
Game Night	Mon. 5 pm/6 pm	Linda Harper	751-0075
Hand and Foot	Mon. 1 pm	Addie Wilkins	751-1859
Penny Canasta	Thurs. 1 pm	Betty Bearman	751-0477
Pinochle	1 st /3 rd Fri. 1 pm	Marion Psota	751-3940
Pool	M-F 1 pm	Orlie Macioci	749-6444

CRAFTS, ETC.

Scrap Book Club	4 th Sat. 10 am	Janet Hyman	749-8120
Happy Hands	Tues. 1 pm	Janina Garvey	749-1730

EXERCISE

Line Dance	MWF 8:30am/9 am	Janet LeRossignol	749-7934
Stretch Class	Tues. 9 am	Jackie Lohrke	749-2335
Water Exercise	MWF 10 am Tues. / Thurs. 1:00 pm	Deanna Clatworthy	751-0204

RELIGION

Catholic Bible Study	Wed. 6:30 pm	Jim/Carol Kostick	749-8313
Thursday Bible Study	Thurs. 7 pm	Estus Pittman	751-4342
Vespers	Sun. 4 pm	Margaret Meadows	749-7573

SPORTS

CV Men's Golf	Tues./Thurs. am	Lee Rabeneau	751-2544
Fountains Ladies Golf	Wed. am	Loretta Pittman	749-2057
Oaks Ladies Golf	Thurs. am	Priscilla De Arman	749-8972
Tennis	2 nd Thurs. 5:30 pm	Billy Smith	751-3305

VOLUNTEERING

Care & Concern Committee		Bev Davenport	751-3025
Friends Helping Friends		Jan Denny	749-4255
Trash Pick-up	2 nd Wed.	Addie Wilkins	751-1859

MISCELLANEOUS

Bubbly Babes/Red Hats	Various	Mary Starkey	751-0825
Champagne Singles	2 nd Fri. 5:30 pm	Mary Starkey	751-0825
CV Chorus	Tues. 10 am	Joan Van Ingen	749-0932
Lions Club	3 rd Wed. 5:30 pm	Jack Cox	749-9491
Pet Lover's Club	Meets quarterly	Doreen Smith	751-3305
Sing-A Long	Last Tues. each month	Orlie Macioci	749-6444

For changes contact Karin in the Village Office