



CV NEWS

A Newsletter For
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Board Meeting Synopsis:

Items Approved:

Audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2001.

Automatic Electronic Defibrillator for a cost not to exceed \$5000.00, details to follow.

Village Hall pay phone to be removed & replaced.

Candidates' Day to be on April 27th, 2002.

To change the format on our Champagne Village Directory to a small 3 ring binder.

Announcements:

Next Board "Workshop": March 18th, at 9:00 AM, in the Card Room. *(Always held the Monday prior to the Board meetings.)*

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting:

March 20th at 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM 2001-2002

Joan Van Ingen, President – 749-0932
Dick Cummings, Vice President – 751-2546
Doreen Smith, Secretary – 751-3305
Warren Denny, Director – 749-1438
Ed Ford, Director – 749-3258

Minutes and financial statements are available in the small card room for your reading.

NOTE: Both monthly reports given by Tom Riggs, Community Mgr., & Rick Gibson, Property Mgr., are posted on the bulletin board at the mailbox.

OFFICE NOTES

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed Friday March 29th for Good Friday.

EMERGENCY PHONES: 2 new emergency phones have been installed at the pool and at the tennis courts. Please follow the posted instructions that are on the phones.

RULES & REGULATIONS: 2 copies of revised Rules & Regulations are in the Library for resident review. The approval of the Rules & Regulations will be on the March agenda.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE

There will be three vacancies for the 2002/2004 term for the Champagne Village Property Owners Association Board of Directors.

All members who are interested in becoming candidates may pick up an application at the Association Management Office in the Village Hall.

March 29, 2002, at 4:00 PM, is the deadline for all "CVPOA Board Candidates" to submit their

application and resume to the Champagne Village Office.

NEW RESIDENTS:

#193 Jack & Cathy Hall	751-3582
#241 Marion Psota	751-3941
#250 Barbara Richardson	751-0655
#312 Joe & Jane Koistra	751-2037

S **OCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN**

SAC COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON VACANCY. Please come to our SAC meeting March 25th, at 9:30, in the Village Hall. Our meetings are always open and we invite you to attend. If you have any questions, please call Dwain or LuAnn Rowe (751-0172). It's time to plan the calendar of events for 2002, and to start planning for the 4th of July.

BAKE SALE – We all like a little sweet after a meal. Well, Sunday, March 3rd, at the Men's Breakfast will be your chance!! Pick up some cookies, pies, cakes, pastries or coffee cakes on your way out and ENJOY!!! These sweets are all made by our very talented Champagne Ladies.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE – Mark your calendar, March 16, for a traditional Irish dinner, prepared by our Irish Chef, Tom McCue, and his efficient staff. Along with the complete Irish dinner and trimmings, there will be music for your dancing and listening pleasure. Watch for the sign up sheet. Seating will be limited to 200 residents.

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

MARCH POTLUCK

Our MARCH potluck will be held on Friday, March 8th, in the Village Hall. The St. Patrick's dinner will begin promptly at 6 PM. We welcome all single residents of Champagne Village to join us. Have you moved to the Village recently, and are you single? If so, the potlucks are a great way to meet other singles. Please be sure to sign the Potluck

sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Village Hall. The March hostesses will be Mary Starkey, Donna Shaw, Marion Maguire and Elda Rose Brown.

Set aside 1 or 2 of your favorite recipes now, and remember to bring them with you on the 8th.

THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH

In FEBRUARY, we went to the China Bistro on East Valley Parkway in Escondido. There were twelve of us. We had excellent food, and with a round table, had wonderful conversations. There's a sign up sheet on the Singles Bulletin Board in the Village Hall. For MARCH, we will be going to the Escondido Country Club for their great buffet. We look forward to having you join us on Friday, March 1st. We'll meet at 4:30 PM, at the laundry room, across from the Village Hall. In APRIL, we will be considering a new place in downtown Escondido, called Bistro 221. For information, call Mary Starkey (751-0825).

DAY TRIPS

At the March Potluck, we will discuss eight upcoming day trips, and there will be printed information about each trip.

CONCERTS/MUSICALS

On Sunday afternoon, March 17th, we will be going to Palomar College at 2 PM, to hear their 50 member chorale sing Irish songs. Tickets are \$10.

At North County Rep is "Pageant". It's a farce on Beauty Contests. The New York Times says it is "Screamingly funny!" At each performance, judges from the audience decide the winner. (March 3rd thru April 21st)

Four Fabulous Ladies of Song – Gloria Loring, Betty Garrett, Roberta Linn and Florence Henderson - will be appearing at the Escondido Center for the Arts, March 23, at 8 PM. Tickets are \$36. If interested, please respond ASAP to Mimi Baca (751-1032).

MOVIES

If you loved "The Sound of Music", the sing-a-long version is coming! (The words to all songs appear on the screen.) It's a limited engagement – March 8th thru 21st, at the Ken Cinema in San Diego. Many people come in costumes. Senior tickets are \$13.50. For all of the above outings call Mimi at 751-1032. If you enjoy movies call Mimi on ANY Friday morning to see if she's planning on attending the first showing at Edwards in San Marcos.

DANCING

If you enjoy dancing, here are some locations for you to consider:

- Joslyn Senior Center (ESC), Tues. 1 PM & Sat. at 7 PM (live bands)
- Joslyn Senior Center (San Marcos) Sun. afternoons
- San Luis Rey Downs Sat. evenings.

Please help us add to this list. Call Ruth Yanez (751-8939) or Virginia Ewing (751-1415).

A Special Request

Please remember to start saving sample/trial sizes, and other goodies for our Christmas gift giveaway game.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: Have your blood pressure checked free of charge. Friday, March 1, in the Village Hall from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. *Fresh coffee and refreshments.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday February 3rd, 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

All Champagne Village residents who need help in getting to their medical appointments are urged to call "Friends Helping Friends", at 749-4255 (Jan Denny – formerly Brostrom). Jan will find a driver to take you, and there is no charge for this service.

More volunteer drivers are needed. If you would like to help, please call Jan, and she will add your name to the list. Most of our requests are for doctor appointments in Escondido, some for Rancho Bernardo, Vista, and occasionally in La Jolla. We understand that you may not always be available, and that's okay. The more drivers we have, the less often you will be called upon. Recent additions to our roster of drivers are Paul & Peggy Fitch and Bob McDonald. Won't *you* join us?

Getting To Know...Sam Wood

By LoReta Phelps

Sam didn't have to worry about a driver's license when he first started driving. He was only about twelve, and drove a school wagon that was pulled by mules, which took 20 kids to school. When the county became able to afford a bus, Sam got to drive the bus.

He was born on September 5, 1911, on a farm near Plattsburg, Mississippi, and did all the usual things like swimming in the creek, and going barefoot in the summer.

He graduated from high school in 1930, where he took part in sports, including high jumping. As a student, he was "sharp in Latin but not so hot in arithmetic". After high school, he went to Memphis College for a year, which he found was not the "breeze" that high school had been. He felt that he was not qualified to be a student. At this time there were no jobs. His old maid aunt that he was staying with, talked him into joining the navy.

He went to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, near Chicago, for four months and was ready to go to sea, but there were no ships



available, so they marked time. Finally, he took a train to Long Beach, California, where he boarded the USS Texas, and stayed on it until July, 1934. During this time, as they were going to Newport, Rhode Island, the ship hit a sand bar. Sam, because he was in charge of the diving equipment, was selected to go down and take a look.

Next, he was sent to do torpedo testing. If one sank, it had to be retrieved by diving down to it. In April of 1936, while coming back to Newport Harbor, their boat went aground on a reef. A destroyer picked up the crew, but the boat sank.

In June of 1936, Sam reenlisted and was sent to deep sea diving school in Washington DC, for six months. After that, he was assigned to the USS Canopus, a sub tender in Manila, for three years. It was part of the Asiatic Fleet.

Next, he went to the USS Pigeon, a sub rescue vessel, and stayed until the war came. While on the Pigeon, he received a Silver Star as a result of helping to save two ships, and get their crews off while being bombed. The Pigeon also received two Presidential citations.

He wound up on Corregidor, riding a sub from there to Australia, where he did underwater work on subs, because there were no dry docks. They had taken over a wool shed, and built a machine shop and barracks. He became the executive officer of the submarine repair base.

It was while he was in Australia, that he met his wife, Anne. She came to San Francisco in 1947, and the two went to Nevada to get married, to avoid the three day wait. Later, they bought a house in Coronado. Anne drove across the U. S. seven times to meet Sam at the ports where he arrived.

Later, aboard the USS Ajax, he wore many hats. One was the repair officer, and another was the gunnery officer. The Ajax was sent to the Bikini Atoll in 1947, where Sam witnessed the atomic explosions. It came back to Pearl Harbor, and then to the States, to have engine problems fixed. It remained in San Diego for 5 years.

Sam retired in 1956, as a Commander. He had received a commission as a warrant officer in June of 1942, and then a Junior Grade Lieutenant.

It was Sam's wife, Anne, who was driving when

they first "found" Champagne Village. Sam says she turned into the gate, they looked at several houses, found "the one" and bought it. That was 1987, and he lost Anne in 1997.

It's too bad the makers of the movie, "Men of Honor", a current film about a navy deep sea diver, didn't come to Sam as a technical advisor. The movie would have been even better!

LIONS CLUB

Help us help others in need

Lion's Club International is a service club that is dedicated to assisting the blind. We buy glasses for school kids, help in the training of seeing eye and care dogs. Other needy organizations have our support also, such as the Children's Hospital and San Diego Hospice.

This club is open to men and women that live in the Village, and we need residents to assist us in supporting the blind, and other very worthwhile organizations. Please join us on the first and third Wednesdays, at 5:30 PM in the Village Hall, for dinner on us, to see what the club is all about. For more information, call Billy and Doreen Smith (751-3305).

Thank you for continuing to drop off your old glasses in the village hall Xerox room. They are sorted, repaired if needed, by the Lions Club International, and then given to those who cannot afford to buy glasses.

Call Billy Smith (751-3305), for pick up at your door if you have ALUMINUM CANS to donate. DONATING CLOTHING?? call Chuck Chandler (749-8874), or Billy Smith to pick up your clothing, shoes, etc. These donations are given to the Interfaith Council Thrift Store in Escondido. They offer assistance to many needy families with shelter, clothing and food.

TENNIS CLUB NEWS

We give a special thanks for all those members who helped with the Valentine dance. It was a lot of fun! Great job, tennis members!

The Tennis Club is open to any resident of Champagne Village. We are a great group of people that really enjoy playing tennis and the exercise in the fresh air. We would love to have new members join us. Please call our membership chairman, Don Phelps (751-9796), for information. He would love to visit with you and share club activities with you. There are all levels of players, and we have a spot for you!

Tennis Club meeting & potluck will be Thursday, March 14th, at 4:30 PM. Sign up sheet will be posted the 1st of March, on the bulletin Board in the copier room. We hope to see you all there.

Tennis and Pizza nights will be Friday, March 8th. Tennis at 4:00 and pizza at 5:30 at Lorenzo's Pizza in the Village. March 22nd, tennis at 4:00 and pizza at Worlds Best Pizza on El Norte Parkway, at 5:30.

Call Billy Smith (751-3305), for more information.

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

That Old Man Winter snuck up on us and cancelled out TWO of our Monthly Meetings in a row! Frost delays on the Fountains made the schedule fly out the window. HOWEVER, our Illustrious President, Bob Saint, PROMISES that we're going to have a Meeting on February 28th, at 12:30 PM, in the Village Hall, and lunch will be served, too. (If we get delayed again, maybe we should all gather at Bob's house for lunch?) In March, the meeting will be on the 28th, same time, same place.

Billy Smith scored himself a Hole-In-One, on the Oaks #5! Congratulations, Billy!

The "Golfer Of The Year" contest is already well under way, with Bob Olsen leading the pack on the Fountains with 30 points!

On the Oaks, we've got a tie between Ray Kessler and John Bentley with 12 points each, followed closely by Bob Olsen with 11 points.

There will be a Safari on Monday, March 25th, going to the Oaks North Course.

The cost is \$33.00 per player, which pays for the Golf fee and Prize monies. Make a check out to Bill Cowan for the fee.

Living on Earth is expensive... but it does include a free trip around the sun!

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

The club met on Wednesday, February 13th, 40 members attended.

The new committees consist of:

Handicap: Luella Guthrie

Ringers: Jeanne Hunt

Sweeps: Jeanne Humphrey & Dottie Moore

Special Events: Jane Humphrey & Eleanor Golemo

Rules: Joan Brogan

Publicity: Helen Rose

Membership: Mary Dackerman

Hole-in-one: Sheila Osbourne

The Fountains Ladies Club golf is played on Wednesdays. Come join us for fun, and to meet other members. Phone any board member, or committee chairman, and sign up for a round. We have different games each week, we go on Safaris, and hold four tournaments every year. The men challenge us, and we return the invitation to them.

Low gross for January was Doreen Brickett, with a 72. Low net was Jane Humphrey, with a 61. On February 13th, several ladies had chip-ins: Lorraine Pittman, Margaret Meadows and Priscilla DeArman. Priscilla won Flight A; Doris Miller won Flight B; Margaret Meadows and Sally Olsen tied for Flight C.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

The monthly meeting was held February 7th. Dixie Talbot started us off with a real cute Golf Joke!!

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Special Events Chair, Dixie Talbot, reminded us to sign up and bring a guest to our “Lady on the Go” luncheon and Fashion Show, by Draper and Damon, on March 7th in the Village Hall. Eight of our ladies will model. All our members are welcome.

The Safari was February 21st, on the Fountains. More about it will be reported in the April Newsletter.

ATTENTION!!! NO Regular Golf Meeting March 7th, as we are having the Special Fashion Show Luncheon, “Ladies on the Go”, that day.

We had a good planning session for Men’s Invitational, “Eagles Take Flight”, to be on April 18th. More information in the April Newsletter.

Our sincere thanks to Deanna Clatworthy and Ceil Steckel for the refreshments of Bagels and cream cheese spreads, candy valentine hearts, and homemade cookies. Soooo Good!

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY” was sung to; Kay Decker, Joan Saint, Pat Slaughter, Gwen Vickers, Deanna Clatworthy and Linda Cherry.

NOW REMEMBER THIS!!!! Our next Regular Meeting will be APRIL 4th.

MONDAY BRIDGE

Monday afternoon Bridge is at 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Jane Damerow is our March hostess. Call her at 751-0175.

BRIDGE TUESDAY EVENINGS

Enjoy an evening of Bridge! Every Tuesday evening at 7 PM in the Village Hall. Can anyone top Joyce’s score of 6500? March hostess: Theresa Stalzer (749-3985).

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

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

Wednesday, March 13, in the Village Hall. Hosts are Dale and Betty Bearman, (751-0477), and Clay and Loretta Pittman, (749-6234). Sign up at the Village Hall to make your reservations, and indicate whether you will bring hors d’oeuvres or dessert to serve 12. Bring your libation, and the \$1.00 per person prize money, too.

HAPPY HANDS

Every Tuesday, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, over a dozen ladies meet in the Village Hall to work on the craft of their choice, knitting, crocheting, needle work, etc. Many of them work diligently making blankets, caps, booties, sweaters, etc., that are donated to “Piece by Piece”, an organization that supplies these articles to abused and neglected children of all ages throughout San Diego County.

The Happy Hands ladies would like to thank the many residents of CV Village for their generous donations of yarn and other craft materials. Almost all of the yarn has been, or will be, used in making these donated items.

New members are always welcome! For more information, call Nancy Musko (749-1125).

PENNIES

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!!!

March bingo is Friday the 15th. Progressive jackpot will be worth over **\$100.00**. Please come try your luck. If you need any information call Billy Smith (751-3305).

BUNKO

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

EZ TENNIS meets in the Village Hall every Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Doctors say that laughter and exercise help to give you the better things in life by improving your health. You can get both by first coming to watch EZ Tennis, and then joining the merriment. There is no cost of any kind, as everything is furnished...just wear tennis shoes when you are ready to play. The equipment is plastic rackets and a foam ball. No reservations required...drop in when you can and settle back in a chair in the comfort of the Village Hall. For more information, contact Jay and Doreen Burchett (751-4008).

CHAMPAGNE COMPUTER CLUB

COMPUTER CLUB MEETING SET FOR MARCH 1st, AT 3 PM.

The Computer Club will meet in the Village Hall at 3 PM on Friday, March 1. The meeting will focus on using the Internet including the following topics:

1. How to effectively research the Net.
2. Which search engines are best?
3. List of useful and interesting Websites.
4. How to file websites for future reference.
5. Using e-mail more efficiently.

The club dues are \$5 per active member in a household. Some members have not yet paid. Bring a check to the meeting, or leave one with

Karin in the Office, written to Champagne Computer Club. Any Association member is welcome to attend the meeting.

ODDS AND ENDS

THANK YOU: We want to thank all who helped us celebrate our birthdays. We delivered over 400 food items to Interfaith Community Services. Thanks to all, Bob & Joan Saint.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION: Two AARP Tax-Aides will provide free personal income tax counseling and tax form preparation assistance each Monday through April 15th. The service will cover both Federal and State Tax Returns.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Village Hall. Please bring all your paperwork for the Tax Year 2001, and a copy of your year 2000 tax return.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY: March 29th is Good Friday. Mark your calendars to attend our annual Worship Service at 4:00 PM in the Village Hall. Rev. Jake Duran will be officiating this nondenominational service including special music. All are welcome, so come and remember the Christ who still reaches out to claim us as His own.

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.

VERY HELPFUL TIPS:

This is really good info.....

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc., so you will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

A corporate attorney sent this out to the employees in his company. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed in your name, address, SS#, credit, etc. Unfortunately, the author of this piece, who happens to be an attorney, has first hand knowledge, because his wallet was stolen, and within a week the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change his driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know. As everyone always advises, cancel your credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers, and your card numbers handy, so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important: (I never ever thought to do this) – call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and SS#. He had never heard of doing that, until advised by a bank that called to tell him an application for credit was made over the Internet in his name. The alert means any company that checks your credit line knows your

information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time he was advised to do this, almost 2 weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which he knew about, before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw his wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in).

It seems to have stopped them in their tracks.

The numbers are:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742

Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

Social Security Administration (fraud line):
1-800-269-0271

We pass along jokes; we pass along just about everything. Do think about passing this information along. It could really help someone.

And, here's one of my own, that I picked up from a friend in the San Francisco area. Carry two wallets. One with a few dollars and expired credit cards in the obvious place, and your real one somewhere else. If robbed, hand/toss the dummy wallet to the robber, then leave. By the time he figures out he's been duped, you're outta there WITH all your stuff still with you.

MENS POOL

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 12th and 26th of March. *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 grounds beginning at 9:00 AM.

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

TRAVEL WITH GLADYS

Thursday, March 28, 2002

Santa Anita Races, A Salute to Seniors. Clubhouse admission, table service, luncheon, Cordon Bleu (with all the fixings), mixed green salad, roll with butter, choice of coffee, tea or milk. Racing form and handicapper to go over the days program. First class bus, music, snacks.

Price \$35.00 Sign up and pay by February 10th.

Friday, April 12, 2002

Matinee to the Palm Springs Follies is full. You may sign-up for cancellations, or call Gladys (749-3248).

April 28 – 29 –30 & May 1 (4 Days – 3 Nights)

River Palms Resort Casino, Laughlin, NV.

\$95.00 Ea. DBL. OCC. \$110.00 SGL. OCC.

(Please sign-up and pay by April 1st)

Includes: 3 nights at River Palms, 1 Buffet + Fun Book, Baggage & Handling, Fully Escorted Round Trip on Deluxe Eurostyle Coach.

Beverage – Snacks – Movies and Drivers Gratuity.

For more information and availability contact: Gladys Wilkinson –

Champagne Village Tours (749-3248)

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2002

Trash normally is picked up on Fridays in the Village. The following list shows the holiday weeks in 2002 that trash service will be delayed one day, from Friday to Saturday.

Thanksgiving Day – November 28, 2002

Christmas Day – December 25, 2002

New Year's Day – January 1, 2003