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**Happy St. Patrick's
Day!**

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Board Meeting Notes

Audit Approved

After a brief explanation by Managing Agent Rick Gibson, the Board approved the audited financials for fiscal year 2005 which were prepared by Michael Ferrera, CPA. In compliance with Civil Code 1365 each member of the Association will receive a copy of the Audit prior to April 30th 2006.

Insurance Package Approved

Several questions regarding the specific types of coverage as well as the method of acquiring insurance quotes were addressed by both staff and management. Once all the concerns were answered the Board approved the annual insurance package which meets or exceeds the requirements of Civil Code Section 1365.7. The premium for this package was approximately \$4000.00 less than the same coverage in 2005.

Village Hall to Get New Concrete

After the Agenda Workshop on Monday several of the Board members did a comprehensive inspection of the concrete walks and landings around the Village Hall. It was noted that several trees over the years had uplifted much of the concrete surrounding the Hall. Many of these uplifted areas have been ground down once or even twice and still pose a serious tripping hazard. At the Board Meeting three bids highly competitive bids were evaluated for removal and replacement of most of the concrete surrounding the Village Hall. The Board approved a proposal from Bonita Valley Landscape. Several wheel chair ramps will be included in this renovation.

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

**Next Regular Board of Directors
Meeting: February 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

SKATING: Please remember, there is **NO SKATING ALLOWED IN CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE!** There have been reports of children skating on the stage in the Picnic Area and on the Tennis Courts.

RV STORAGE: All owners in the RV Lot please remember to **LOCK** the gate when you leave. It has been left open numerous times with no one in there.

FALL RISK ASSESSMENT BY GENTIVA:
March 23, 2006 will be the fall risk assessments by Gentiva Health Care from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
No Cost to resident
Anyone who:

- Uses a cane or walker
- Has a history of falls
- Balance problem
- Weakness in legs
- Pain in back or legs
- Shuffling gait

Lean on furniture to get around house

One fall can make a difference in your future quality of life and I encourage you to act responsibly on your own behalf.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

SPECIAL NOTE FROM YOUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We had quite a large attendance at our February First Friday Dance and some residents had trouble finding seats. A few even left after asking at several of the "Reserved Tables" and were told the seats were all taken.

That just won't do! We want everybody to enjoy the First Friday Dances and hope some of you will give us another try. The SAC Committee is going to be setting up 3 large round tables marked "OPEN SEATING ONLY." That seems like a practical and fair thing to do. We will also have "greeters" at

each door to help you find your proper table. Or just look for those marked tables and if all else fails, go toward the kitchen, find a SAC member who will gladly set up another table.

Our dances aren't for the few but for the many. Hope to see all of you there.

FIRST FRIDAY DANCE / DINNER

MARCH 3, SOCIAL/DANCE, 5:00 PM



"When the moon hits your eye like a big lasagna pie, that's amore" or it's the March 3rd First Friday Dance. We're doing it up Italian Style. Delicious lasagna, salad, garlic bread

and dessert will be served for your dining pleasure. Mangia, mangia!

Social hour begins at 5:00 PM, so please bring a beverage of your choice and some snacks to nibble on before dinner. The Vidal's will be making some great music, so get out on the dance floor and cut a rug or two. It's not only fun, but great exercise as well.

As always, the cost is just \$5 per person. Please get your check or cash to the village hall by Wednesday, March 1. Write your name, space number and event on the envelope and drop it in the slot at the office.

Green, white and red are the colors of the Italian flag, so let's all wear one or all of those colors. What a great visual that would be. Let's see if we can have some fun with it?

Ciao, baby!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

By Mark Henderson

SUNDAY, MARCH 5



From 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, in the Village Hall. Come one, come all!

Cost is only \$2. Bring your own table service.

It is with a sad heart we must say goodbye to our waffle man, Lee

Rabeneau. Lee has been with the Men's Breakfast for almost 9 years. He was the only man to call me to say, "I'll be there." Such service to community is becoming rare to find. Come on down on Sunday,

March 5, from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM and let him know he will be missed.

We are looking for someone to take over waffles at breakfast. If this community would like to see waffles continued, we must hear the voice of a new volunteer willing to master the art. Call Mark Henderson (749-5546) to volunteer.

APPLES, ORANGES, PEACHES OR PEARS

Do you have an over abundance of fruit on your trees? We've got a solution. Drop any extra fruit off in the village hall kitchen. All of it gets used for the men's breakfast and therefore, enjoyed by many. Thanks to Leah and Mike Kapp, Joan and Lee Rabeneau, Betty and Howard Mortz, Vi Collier, Judy Johnson and Pat McGuire, for their great contributions of delicious fruit. We probably missed thanking someone, so a big thank you goes out to ALL of the residents who donated fruit.

SECOND MONDAY GAME NIGHT

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 5:00 PM



Game night is back in full swing and people are enjoying it. Come down to the village hall at 5:00 PM and bring your favorite games and some food to share. As usual, there is no fee for this evening event.

Some of the games we're likely to play are as follows: poker, Mexican Train, hearts, Pinochle and all sorts of board games.

Dip and chips are usually very plentiful so please bring some other kind of "finger food" to share with all. If you like to laugh, this is the place to be.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER/DANCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 5:00 PM

It's time for the wearing' of the green once again. Faith 'n begorra where does the time go? Since everybody is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, let's get together at the Village Hall to help celebrate St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.

No, we're not having green eggs and ham but we'll eat hearty and we'll eat well.

We'll feast on corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes and carrots, soda bread and of course ice cream for dessert. Your Executive Chef's for the

evening are Dale and Betty Bearman. The "sous" chef's are Joe and Mary Klopp, Nickie Kettenring, Melba Crandall, Carol Cowan, Carol Young and Billy and Doreen Smith. This is a labor-intensive meal, so we owe you all a mighty big thank you for all your hard work and time.

The Billy Harper Band will be the entertainment this evening. Along with all of your favorite tunes perhaps we can get them to play an Irish Jig or two. All of this fun and frivolity is only \$10 per person. The sign up sheet will be in the copy room of the village hall, so please sign up early. You wouldn't want to miss kissing the Blarney Stone, now would you?

4th OF JULY PICNIC

TUESDAY, JULY 4, ALL DAY

Last year we had a blast at the 4th of July picnic. We had great food and great entertainment. The best entertainment of all and also the most fun was the entertainment provided by our talented Champagne Village Residents.

This coming 4th of July, by popular demand, we're only going to have our talented residents perform for us.

So step right up all you talented, fun loving and uninhibited folks. Get out the guitar, trombone, tap shoes, or clogging shoes and start practicing. Whether you perform as a group and do a skit – **WE WANT YOU!** Whether your talent is serious or downright funny – **WE WANT YOU!** Whether you sing, dance; play an instrument or all of the above – **WE WANT YOU!**

Please call Doreen or Billy Smith (751-3305) if you're interested in participating.

You just never know – there might be a Hollywood Producer in the crowd.

CV DRAMA CLUB

A message from the Director of the CV Drama Club. We need a better response to the Penny Guessing Jar, very poor to date. Our Drama Club has to raise many more bucks to get microphones for the players. Please enter the contest with your guess and your donation.

Thank you, Jenny Shaw.

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. Call her at home (751-2700) or cell (500-0662).

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SAVE THESE DATES

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

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 th 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 Year's Eve Party

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Patrick McGuire

MARCH POTLUCK

The March Singles Potluck will be held on Friday, March 10 at 6:00 PM. The hosts and hostess will be Orlie Macioci, Pat McGuire and Joyce Martin. This is the first time since the Singles group was formed five years ago that TWO guys have been hosts for the potluck! Joyce will be in good company.

Jennie Shaw was the first place winner of the photo contest held last month. She said she won because she looked "at the eyes". Right behind her was Judy Johnson in second place. We promise an "easier" photo contest next year.

Singles **PLEASE** remember to sign up. Starting in March there will be no ³undecided² category on the sign up sheet. The categories will be salad, main dish or dessert. And please remember to bring \$1 for the 50/50 drawing. Newcomers are especially welcome!

SPECIAL NOTE: The Singles who were planning on bringing dessert for the March Potluck can choose a salad or a main dish. Cake and ice cream will be provided because we are having a birthday party to help Skip Skillion celebrate his 104th birthday!

COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman



The electronic gear at the water tank high on the mountain to the east of the Village is installed. That means at least 98% of the Village is accessible right now for high speed internet service by GIST Wireless. About 50 residents have subscribed to the new service and most have their receivers installed. They don't have to wait at a snail's pace to get on the Internet. Their phone line is not busy all the time! Surfing the Internet is fun again! Now they can save on their long distance

phone calls!

If you would like to have the new service, pick up an application packet at the north computer station in the Fireplace Room. Fill out both sides of the GIST application and give it to Karin to fax to GIST Wireless.

While you're at it, join the Computer Club and get your 20% monthly discount on the wireless service.

Put your application with your money into the attached envelope and drop it into the mail slot by the Association office. You'll even get a membership card that is good for other discounts with computer merchants in the area!

The Champagne Computer Club will meet in the Card Room in the Village Hall at 7:00 PM, Monday, March 6. The meeting is open to all Village residents. We will be troubleshooting computer issues and discussing other vital computer topics.

TRAVEL

By Joe Klopp



Did you miss filling out the travel survey in the Dec. newsletter? Please pick up a "Survey" form in the office from Karin. I scheduled the following trips based on WHERE YOU told me you want to go. See the bulletin

board by the mailboxes for results of the survey so far.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT EARLY.

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. Departs 9:00 AM arrives back 6:30 PM. SOLD OUT. Taking standby names.

Reagan Library & Lunch

Wednesday, April 12. \$47

Highlights in the life of Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States. You will be looking at history through the eyes of the former President in this 153,000 square foot facility. Housed here are more than 87,000 feet of motion picture films, 20,000 video tapes, and 22,000 audiotapes, in addition to the newly added "Air Force One". There are some 75,000 gifts the Reagan's received during the White House years. You'll also want to see the Early Years Gallery, Road to Presidency Gallery; Oval Office replica which is hand carved and took 500,000 hours and one million dollars to complete. Before your tour, enjoy lunch at the Hometown Buffet. INCLUDES: Deluxe Coach, snacks, Lunch and Driver' Gratuity. Departs 9:00 AM, Returns CV 6:00 PM. Pay by March 3.

China Town Lunch and Show

Wednesday, May 17. \$57

Relax and enjoy a great lunch in China Town at the Gourmet Carousel, and afterwards, an amazing show. Acrobatics, colorful lion and folk dances, live musical performance, comedy and more. Next, visit the many import shops in China Town, then on to Farmers Market for more shopping. INCLUDES: Deluxe Coach, snacks, Lunch and Driver' Gratuity. Departs 8:30 AM, Returns CV 5:30 PM. Pay by April 10.

Lake Powell Adventure (by Bus, Train, Boat)

Sept. 17 to 21, 5 Days/4 Nights. \$535 p/p dbl.

See many of the area's most spectacular scenery by Bus, Train, and Boat! All day boat ride on Lake Powell. 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 and 2 Dinners. \$535 p/p dbl. See the bulletin board for itinerary; trip insurance is available. Please reserve your seat early and Pay by Aug.1.

If you are interested in a Branson trip please call me.

Branson, MO. By Air

7 Days/6 Nights. No date set yet, waiting to see how much interest.

INCLUDES: Roundtrip Airfare, 5 Nights Branson & 1 Night Kansas City. * 7 Fantastic Shows in Branson * Tour of Harry Truman Library & 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).

ALL TRIPS DEPART FROM THE LAUNDRY AREA. You may need a jacket on any of the trips. I provide water & 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 at 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.

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Bob Day



An officers and committee chairman meeting was held on February 2, to review several items of interest for the Men's Golf Club for the coming year. The year's calendar was reviewed and dates were set for both the Oaks and Fountains invitational tournaments. The Oaks tournament will be held on May 9, and the Fountains tournament will be played on September 6. Norm Peterson and a committee of members are reviewing the club by-laws. Recommended changes will be discussed and finalized at the February golf club meeting. Changes are contemplated for "A" flight closest to the pin, and Fountains and Safari tournament prize payments. These changes will also be discussed at the February meeting. A change in the year-end award policy is also going to be incorporated. Safari Chairman Charlie Service says that there are still openings for the Safari to Oceanside Municipal Golf Course on March 6. Cost of the tournament includes lunch and prizes. If you are interested, contact Charlie for details.

The Fountains Golfer of the Year leaders through January was Jay Holly and Bob Olsen. The Oaks Golfer of the year leaders through January were Matt Madsen and Bob Day.

Congratulations go out to Mike Kapp for his hole-in-one on the Oaks this month. Mike aced to 10th hole with a 7 wood.

Woody Woodward, reminds all Oaks players that the later tee time players should be checked in by 7:45 AM in order to assure balanced groups for the tournament. Both Woody and Tom Clatworthy (Fountains tournament chairman) request that if you are signed up to play in the Oaks and Fountains tournaments and can not play for any reason, please contact them on the night before play is scheduled.

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

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Luella Guthrie



President Jeanne opened the meeting a little after noon. Welcome to another new member – Diann Edner who has been golfing with us for several months. Doreen Burchett, Handicap Chair, handed out SDCWGA 2006

Handbooks. She reminded everyone that all games played (whenever and wherever) must be recorded to ensure the integrity of your handicap.

New and exciting plans were discussed Re: The Champagne Classis.

The eclectic (two day tournament) is scheduled for March 1 and 8. An 8:00 AM shotgun is scheduled for the 8th. Reminders: arrive by 7:30 AM, play ready golf, and keep up with the group in front of you. Lunch will be served after play to congratulate the winners.

Stella Huddleston is \$11.50 richer...she won the 50/50 drawing.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Carol Cox



A few housekeeping notes are needed from the February, 2006 newsletter.

Belated birthdays for January 4, correction is Sally Wyatt not Sally Olsen.

Also, regarding sign-ups for the Oaks Ladies. After signing, if you find yourself unable to play, please call Karen Smith, President of the league, not the Pro Shop. I hope this did not lead you down the wrong path.

Now we would like to wish all March babies a Happy Birthday. The list includes Lue Guthrie, 3/10; Liz Ruffin, 3/12; Gado Hawkins, 3/16; Margaret Meadows, 3/19; and Grace Foley, 3/28.

Please keep March 30, open for the Spring Fling/Hat Decoration, May 9, for the Ladies and Gents Invitational, and June 9, for the Installation Luncheon.

We review rules at our monthly meeting. Golf etiquette noted a two stroke penalty for a lost ball,

hitting the wrong ball, and/or hitting another ball while putting.

We sincerely thank Priscilla DeArman for her commitment, in writing monthly notes for the Champagne Village Times. We also, thank Lynn Tobin for graciously accepting this role.

For all the leprechauns and want to be Leprechauns, Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

For all our members who are under the weather, please be well soon. We miss you.

Happy Golfing to all, and get a Hole in One.

TENNIS CLUB

By LoReta Phelps



The Valentine's Dinner Dance was a big success! Thanks to a lot of great people working together. The play day held on Sunday, February, 12 was enjoyed by all but Matt Madsen who took a nasty spill injuring his right hamstring and splitting the inside of his hand open requiring eight stitches. This not only hampers his tennis but his golf game as well. We wish him a speedy recovery. "Dinner Out with the Players" went to Marie Calender's on February 10th. The first March date is Friday the 10th. If you are interested in joining the fun call Addie Wilkins (751-1859) for more information. The next upcoming event will be a potluck to be held Thursday, March 9, at 4:30 PM in the Village Hall. Please sign up in the copy room so our menu will be somewhat balanced.

LIONS CLUB

By Mark Henderson



We would like to thank residents of Champagne Village for supporting young future leaders at our 69th annual Student Speakers Contest in February.

Our club's winner, Christopher Breed of Calvin Christian High School will be competing with Amber Briggs of Fallbrook High School and Kevin Takeda of San Pasqual High School at the zone level Speakers Contest on Saturday, March 4, 2006 starting promptly at 11:00 AM in the village hall. Refreshments will be provided.

In November of 2005, Champagne Village residents and local business' showed extraordinary compassion of support for our fashion show and silent auction benefiting Campaign SightFirst II. In the first 6 months of this 3-year campaign, Lions Clubs around the world have already raised over 13 million dollars toward our 150 million dollar goal. We look forward to sharing stories of success with you as we conquer preventable blindness.

As a Campaign SightFirst II Group Coordinator, I am coordinating a slot tournament at Pala Casino on Saturday, April 8, starting at 10:30 AM. All participants must be pre-registered with me prior to March 31, 2006. There is a \$50 entry fee with a \$1000 grand prize and other cash prizes and awards. Please call Lion Mark Henderson (749-5546) for more details and pre-register today!!

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 invited to play cards and have a fun afternoon. Please call the monthly host or hostess if you wish to join the group. The March hostess is Florence Gilmour. Please call her by Friday (751-1792).

Hostesses:

April: Ruth Mc Clain	751-8638
May: Norma Moore	751-1784
June: Madge Morse	749-4106

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 Joyce Martin

Wednesday, March 22, 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Linda Harper and Jerry Clifford (751-0075),

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

If you're a card playing nut, join us for an easy canasta card game you can learn in one hand!! We play every Monday at 1:00 PM in the multi-purpose room behind the laundry room.

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 10th and the 24th.

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, and Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 PM. 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, Ruth or Deanna at the pool.

STRETCH CLASS

By LuAnn Rowe



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).

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE RV CLUB

By George Cholaki

The first meeting of the CV-RV Group was held on Thursday, February 16, 2006 in the Village Hall and attended by 10 Residents. Items of discussion: gate security in the RV parking area at CV, RV insurance and road side emergency assistance choices, future topics for discussion, and plan to hold a monthly one hour meeting.

George and Rosalie Cholaki shared their 10 day RV trip of California and Southern Oregon last fall.

On the topic of CV-RV parking lot security, we all agreed that we had seen the gate left open for extended times. We will discuss with Tom Riggs if those individuals could lock the main gate behind them and keep the RV lot secure while they are at work.

Doreen and Billy Smith extended an invitation to all CV-RVers and friends to join their "GOODTIMERS" for their camp-out on March 10, 11 & 12, 2006 at the Springs RV Resort & Golf Course at Borrego Springs. Cost per night is \$33.

Please have your \$66 to Doreen @ space 458 by March 3. Call her or Billy for more specifics. This is a wonderful opportunity to get that RV on the road.

Mark your calendar for our next meeting on March 16, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. If you have a travel trip you want to share or a topic related to RV-ing you want to present or be presented. Call me, George Cholaki, space # 350, (749-9997).

MEMORY KEEPERS SCRAP BOOK CLUB

By Janet Hyman

If you love scrap booking or would like to learn more about it, please join us. We'll meet on the 4th 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.

Our next workshop will be Saturday, March 25. Please 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 VILLAGE PET LOVER'S CLUB NEWS

By Doreen Smith & Doreen Burchett



The last meeting of the CV Pet Lover's Club was held on February 21st at 3:30 pm in the Fireside Room in the CV Hall. We welcomed new members to the group and discussed ideas for CV pet projects. These will be reported in the April CV Times since our meeting was after the deadline for the March issue. All pet lovers are invited to come to our meetings that will be held quarterly on the third Tuesday of the second

month of each quarter. The remaining meetings for the year will be held in the picnic grounds at 3:30 PM. Please put these dates on your calendar: May 16, August 15, and Nov 21.

Several of us walk our dogs in the pet area around 4:00 PM each day. It is a good way to get acquainted with the other owners and their pets. Some of us have talked about having a party for our pets to get acquainted.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CURRENT "PET PROJECT"



Doreen Smith has added our Pet Club to the CV telephone communication system so we will be able to contact pet owners to inform them of such things as helping to look for a lost pet, or to be aware of snake season problems in addition to announcing meetings of the CV Pet Lovers Club. We hope to expand this list to include all CV pet owners who want to be called. Please contact one of the Doreen's to have your number added to the list.

CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

By LoReta Phelps



The road crew did their thing cleaning the roadside of Champagne Blvd. with nice results on Wednesday, February 1. Too bad it doesn't stay that way, so it's back out on March 1. If you'd like to help out call Addie Wilkins (751-1859).

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



We're still in need of MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS to take fellow Villagers to their medical appointments when they have no other means of getting there. The more drivers we have, the less often you will be called upon. Give me a call (749-1438 or 749-4255), and I'll add your name to the roster of Friends Helping Friends. This is a rewarding experience and you'll enjoy meeting interesting new

people.

For those of you, who NEED A RIDE TO YOUR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT, call me at the above number and I will find a driver for you. Please give me as much notice as possible. But, of course, if it's a real emergency, call 911.

ODDS AND ENDS

Getting To Know... Lois Sheppard

By LoReta Phelps

Lois is a fun person who loves lots of parties and the title "Party Animal" fits her just fine. This past September when she turned 91 she threw herself a big party that included a live band, dancing and eating. She was born in the little town of Laclede, Missouri near Kansa City. Her father owned and ran a small telephone company. Her mother worked the switchboard. Her fondest memory was that of General Pershing coming to visit her small town. Lois attended a women's Christian college in Columbia, Missouri as a music major playing the piano and the violin. While attending college she played tennis and field hockey, also. When she was just out of college, she became a drum major that she says was really enjoyable. Her next endeavor was attending a business college where she learned the skills of typing and taking dictation that led to a job in an office. However, this was "No fun." as Lois puts it so she got a job as a waitress that she greatly loved. The restaurant was the type where people could cook their own steaks but Lois would do the cooking for most of them. In fact, a lot of her customers are still friends today and live in Hidden Meadows. It was through these friends that Lois came to know about Champagne Village. She has lived in the Village for almost twenty years. She moved here from Laguna Beach. Her friends from Hidden Meadows would come to parties at her home there. So when her husband died and it became time to relocate, her friends urged her to take a look here so she would be close to them. She became good friends with another resident, Arnold Oppedal. They would take trips together and had a lot of fun. Remember, Lois is a fun person. She lost her fun partner in 1997. About five years ago, Lois had a wonderful experience! She had a cochlear

implant done at Scripts in La Jolla. A cochlear implant is an electronic device that restores partial hearing to the hearing impaired. It is surgically implanted in the inner ear and activated by a device worn outside the ear. Unlike a hearing aid, it does not make sound louder or clearer. Instead, the device bypasses damaged parts of the auditory system and directly stimulates the nerve of hearing, allowing individuals who are profoundly hearing impaired to receive sound. Lois says that after the surgery she was so surprised that she could hear the doctor talking to her. The device is almost completely hidden by Lois' curly hair, which she says she has always had. Today Lois loves playing cards and dominos. Listening to music is a favorite past time, which includes the music that her weekday caregivers who are also professional musicians provide via a karaoke machine. She feels very comfortable living in Champagne Village mostly due to the "spirit" that prevails here and to her good neighbors, Linda Harper, Jerry Clifford and Marcia and Ernie Liebman. Those who know her well say she has a big heart and she is truly an "Angel on Earth".



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:

By Fran Robinson

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

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 \$13.90 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.

NEW RESIDENTS:

#166	Richard & Alice Kunze	No Phone Yet
#356	Dale & Char Mathney	751-1863

GOLF CART CLINIC



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

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

BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz



The twice-monthly Bookmobile stops are March 7 and March 21 from 10:00 AM to Noon. Come and enjoy the San Diego County services available to the village residents.

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

PLEASE NOTE DAY CHANGE

Where: Champagne Village Hall

When: **2nd Tuesday of each month, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning
Battery Purchase
Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2006

Trash is picked up on Fridays.