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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Charlie Service, Disaster Control

Board Meeting Notes

- The Board unanimously approved the Financial Review for period ending December 31, 2007, which was prepared by CPA Michael Ferrara. A copy of this review will be distributed to all owners as required by Civil Code.
- The insurance renewal package prepared by Alliant Insurance in the amount of \$22,550 was approved by the entire Board. This package includes liability, building coverage, boiler and machinery, officers and directors, and auto insurance.
- Action was taken to approve \$6,850 in irrigation efficiency upgrades; \$4,962 of the cost will be paid by way of a grant from the Metropolitan Water District, for a net expenditure of \$1,888. This expense will be paid through Landscape Reserves (Account #25000).
- The Board approved new language to regulate real estate and political signs. This new language will conform to Civil Code Sections 799.10 and 799.1.5. A copy of this new language will be distributed to all owners and residents within 30 days.
- By unanimous vote the Board took action to approve the concept and location of a Pet Park as requested by the Pet Lover's Club.

- This approval will open the way for the club to continue its fund raising efforts to cover the cost of this project. Final approval including any association funding requests will be addressed at a later date.
- The purchase and installation of four dual pane low E windows for the multipurpose room was passed by the Board. The cost of this project will be \$1390 to be funded from reserves.
- After discussion from the Board and comments from the membership, the Board voted 4 to 1 with 1 abstention, not to withdraw from the FORCE Coalition and not to deny FORCE access to the bulletin board.



Next Board "Workshop": March 17, 2008, 9:00 AM, in the Card Room (always held the Monday prior to the Board meeting).

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting: March 19, 2008, 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.

COMMUNITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Since we are in the middle of the nomination and election process at Champagne Village, I felt it might be a good time to rerun this article from last year, which outlines the job description for a director.

The Board...What Is It And What Is Its Job?

To answer this question we must first understand what the Association is or is not; it is a California non-profit corporation, a business. **It is not a city council, a board of supervisors or any other of representative form of government.**

What is its job? Well, that is a very simple answer. ***Its primary job is to maintain and enhance property values within Champagne Village.*** This includes the common area facilities as well as the value of individual units.

To maintain property values of the common area the board should set assessments at an appropriate level to fully fund reserves for the future repair and or replacement of the common assets as well as funding the day to day operational needs of the community. Setting assessments low may seem like a good idea, however it will inevitably lead to deferred maintenance and deteriorating value of the common area assets. Setting assessments too low will cause two other situations both of which are very undesirable. First, special assessments (unplanned assessments which could be in the \$1000.00s) become increasingly necessary and secondly low assessments increase the number of rental properties within a community by increasing cash flow for landlords.

There are two major ways that boards can affect higher property values of private units within Champagne Village. The most basic is to have reasonable and enforceable rules and restrictions that require proper maintenance and upkeep of all homes in the community and to uniformly enforce those rules and restrictions. The second and the more influential is to allow property owners to fully utilize their property with a minimum of restrictions to encourage investment in new homes. Some of the more recent new homes have approached \$500,000 plus in cost and that in itself increases the value of

all properties within Champagne Village as well as in the surrounding areas.

The current and previous boards of Champagne Village have done a great job in balancing the restrictions within the community with the ever-changing perceptions of senior community living, thereby creating one of the most desirable and valuable senior communities in Inland San Diego County.

OFFICE NOTES

BOARD APPLICATIONS: Applications to be placed on the ballot for election to the Board of Directors will be accepted until close of business (4:00 PM) on Monday, March 31, 2008. This is your chance to be of service to your community. Please see application on page 15.

FREE TAX RETURNS: Dewey Weber with AARP, will be at Champagne Village every Friday, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in the Library from February 1, 2008 thru April 11, 2008 to do tax returns. Please sign up in the copy room. Any questions, please call Dewey (760-434-8091).

CLASSIFIED ADS: Your ads for the mail center must be no larger than 4X6. We will no longer accept full page ads.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING:

MT Recycling will be servicing your community on Sunday **March 16 at 10:00 AM.** Please call Cathy @ (760) 842-5130 to remove any unwanted e-waste items. Residents must call to arrange pick up. **This is a FREE service!**

NO APPLIANCES.

We accept the following items:

Computer, monitors, televisions, (any size) fax, printers, DVD and CD players, phones, radios. Cables, cord, cell phones & microwaves.

F.O.R.C.E.
**CITIZENS FOR AN ORDERLY RURAL
CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT**

By Joan Van Ingen

Since it very recently came to my attention that many people were not familiar with the F.O.R.C.E. coalition and all the successes it has had in keeping our areas safe from many inappropriate developments that were slated to affect our way of life, our properly values, and even our health, I'm writing this article.

In 1982 an organization called STOV (Save Twin Oaks Valley) was formed to wage a battle against South Coast Asphalt Company, Inc. The company was proposing quarry expansion for rock crushing, cement and asphalt batch plants at their facility on North Twin Oaks Valley Road. This fight went all the way to the State Supreme Court which ruled in favor of STOV.

STOV then learned in June of 86 that San Diego County authorized a study for North County Landfill sites. Also, a citizen task force developed their criteria. Out of 18 sites, two of note to STOV were I-15 Corridor and Deer Springs Road (known as Sarver Lane), and I-15 Gopher Canyon near Lawrence Welk Blvd. In September 1986 there was, information that the owner of the 486 acre site off Gopher Canyon was preparing a study for another proposed quarry operation (H.G. Fenton Materials Company). This property was not zoned for the quarry, however, the firm expected to ask for a major use permit. STOV Steering Committee applied to the County and was granted the formation of the Twin Oaks Valley Community Sponsor Group (December 3, 1986). STOV was the seed from which F.O.R.C.E. grew.

In April of 1987 several central North County citizens, The Golden Door, Deer Springs Oaks Mobile Home Park, Champagne Village Homeowners Assn., Circle R Homeowners Assn., Hidden Meadows Community Sponsor Group, Lawrence Welk Resort, Elevado Estates, Bonsall, Twin Oaks Property Owners Assn., Save Twin Oaks Valley (STOV), Vista Valley Country Club and others met with the avowed purpose of participating in County planning for their region.

The purpose of the coalition was to protect the area's rural, residential and agricultural environment. Through its member groups, F.O.R.C.E. represents several thousand residents along the I-15 Corridor north of 78. It is a "watch dog" to inform area residents of developments which might impact them. The stated goal: "We expect to be a FORCE in determining our destiny".

Rather than go into each and every facet of the inappropriate developments we defeated, I'll just list some of our successes. If anyone wants more information, I'll be glad to furnish it.

- Sycamore Ridge, Fenton quarry, asphalt batch plant, cement batch plant.
- Water Park (which may well have become another quarry).
- Defeated an attempt by Escondido to annex along I-15 north on both sides across Deer Springs Road and continuing north. They proposed a change of zoning to light industrial. San Marcos wanted to include land all the way to I-15 along Deer Springs Road in their sphere of influence. This was also defeated.
- In 1997 we (again) defeated Escondido's attempt to annex and rezone the I-15 Corridor at Deer Springs Road and Mountain Meadow Road.
- There had been an earlier attempt to locate a water park north of our Village. It didn't happen.
- The fight to keep a high school from becoming a neighbor was long and difficult, but again we won!

The proposed "Stonegate", Merriam Mountain development is the latest inappropriate project to threaten our area. So far, we have been involved in keeping them out.

We usually provide busses to take Villagers to meetings of both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors when these developments are coming before these boards.

If you have any questions please call (749-0932).
Joan Van Ingen

IS IT MARCH ALREADY?

With all of the rain that we have gotten it does not seem like we are in the month of March.

It is said that after the month of February we do not have to worry about freezing any longer. I don't know but I would rather wait until the middle of the month to see about the warming of the weather.

I would start thinking about the type of annuals that I would plant in the various locations of the yard and what to put on the porch.

Speaking of which, have you ever driven by space 353 lately? If not, then take a drive (or walk) by and see the beautiful flowers. They have taken a lot of pride in their home. It is well worth the time to see it.

If you are one of the fortunate ones that have a garage, remember that it is not a storage area. Accordingly, please clean it out so all of your cars fit into the garage. This is in accordance with the rules and regulations.

After the rain subsides, you may think about "power washing" your home. In looking around, some of us, (that includes me) do need to do this. Over the years the dirt and dust does accumulate on the sides of the house.

Please remember that if the exterior needs extensive work, then it has to be approved by the A & L committee. This also includes the repainting of your home.

Champagne Village is a beautiful place, one which we all have learned to love and appreciate. Let's all work to keep it that way.

If you have any other concerns please do not hesitate to call either the office or myself.

Thank you,
Dennis Roberts, Chairman Architectural Committee

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

SAC NOTES:

INFORMATION ABOUT RESERVING TABLES



You may reserve a table the morning of the event for the dinner/dances, but please do not reserve tables when the hall is being used for another event, such as the line dance classes (M-W-F 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM) or stretch class (Tuesday 9:00 AM-10:00 AM). Thank you for your consideration.

HELP WANTED

By Janet LeRossignol



We need people to help clean up at various CV events. This job pays \$10 an hour. If you're interested in doing this occasionally, call Janet (749-7934) and put your name on the call list.



BREAKFAST COOKED BY THE MEN'S CLUB

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 8:00 AM TO 9:30 AM



COME ONE, COME ALL! MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN

Everybody is welcome to come down to the Village Hall on the first Sunday of each month and enjoy the best breakfast deal in this or any other town.

The men of the Village do all of the cooking and do it well. We ask you to bring your own plate and utensils and a mere \$3 each. All else is provided.

We have scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, and waffles or pancakes. Usually we have fresh fruit on the menu, most of which is provided by the residents themselves. In addition, these super volunteers walk around the Village Hall serving all the coffee you can drink.

IT'S THE BEST BREAKFAST BARGAIN IN TOWN.

If you plan to bring 2 or more GUESTS to the Men's Breakfast, please call Linda Harper (751-0075) on the Monday before the Men's Breakfast.

DO YOU HAVE AN OVERABUNDANCE OF FRUIT??

Do you have more fruit than you, your friends and family can eat? Not a problem! 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. Thank you in advance for your help. What would we do without all of you generous residents?



EVERY MONDAY GAME NIGHTS



MONDAY, MARCH 3, 24, & 31
AT 6:00 PM
MONDAY, MARCH 10,
POTLUCK DINNER AT 5:00 PM

Note: Monday, March 17 is the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance.

IT'S FREE! NADA! NUNCA!
 ZERO! ZILCH!

On Monday, March 10 we're going to help Skip Skillion celebrate his 106th birthday. We hope that lots of his friends will come out that evening and really give him a "birthday song" to remember. Ice Cream and cake will be served.

Game night is more fun now than it ever has been and by popular demand it's going to be an **EVERY MONDAY GAME NIGHT!** Many different games are played: Mexican train dominoes, poker, hearts, pinochle and lots of board games. You're also welcome to bring a game from home and we'll give it a try.

Please note that the **SECOND Monday (March 10)** game night begins at 5:00 PM and will include a potluck dinner. The other Monday nights will begin at 6:00 PM with **NO Dinner.**

If you like to laugh and have fun, then this is the place for you on Monday nights. See you there.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 5:00 PM



Irish eyes are smiling and yours will be too when you read what's in store for you on St. Patrick's Day. On Monday, March 17 we're going to celebrate in grand style. We're going to have a traditional Irish meal, featuring corned beef and cabbage and all the trimmings. Dessert is included but we're not going to tell you what it's going to be. We have to leave a little to the imagination. North Star is going to entertain us this evening. Several residents have heard them play around town and liked what they heard. Let's give them a warm Champagne Village welcome.

Please bring a beverage of your choosing (green beer?) and a light snack to munch on during the social hour. Dinner is at 6:00 PM.

The cost of tonight's dance is only \$10 per person. Please have your money turned into the office drop box by Thursday, March 13.

Someone to love, some work to do,
A bit 'o sun, a bit 'o cheer,
And a guardian angel, always near,
These things I warmly wish to you.

Old Irish Saying

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SAVE THESE DATES

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

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| Sunday, March 2 | Breakfast cooked by the Men's Club |
| Monday, March 17 | St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance |
| Friday, April 4 | Friday Dinner Dance |
| Sunday, April 6 | Breakfast cooked by the Men's Club |

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| Friday, May 2 | Friday Dinner Dance |
| Sunday, May 4 | Breakfast cooked by the Men's Club |
| Sunday, June 1 | Women's Breakfast |
| Friday, June 6 | Friday Dinner Dance |
| Friday, July 4 | 4 th of July Picnic |
| Sunday, July 6 | Breakfast cooked by the Men's Club |
| Friday, July 11 | Friday Dinner Dance |
| Friday, August 1 | Friday Dinner Dance |
| Sunday, August 3 | Breakfast cooked by the Men's Club |
| Friday, September 5 | Friday Dinner Dance |
| Sunday, September 7 | Men's Breakfast |
| Friday, October 3 | Friday Dinner Dance - Oktoberfest |
| Sunday, October 5 | Breakfast cooked by the Men's Club |
| Friday, October 31 | Halloween Party |
| Sunday, November 2 | Breakfast cooked by the Men's Club |
| Saturday, November 15 | Veteran's Dinner |
| Sunday, December 7 | Breakfast cooked by the Men's Club |
| Saturday, December 13 | Christmas Dinner Dance |
| Wednesday, December 31 | New Year's Eve Party |

BE SURE TO CHECK THIS ARTICLE IN EACH MONTH'S CV TIMES FOR CHANGES.

CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

By Barbara Pittman

We are a group of concerned residents here in Champagne Village who collectively support our Villagers in times of loss or illness. We encourage one another as we struggle through the aging process... as well as celebrate each other's milestones. We also pray that we all continue to enjoy a good quality of life. Together we can make a difference in the lives of others!

Nancy Cowell and Carol Cowan have joined the C&CC and will be terrific additions. Also please welcome Harlan Davenport to the Care and Concern Committee. He and his wife, Bev, are new to our Village. Harlan is a retired pastor and is taking the hospital chaplaincy program at the hospital. He will also be a fine addition to the Committee.

If you are going to be away from your home for more than a day or two, please let a neighbor know, or notify the office, or call Cheryl Wright (749-6323), so we will know that you are all right. Thank you.

Remembering ...

Mackey Fisher, a CV resident, at the time of her passing, will be sorely missed by those who knew her, as she was active in many activities such as Vespers and tennis.

Another Villager, **Gordon Mac Kenzie**, went quickly and peacefully without any pain, leaving his beloved wife, Myrtle, behind.

Also a sudden loss is **Tom Clatworthy**. His wife, Deanna and family will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Even when expected, it is still very sad to say goodbye to a loved one for the last time. We extend our condolences and prayers to all their families.

Please remember to pray for our neighbors ...

Especially for their health issues and through other difficult times:

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| George/ Beverly Baker | Gloria Brown |
| Vince/ Reba Marrone | Jack/ Carol Cox |
| Sheila Osbourne | Joe Meysner |
| Chick/ Betty Bartlett | Florence Gilmour |
| Bob/ Betty Spencer | Billy/ Doreen Smith |
| Audrey Myers | Wes Hicks |
| Sam Montoya/Carolyn White | Sam Hill |
| Donn/ Evelyn Wissinger | Addie Wilkins |
| Joan Rabeneau | Alice Cavanah |
| John/ Mary Hinckley | Rita Gatzke |
| Russell/ Shirley Morris | Charlie Service |
| Russell/ Priscilla De Arman | Jane Steen |
| Garland "Butch"/ Gail Stevanus | |

If there is anything the Care & Concern Committee can do to help you and your family, please call Cheryl Wright (749-6323).

Thank You ...

Thanks again to Linda Harper for starting our Committee last year, and thanks to all of you members who think of and pray for our Villagers. C&CC commends you all for your generosity, your talents, and your time. You are very much appreciated in this Village!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

It's March and the C&CC wishes all CV residents a Happy Green Day! Does anyone know of any upcoming centennial birthdays in April? May God bless you all.

COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman



The Champagne Computer Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday March 3 at 7:00 PM in the Card Room of the Village Hall. Any Village resident may attend. The subject for discussion will be backing up files on your computer.

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Mary Starkey

MARCH POTLUCK

The March Potluck will meet on Friday, March 14, 2008, at 5:30 PM in the CV Hall. Bring your favorite Irish dish, if you have one. Hostesses are Carsley Merrell and Mary Starkey. A surprise guest will be there. So, come and see! My potluck dish will include Corned Beef. If you bring a guest, he or she will be welcomed.

See you then, Mary.

VILLAGE DRAMA CLUB

By Mimi Baca



The Drama Club is currently in rehearsals for their upcoming Spring production of "A Private Affair", a light comedy.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please come to the Drama Club rehearsal on Thursday, March 6 at 6:00 PM in the Village Hall. For further info call Jennie Shaw (751-8909).

TRAVEL

By Joe Klopp



With regret we had to cancel the Palm Springs Follies trip after receiving 18 cancellations. Based on the fact that I also had to cancel Las Vegas we will not be scheduling any more trips. I have to have a minimum of 40 people and there just doesn't seem to be enough interest. Culture Caravans has many day and overnight trips, they are located in Vista. Their current schedule is posted in the Copy Room. Thanks to all of you that have traveled with us in the past.

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Terry Quimby



The meeting was called to order by the newly elected President, Mike Dial shortly after our lunch was served. Our fine kitchen staff prepared large beef hot dogs with chili and beans, with choices of two types of peppers, chopped onions and the usual fixings.

Bob Olsen, our Fountains Chairman and Billy Smith, our Oaks chairman, passed out prize money for last month. Many thanks to Billy Smith for stepping up and taking the Oaks chairman job for this year.

Bill Cowan, our new Treasurer gave his fine report, which he said he had actually balanced and informed us that we had, after paying all our expenses for the month, \$2,692.54. He also said

that most of our members had paid their annual dues and there were just a few more outstanding.

Bob Thurlow, our Safari chairman said that Castle Creek on February 25, will be our next event. The green fees will be \$36, plus another \$10 for prize money. Everyone's handicap will be used and there will be no flights. The sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Sounds good.

Lee Rabeneau reported on our members, both past and present, who are not feeling up to par. Chuck Talbot is doing much better, Joe Wagner is up and around, Joe Meysner still is not feeling well but is home. Our prayers and sympathy go to Deanna and her family on the passing of Tom Clatworthy.

For those wanting to join our Club, please contact Lee Rabeneau (751-2544). New members are welcome.

Bob Bolt got Allan Whaite's cousin, one of our new members, Fred Pierce, to draw out a number for our 50/50 drawing for \$62. Guess whose number he just happened to draw? You guessed it and it looks like Allan and Fred will split the \$62.

That was it for our first meeting of the year. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Doris Wright



President Betty Service called the meeting to order. Jane distributed a planning calendar with 2008 Tournament, Games, etc. This will not be published in our membership book this year.

President Cup March, Club Championship May, Classic June 9, Monday, September 10, Invitational Womens/Mens (our time to host).

Safari end of September (changes can be made).

Tournament winners will have the choice of money, or trophy.

Betty talked about our etiquette on the course. Please read your rules book.

If you pick up on a hole you are out of the tournament for that day. Rules Chairman Sally Olsen gave you your options on Hole #1. If you go in the water from the tee, re-hit from tee, hit from drop area or hit from where it sent into the water.

All are a penalty stroke.

Please note cart paths are getting very smooth and slippery when wet, report all falls to the Pro Shop.

I apologize to Carol Young last month I said Carol Cox for Special Events.

Thank you Betty for the great Valentine cupcakes.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Lynn Tobin



Our meeting was brought to order by President Leah Kapp on February 7, 2008.

We all enjoyed delightful refreshments presented by Annette Lee and Joan Magnuson. There were 16 present.

After the January minutes and Treasurer's report were approved, there was discussion regarding the "Hole In One" fund. It is still in need of reimbursement. Please check to see if you have brought it up to date since Betty Service's winning. The grace period of one month has passed for those members in arrears. Be sure the funds are there to pay YOU when you have a HOLE IN ONE!!

March 6 will be our Spring Luncheon "Eggstraganza". We will have a fun time decorating Easter Eggs. Sue Kessler will bring the hard boiled eggs, and we are asked to bring something to decorate them with so use your imagination. Sue and her committee will provide a lovely luncheon for \$5 (cash please).

The sign up sheet is already on the Bulletin Board at the Golf Course. We hope to see everyone including Social Members. Please remember to sign-up so the food will be prepared for the correct number.

Beverly Bidwell won the 50/50! Janet and Joan each won personal organizers. Congratulations!!

Please call Deanna Clatworthy, membership chairman (751-0204), if you would like to join us on Thursday mornings for golf.

TENNIS CLUB

By Naomi Daily



The tennis club wants to thank the Village for supporting the Valentine Party. It was a lovely occasion with good entertainment and food. A very special thanks to Sue Kessler and her committee for all the hard work and the fantastic dessert. We also want to thank the Social Committee for their contributions.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, in the Village Hall. This is our regular potluck and will be hosted by Angelo & Lanny. A sign up sheet will be posted and we hope you will all sign up and come out and enjoy a good meal together.

LIONS CLUB

By Gloria Hans

President's Message: "A glimpse is not a vision. but to a man on a mountain road by night, a glimpse of the next three feet of road may matter more than a vision of the horizon." - C. S. Lewis.



In making level paths for our feet to travel and pursuing only ways that are firm, we move forward as Lions this month to honor those nominated to receive the Melvin Jones fellowship award. Nominated were **Leah Kapp, Carol Repas, Mary Starkey & Al Bunnell**. All three of these Lions have demonstrated outstanding service to the Lions Club. The Melvin Jones fellowship award is one of the highest honors in the Lions organization. We are very proud of these three members!

Our March 19, meeting will be a great one to find out more about the Lions organization and we invite you all to attend! The special assistant to our district governor, **Jay Ruiz**, will be presenting the official Lions orientation program to all. We will also be voting in the new officers of our club for the 2008-2009 year at this meeting. Please let Arlene Garich or Mary Starkey know if you are a guest or bringing one.

We always enjoy a delicious dinner at each meeting and very interesting speakers who share up-to-date

& pertinent info for us here in the Village. it is a great opportunity to meet new friends, support a very worthy organization which helps many people around the world and have fun together while doing it!

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!!

Let us all continue to be a "help" in any small way to those traveling those mountain roads by night. Lions clubs are constantly working towards that endeavor through the many charities we support! Our dinner this month will be hosted by **Billy & Doreen** with a special menu planned of: marinated roasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw and 5 layer chocolate fudge cake w/ ice cream! Who could resist!!

We will also be celebrating **Pat McGuire's & Carl Natoni's birthdays** along with our great presidents. Many happy birthdays to you all!

Our guest speaker this month will be discussing Medicare insurance & retirement issues, great for all of us to know about!

Please call Mary Starkey if you are bringing any guests to the meeting, she would be happy to hear that good news. We look forward to meeting together again this week and seeing **you** there.

All Lion's help before & after dinner will be needed & appreciated at every meeting. Go Lions!

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.

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 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (or join us). 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.

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 Betty Spencer



Wednesday, March 12, 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Teresa & Angie (749-3985).

Make your reservation to play by signing up on the bulletin board in the copy room. You may sign up to bring (service for twelve) 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

We still could use some part time card players to sub. It's an easy Canasta game to learn. Come join us in the Multi Purpose Room behind the laundry room, Mondays at 1:00 PM.

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 March 14 and March 28.

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.

BUBBLY BABES

By Mary Starkey



This month we enjoyed the food at the Castle Creek Country Club. Then we journeyed to the Betty Crocker Museum in Valley Center, where the Curator

gave us a grand tour.

A discussion for next month was presented by Sue Kessler to go on our new Sprinter Train for a ride from Escondido to Oceanside and back, with lunch on the Oceanside pier. The suggestion was well received by all. Sue will announce the date soon.

The "Regional Red Hats" are a year old. We will be going to the Escondido Country Club for the big event. If anyone wants to go, call me for details. They will meet on March 9, 2008, at 11:30AM. The price is \$25. You have until March 3, 2008 to let me know. All that go will be given the title of Vice Queen., F.Q.M., Mary.

WATER EXERCISE

Deanna Clatworthy



Open to all interested ladies. Held at the pool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 AM, weather permitting. 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 Nickie, Ruth or Deanna at the pool.

STRETCH CLASS

By Jackie Lohrke

Stretch thru Conscious Movement



Jackie Lohrke will teach how to move consciously through movement on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM, at 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. Her instructions will be 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.

LINE DANCING FOR ALL MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AT 9:00 AM

By Janet LeRossignol



On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings you will see men and women dancing in the Village Hall to all types of music for fun and exercise (for your body and your brain). If this looks like something you'd like to try, then come on down! **Beginners** should attend the **Monday** class from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM. I highly recommend that all first timers arrive ½ hour early (8:30 AM) to learn the basic steps. For those who have danced before,

in addition to the Monday class you can try the Wednesday and Friday classes starting at 9:00 AM with a ½ hour lesson at 8:30 AM for those who need extra instruction. (*Once a month on the Monday when there is a Board Workshop, the beginning class starts at 8:00 AM with extra instruction at 7:30 AM*).

MEMORY KEEPERS SCRAP BOOK CLUB

By Lois Burdick

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



If you love scrap booking or would like to learn more about it, please join us.

We 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, a light snack, and come on down and 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 just want to ask a question, call Janet Hyman (749-8120).

MEN'S POOL PLAYER CLUB

By Orlie Macioci

If you have played pool, billiards or snooker before, we want you. Our Champagne Village Men's Pool Players Club needs some new blood. Women are welcome too. You will have an eye opening experience when you see our 105 year old, legally blind player, pull off some shots only the professionals have done. We play Monday through Friday starting at 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, subject to change if so desired.



We have four tables and we can barely fill one table of four players. If you're interested, please contact Orlie Macioci (749-6444) or Skip Skillion (749-1811). Thank you.

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

By Jim and Carol Kostick



The Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study will be held every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room behind the Laundromat. This will include 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 or Carol Kostick (749-8313).

VESPERS

By Margaret Meadows

All are welcome to a non-denominational service held every Sunday in the card room at 4:00 PM till 5:00 PM in the Village Hall.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

By Barbara Pittman

Every Thursday evening Pastor Estus Pittman will be teaching a bible study class. You are always welcome to come to the non-denominational meeting held in the Card Room of the Village Hall. If you have any questions, please call (751-4342). **Bring your Bible and discover God's Truth!**

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PET LOVER'S

By Doreen Burchett



The first 2008 meeting of the CV Pet Lover's Club was held on February 19 at 3:00 PM in the Village Hall. Most of the meeting was spent discussing our request to the CV P O A Board of Directors for approval of the concept and location of a Pet Park as a new amenity to Champagne Village.

In anticipation of approval by the Board, we established a fund raising committee in addition to the existing Pet Park committee which has been working on the specifications for the Pet Park site.

This is an exciting project for our group to help to bring to fruition as soon as possible. We may need to meet sooner than our next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on May 15.

We normally meet on the third Tuesday of the second month of each quarter at 3:00 PM in the Village Hall during cooler months and in the picnic area in warmer months. Please put these dates on your 2008 calendar: May 15, August 21, and November 20. Meeting dates are posted in the mailbox area for future reference. Even though it is a Pet Club, pets are not allowed to attend the meetings at the present time.

The Pet Lover's Club is open to anyone who loves pets and cares about their well-being. We encourage pet owners to register with our group so you can be added to the "call list".



CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

By Addie Wilkins



All is well with our trash pick-up on Champagne Blvd. Our next date will be Wednesday, March 12. We will meet at the mailboxes at 3:30 PM. If you can help, please call me (751-1859).

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



If you need a ride to a medical appointment and don't have family or friends to take you there, please call me (749-4255) and I will find a driver for you from my roster of "Friends Helping Friends" volunteers. Please call as far in advance as possible. In this time of unusually high gasoline prices, many people are now insisting on helping out with a donation toward gas, and it has been decided that it's okay to gratefully accept these offers.

ODDS AND ENDS

COME USE OUR LIBRARY!

By Nicki Ketterring

We are pleased that the Library is getting so much use. We still need **LARGE PRINT** books. Also, although we have a lot of audio books now, I want to remind even though we are controlling them, you may call me (749-8119) at any time and I'll meet you at the Library so you can go through them and take what you want.

Thank you again for returning all books to the basket. It is a big help.

BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz



Dates for March Bookmobile are Tuesdays, March 4 and March 18 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

Please be aware the Bookmobile Van will be parking west of the mail box area in several car spaces.

Thank you for keeping the spaces available for them. **HAPPY READING!**

WATER COLOR CLASS:

The sign up sheet for the May 20 water color class by David Musser will be on the bulletin board in the copy machine room. Only 20 in the class so sign up early. If you sign up, please mark your calendar so you will not be a no-show.

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 are \$11.70. This will give you \$15 worth of spending power at any See's location. Any questions...call (751-0075) or leave your check made out to Linda Harper, 186 Skyline Drive. Please **do not** leave with Karin in the office.



GOLF CART CLINIC

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

NEW RESIDENTS:

#204 Gerard & Pamela Costella

NA

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Please call Janice at Sonus, ahead of time to make an appointment to see them here in the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. (760-489-1323).

Where: Champagne Village

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

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning
Battery Purchase
Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2007

Trash is picked up on Fridays.