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Happy Easter



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Board Meeting Notes

Phone System Approved

The Board confirmed the purchase of a new phone and voicemail system for the Office.

This new system is a commercial grade system which is easier for the residents to use and will be significantly more functional for the Office. Once the phone is answered just push 1 for Karin or 2 for Tom. No need to use the # key anymore.

New Key Pad Approved

Another reserve expenditure for the replacement of the key pad and display on the Door King guest entry system was confirmed.

Picnic Sidewalk

The Board also approved an increase of \$400.00 for the sidewalk project in the picnic area due to some additional area added to increase safety and functionality.

PARKING

In recent weeks I have received numerous complaints regarding parking violations at the Mail Center as well as the Village Hall parking lots. We have seen people parking cars

in golf cart spaces, golf carts in automobile spaces, cars in the 10 minute parking for several hours, cars and golf carts without handicap placards parking in handicapped spaces, cars in fire lanes and the list goes on and on. One thing for sure there is not enough parking anywhere in Champagne Village for the number of residents and guests; therefore it is absolutely necessary that everyone abides by the rules and regulations as they relate to parking. I will be looking at this matter very closely in the future and issuing notices of violations to offenders.

On a similar topic the new concrete entry to the Village Hall has been completed and we are asking that no golf carts be driven or parked on the new pavement. There are three handicap golf cart spaces in the golf cart parking area and a new ADA compliant ramp leading to the Hall. Thank you for your cooperation!

Next Board "Workshop": April 17, 2006, 9:00 AM, in the Card Room (*always held the Monday prior to the Board meeting*).

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting: April 19, 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

TERMITES IN MULCH: If you use mulch around your house be very careful about buying mulch this year. After the Hurricane in New Orleans many trees were blown over. These trees were then turned into mulch and the state is trying to get rid of tons and tons of this mulch to any state or company who will come and haul it away. So it will be showing up in Home Depot and Lowe's at dirt-cheap prices with one huge problem, Formosan Termites will be the bonus in many of those bags. New Orleans is one of the few areas in the country where the Formosan Termites have gotten a strong hold and most of the trees blown down were already badly infested with those termites. Now we may have the worst case of transporting a problem to all parts of the country that we have ever had. These termites can eat a house in no time at all and we have no good control against them, so tell your friends that own homes to avoid cheap mulch and know where it came from.

FROM GIST WIRELESS: One of the things I have noticed these past few weeks is the high probability for electrical disaster. Today I was made aware of a house that burnt recently due to electrical issues. The following are my observations and recommendations you should pass on to ALL Residents.

First, if you can, have a local fire guy come to your next computer club meeting and talk about electrical safety and if you have an insurance guy like Terry Quimby, have him there to reinforce these issues.

Apparently the house burned down due to bad wiring.

What I have seen is not just bad wiring, but people doing the following things which present some potential fire issues.

The first and worst I commonly see is multiple power strips run in sequence, up to four. You shouldn't plug more than two together and that is only if the first has a big fat cable capable of handling the extra load from a second connection.

Excessive use of extension cables. – Sure there aren't enough plugs in the house. Common problem. But the best thing to do to cross the floor of a room is to get a heavy gauge, 15 to 20 foot commercial

cable (usually the green or yellow type, not the orange ones) and put it inside a walkover rubber sleeve, also sold at Home Depot. I have seen plenty of extension cables run under carpet and the excessive walkover friction over time wears off the rubber, creating a hazard. The cables also have a habit of working themselves loose from the wall, causing arcing.

Don't cut off the ground connection!!

Don't plug computers into the old white lamp extension cords without a ground. This is a sure way to ruin your computer.

Don't plug your floor heater, shredder, washer or dryer into the same circuit as your computer. They draw lots of amps and will cause brownouts and disconnection of your computer and Internet connection.

Plug your expensive electronics including stereo and TV, not just into a power strip, but onto a battery backup. At least use the surge side for lesser electronics. The battery on the other side will give you even power for your computer, router and wireless device.

Don't plug power strips into the battery backup side of a battery backup and only a limited power strip into the surge protector side.

We are monitoring the connection at most houses. The ones with battery backup, never loose their connection on the monitor; the ones without, need to be reset at least once a week.

Semi-related are dimmer switches. Since some of the electrical is old, we have seen and heard some of the dimmer switches arcing (clicking.) If you hear it, that means there is a loose connection inside, susceptible to sparking, and a potential cause of a fire.

We are looking for a local electrician, if you know one to put in a new circuit at one of the relay houses as the circuit where the gentleman's computer and wireless device are located also has the washer, dryer. We want to bring it outside into his water heater closet (or just below,) so we can put an external NEMA box so we can service if necessary even if he is not home, just like on Terrace where we have (knock on wood) had no problems.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

FIRST FRIDAY DANCE / DINNER

APRIL 7, SOCIAL/DANCE, 5:00 PM



Do you hear that freight train whistling in the distance? That train is coming down the track to the Champagne Village Hall and bringing a few hobos with it. Yes, the word is out! It's going to be HOBONIGHT at the First Friday Dinner Dance on Friday, April 7.

Joe and Mary Klopp are the King and Queen of the Hoboes, as they are your hosts for the evening. We're having a wonderful Hobo Stew, along with corn bread, salad and cake and ice cream for dessert. Le Vonne Butler is providing the entertainment for the dance. As she is a new entertainer to the Village we'll want to give her a warm Champagne Village Welcome.

During the social hour we're having a costume parade to choose the best Hobo getup. There will be prizes handed out for the first and second place winners. Get out your old clothes, make-up, imagination and sense of humor and win one of the great prizes.

Bring your favorite liquid and some salty snacks for the social hour; then sit back and enjoy the party.

Sounds like it's going to be a fun night! All this for only \$5 each. What a deal! Make your reservations by Wednesday, April 5. Drop your check off at the Village Hall. Put your name, space number and the name of the event on the front of your envelope.

Get your HOBONIGHT costume ready, sign up early and don't let that freight train leave you in a lurch at the station.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

PLEASE, PLEASE sign up for the First Friday dances by the prior Wednesday deadline.

Too many people are signing up late and that makes it very hard to know how much food to purchase and how much to cook. If we don't get your cooperation we might have to make the Wednesday cutoff date mandatory. Come on y'all; get that \$5 in early!

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

By Mark Henderson

SUNDAY, APRIL 6



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

Spring is in the air so come on down Sunday, April 2 and bring your family and friends to the best breakfast around. Please be advised table reservations are on a first come-first served basis to accommodate all residents equally. Bring your table service and an egg carton if you wish to purchase eggs. We start serving at 8:00 AM and finish around 9:30 AM or when the food runs out, whichever comes first. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

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.

Thank you to Lewis and Ginny Bish, Ron and Nota Morey, Pat Mc Guire, Bob and Barbara Noel, David and Faye Hale and to all of the anonymous donors too. Keep it coming!

SECOND MONDAY GAME NIGHT

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 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.

WELCOME WAGON BRUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 10:00 AM

Have you recently moved into our Village? Here's an invitation for you to attend our quarterly

Welcome Wagon Brunch. Please join us in our Village Hall on Saturday, April 22, at 10:00 AM. RSVP to Lois Burdick (751-9967).

We'll have coffee cake, sausages and fresh fruit for you. At the bunch you'll meet our Welcome Wagon team, board members, chairs of various activities and our Brunch sponsor, Arlene Garich. Newcomers will also receive a gift package of goodies. If you are housebound and cannot attend, Janice Gleyzal (751-1224) will be glad to deliver the Welcome gift package to you.

4th OF JULY PICNIC

TUESDAY, JULY 4th, 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.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR GRAND MARSHAL

SAC needs your help in naming a Grand Marshal for the 4th of July Parade. If you know of someone (a couple or a single) who deserves this honor, we're asking that you put that name in an envelope and put it in the slot at the office. All nominations must be in by June 1.

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

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, Oct. 1	Men's Breakfast
Friday, Oct. 6	First Friday Dinner Dance
Saturday, Oct. 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 Holiday Concert
Sunday, Dec. 17	Holiday Home Tour
Monday, Dec. 18	Caroling Around the Park
Sunday, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party

COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman



Champagne Computer Club will meet at its usual time, **7:00 PM on Monday, April 3, 2006** in the **Village Hall**. Will discuss issues connected to the new high speed Internet service and email.

Most of you remember that golden moment when Dorothy stepped from her tornado-ravaged home into the Land of Oz. Up to this point we were watching in black and white; then it turned into Technicolor!

That's how it feels when your Internet connection becomes high speed! Suddenly you're able to access radio stations from around the globe--for free! Music floods your speakers. Suddenly you're able to quickly shop for electronic greeting cards on the Net (with music no less) -- for free! Suddenly your email comes down lightning fast--even with pictures. Suddenly you can surf the Internet or bring down programs to install on your computer with little waiting.

It's a golden moment!

Welk Resort spent more than \$100,000 to bring high speed service into our little valley. Now we're privileged to share in that breakthrough.

GIST Wireless has spent thousands more to bring that service into our Village. Now every Villager has potential access to high speed Internet service.

Now we're being asked to put up some money, too, to enjoy this new experience! It costs \$255 to install and then \$28.45 or \$40.50 a month, with all discounts. What a bargain to turn your computer into a truly magical machine!

You can experience this magic yourself on the two Club computers in the Fireplace Room. Try it and see, and while you're there pick up your passport to this magic, an application!

THE CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE INDEPENDENT INVESTOR CLUB

By Dale Matheny

The **Independent Investors Group** under the leadership of Dale Matheny will meet in the Card Room at 6:00 PM, Monday, April 3, 2006. Any resident is invited to attend.

OIL at \$100 a Barrel?

Gasoline at \$5 per Gallon?

As investors how can we protect ourselves from the inflation that may be caused by increased energy prices as Nigeria, Venezuela and Iran become more unstable?

Come to our investor club to share your ideas on this vital and controversial subject on Monday at 6:00 PM, April 3, in the Village Hall.

Some topics that we will discuss:

What is Inflation?

How do we measure inflation?

What assets should we own in an inflationary economy?

What assets and liabilities should we avoid?

What websites can we go to for more information on inflation?

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Patrick McGuire

APRIL POTLUCK

The April Singles Potluck will be held on Friday, April 14, at 6:00 PM. Newcomers are especially welcome! The April hostesses will be Dottie Jarvis and Jennie Shaw.

Please remember to sign up in the Village Hall. There is no longer an "undecided" category. The categories are salad, main dish or dessert.

You may want to consider bringing your optional \$1 for the 50/50 drawing. Last month our 50/50 winner was Dottie.

SPECIAL NOTE: There will be a FUN little game after dinner with prizes for the winners! Any questions call Pat (749-4724).

SINGLES OUT TO DINNER GROUP

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2006

All singles are invited to join the fun! We meet in front of the laundry room and leave promptly at 4:30 PM. Then we carpool to the restaurant of choice, usually somewhere in north San Diego County.

Please see the sign up sheet across from the poolroom. Hope to see you on the 3rd Friday of each month. Sign up by the Wednesday before.

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 mail boxes for results of the survey so far.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT EARLY.

Palm Springs Follies, what a great trip we had. Don't miss next year!

Reagan Library & Lunch

Wednesday, April 12, \$47.

THIS TRIP IS A GO BUT WE STILL HAVE SOME SEATS LEFT! CALL NOW!

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 Reagans 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 to CV 6:00 PM. Pay by March 3.

Chinatown Lunch & Show

Wednesday, May 17, \$57

SO FAR ONLY 22 RESERVED, WE CANNOT GET A BUS FOR 22. WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 40. PLEASE CALL SOON OR I WILL HAVE TO CANCEL.

Relax and enjoy a great **lunch in Chinatown at the Gourmet Carousel**, and afterwards, an amazing show. Acrobatics, colorful lion & folk dances, live musical performance, comedy & 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 to CV 5:30 PM. Pay by April 10.

Lake Powell Adventure (by Bus, Train, Boat) September 17 through 21.

5 days/4 Nights. So far nobody has reserved a seat. If you expressed an interest in this trip please call and reserve a seat. If there is no interest by the end of the month I will have to cancel. See much of the area's most spectacular scenery by Bus, Train, & 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. A complete itinerary is by the mailboxes. **INCLUDES:** All day boat ride on Lake Powell, Train Ride to Grand Canyon, Guided tour of GC w/lunch, Bryce Canyon, All Bkfst., 1 Lunch & 2 Dinners. \$535 p/p dbl.

Branson, MO. By air. Not enough interest.

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: We do need help spreading the word on what a fun time we have on these trips. It's a chance to get away, let someone else do the freeway driving, meet new people, and visit some interesting places.

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. You can post date the check to the pay date. THIS SAVES ME MAKING MANY PHONE CALLS AND NUMEROUS TRIPS TO THE BANK.

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



The February general meeting was preceded by a great beef stew lunch provided by Paul Hughes and Allan Waite. There were no new members to introduce, but members John Coston, Sam Hill, and Zeke Lohrke were welcomed back off the disabled list.

The committee to review bylaws made a recommendation to revise Article III to reflect that members would retain their handicap so long as dues are current. This amendment was approved by unanimous vote.

Results of an officers' meeting have led to several changes in the way the Golfer of the Year will be determined and compensation for the hard work of the Oaks and Fountain Chairmen. Concern over the liability of the golf club when serving alcoholic beverages has been determined to be covered by the Champagne Village liability insurance.

The big prize winners on the Fountains in February were Bob Olsen, Tom Clatworthy and Elmer Wasmiller in the A, B, and C flights respectively. Ray Urbaniak aced hole number 16. Bill Cowan, Ray Urbaniak, Bob Thurlow, Ray Kessler, Woody Woodward, and Bob Olsen won big on the Oaks.

The first tee time for the Fountains has been returned to 7:04 AM. The method of payout of prizes has been revised in order to result in a more

even split of prize moneys and a new way of determining closest to the pin for A flight has also been established.

Results of the Safari to Oceanside Municipal Golf course were as follows: Winner of A flight, Orle Macioci; B flight, Don Resch; and C flight, Bob Day.

Golfer of the year competition on the Oaks is led by Buck Marx, with Willard Youtz a close second. On the Fountains, Bob Olsen leads, followed by Jay Holle, Art Baker, and Tom McCue.

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

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Luella Guthrie



Our shotgun start on March 8, meeting day, worked out very well. Everyone was in by twelve to eat and meet! To celebrate the Eclectic, Priscilla DeArman and Jane Humphrey served a delicious lunch of rolled sandwiches, chips, drinks and homemade oatmeal and chocolate chip cookies. The Eclectic winners, receiving \$20 each were; Flight A, Dottie Moore 41; Flight B, Eleanor Golemo 50; Flight C, Marigene Balogh 51.

Dottie Moore distributed the 2006 Rosters. Each member's name was printed on the front of the book. That's a great new touch - thanks Dottie.

The Champagne Classic Tournament will be combined with the Red Hat Diva Tournament on May 8, 8:00 AM shotgun...check in at 7:30 AM to pick up some goodies...purchase Mulligans...wear a red hat and purple golf outfit...lunch with prizes follows golf...invite a guest...cost is \$60 per player...April 24th deadline...work on getting some prizes...sign up soon.

Mary Dackerman is \$10.50 richer...she won the 50/50.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Lynn Tobin



The second of March meeting gave us a good theme to celebrate ST. PATRICK'S day in decorations for refreshments served by Leah Kapp and Lynn Tobin.

We all welcomed our new member Bev Bedwell, introduced by Deanna Clatworthy, Membership Chair.

Congratulations to Doreen Burchett for a great score of 26 on the back nine, WOW!

We had a very informative meeting with many questions answered by Lu Guthrie on Ringers, Figuring Handicaps by Joan Saint, and discussion on game rules with Sheila Osbourne.

Under new Business:

Lu Guthrie received golf balls donated by "198", which were appreciated.

The Spring Fling "Hat Decorating" coming up in April.

Tuesday, May 9, "Ladies & Gents tournament", committees needed.

June Installation plans were announced. President Karen Smith requested each member bring a self-picture from High School Days.

We have a lot of fun things going on. We always have room for more golfers. If you would like to join us, call Deanna Clatworthy, Membership Chair. We play each Thursday morning.

TENNIS CLUB

By LoReta Phelps



The Tennis Club happily acknowledged the success of the Valentine Dinner Dance with a big thanks to Sue Kessler and crew for the event.

The next upcoming activity will be a "Play Day" on Sunday, April 9th. Drinks and snacks will be provided. There will be sign ups posted in the copy room and at the courts. Sign up either place so that the hosts can get a head count. If not enough sign up, the activity will be cancelled.

The next potluck and business meeting will be May 11 at 4:30 PM, in the Village Hall. A sign up will be

posted for this also.

Many Tennis Club members have voiced their concerns about the conditions of the courts, especially the awnings. A definite course of action will be determined to address these concerns at the next business meeting.

The club will be losing two good members in the near future as Dwain and LuAnn Rowe are moving to Branson, Missouri. They will be missed, but we wish them the best in their new home.

LIONS CLUB

By Mark Henderson



We thank residents of Champagne Village for your audience of support at our club and zone level Speakers Contests in February and March. We also appreciate residents for your enthusiastic support to help judge these contests and hope you will consider judging for years to come. Experienced judging is crucial to the quality of speakers progressing to higher levels of competition. We wish Kevin Takeda of San Pasqual High School success as he competes at the region level. I will keep you posted.

We have been recycling aluminum cans for charity and Lions functions and are now collecting empty inkjet cartridges in the Village Hall sign-up room next to our eyeglass collection box. For every cartridge placed in our box, Coastal Inkjet Recycling will donate \$1 to the City of Hope for research to cure diabetes, cancer and other life-threatening diseases. I would like to thank Richard Coffman and the Computer Club for helping spread the word about this project. Please remember to use this valuable service to help others in need.

Our Lions in Sight project is going strong with clinics scheduled in Central and South America, Africa and the Philippines. We are also opening new frontiers in Asia as well. Your old glasses have, over the years, made an impact for over 9 million people! Keep those old glasses coming and tell your friends. Always know that a small effort on your part can have an enormous positive impact on someone in need. We are blessed by your continued support. Thank You.

HAPPY HANDS

By Janina Garvey



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

PINOCHLE

By Marion Psota



Are you a pinochle player? If you are new to Champagne Village or just have forgotten – WE DO have a group of pinochle players who meet the first and third Friday of each month. The time is 1:00 PM in the Card Room. It's just a friendly, fun time. Cost is \$1. If you are interested in playing, please give Marion Psota (751-3940), a call and we'll put your name on the list of available players. Someone will call you the week of play and check if you're able to join us on Friday.

MONDAY MEN & WOMEN'S BRIDGE

By Melba Crandall



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

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, April 12, 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Ruth McClain (751-8638), and Al Bunnell (749-3129).

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 game 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. ***Due to Good Friday, we will only be playing on April 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.

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).

LINE DANCING

By Nota Morey

Our brave and noble leader, LuAnn Rowe, is leaving us in April, but the class will continue on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Village Hall. Come join us – line dancing is fun and great exercise. If you have any questions, call Nota Morey (751-9503).

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE RV CLUB

By George Cholaki

Hi everyone! Our second CV-RV Group met on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. Mark your calendar now!

First, everyone commented how pleased we were that the gate to the RV storage area was always secured unless someone was present with his or her

RV. We want to thank everyone for assuming that responsibility for all of us.

Second, one couple new to RV-ing shared the experience of their shakedown trip to Texas. Except for some high winds in Texas, their trip went very well.

Third, Doreen and Billy Smith shared what a wonderful time the “GOODTIMERS” had at the Springs RV Resort and Golf Course at Borrego Springs. They extend an invitation to us at Champagne Village to join them at the “GOODTIMERS” next camp-out at Hemet the weekend of April 20. Call the Smiths to get the specifics.

Fourth, we discussed various types of navigational devises and different ways to access TV on the road and while camping.

Please join us on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM for our next meeting. If you have a special RV/Camping experience you would like to share at a meeting, please call me. We are looking for speakers for future meetings. George Cholaki, space #350 (Ironwood View), (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, April 22. 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 LOVERS CLUB NEWS

By Doreen Smith & Doreen Burchett



The last meeting of the CV Pet Lovers Club was held on February 21. at 3:30 PM in the Village Hall. We welcomed new members to the group and discussed ideas for CV pet projects. We decided that it would be fun to invite our pets to get together at our meeting in August. Of course, we will find a "pet legal" area adjacent to the usual meeting spot in the picnic grounds. The details will be decided at our next meeting on May 16 at 3:30 PM in the picnic grounds.

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 November 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.

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 Doreens to have your number added to the list.



CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

By LoReta Phelps



The trash crew is still picking up along Champagne Blvd. the first Wednesday of the month. This time around it will be on the fifth. More volunteers are needed due to the loss of some crewmembers. If you want to take part in helping to keep the roadside clean, call Addie Wilkins (751-1859). She is currently working on getting an "all call" set up to facilitate the organization process.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



DRIVERS ARE STILL NEEDED!

Please call me at 749-4255 if you can volunteer a few hours of your time occasionally to drive a fellow Villager to a doctor's appointment. In most cases you will be expected to wait and bring the person back to the Village. If there would be a very long wait, you might run a few errands for yourself and then go back -- or perhaps we could find another driver who would go in and bring the person home. Most calls are for rides into Escondido, but occasionally to Rancho Bernardo or farther. If you wish to be called only for Escondido, that's fine. Whatever you can do to help is gratefully appreciated.

THOSE OF YOU WHO NEED RIDES, call me at 749-4255 and I will do my best to get a driver to take you to your medical appointment, if you have no other way of getting there. We want to help, so don't hesitate to call if you need assistance. Of course, if it is an emergency, call 911.

ODDS AND ENDS

Remembering... Signe Rautnen

By LoReta Phelps

Signe left us on February 23rd at the age of 94. She would have been 95 on March 28th. She was born in Norwood, Massachusetts to

Anselm and Ellen Warpula who had emigrated from Finland. So it's no surprise that Signe spoke fluent Finnish and loved talking to anyone who did. She enjoyed an occasional opportunity to read Finnish publications.

As a child, she lived in upstate New York in Shushan where her parents were farmers. She continued to live there as an adult both renting and owning homes. The area provided Signe with a source for antiques at local auctions and antique and "junk" shops.

Signe attended Woods Business School in NYC and worked for an advertising agency in Manhattan. While in NYC she was active in "The Old Timers" that was a group of Finnish Americans who were actually a group of young adults. She also participated in activities at the Finnish Hall in Manhattan.

She met and married John Rendel in 1943. John was a sports writer for the NY Times and covered the yacht races, dog shows and various other sporting events including golf. Often Signe would accompany John on his assignments. In fact she was the family driver as her husband didn't drive but would sit with his typewriter on his lap working as she drove. She would laugh while telling of being on the Vanderbilts' yacht and how out of place she felt.

John retired in 1966 after working for the Times for 45 years. He and Signe then moved to Bradenton, Florida where John died in 1978. Ten years later Signe married Victor Rautnen who was the best man in John and Signe's wedding.

John and Signe had a daughter, Joan, who had moved to Palm Springs. It was while visiting her daughter during the Christmas holidays in 1995 that Signe decided to move to Champagne Village.

Her daughter had gotten tickets to the Welk Christmas Show and while there arranged for a realtor to show them some places. They returned the following Saturday and Signe bought 340 Sumac View and moved in February of 1996.

During the last several years, Signe's family increased to include two great grandchildren whose father is Joan's son, Todd.

While living in the Village, Signe, who loved playing bridge, joined in many games. She also played bunco.

It was not uncommon to see Signe out sweeping the

street in front of her place or putting new flowers or seasonal decorations in front of her house. The beautiful orange flowers on the bank behind her property can be seen from many parts of the village...a reminder of her love of color!

She took part in modern technology by using a computer to do emails and spent many hours playing various types of solitaire games. However, driving was her "thing" and those who knew her well would agree that she was one "feisty" lady!

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

By Margaret Meadows

You are all invited to a service to celebrate this special day at 4:00 PM in the Village Hall, with communion and music by the Champagne Village Chorus.

"SPRING FLING" BARBERSHOP STYLE!

APRIL 22, 2006

Looking for a Spring-themed, dynamic show filled with a cappella music and performances guaranteed to lift your heart? Then look no further than the San Diego Chorus and Pacific Coast Harmony Chorus presentation of their most anticipated show of the year, "Spring Fling." This largest vocal ensemble in San Diego County has approximately 120 women (San Diego Chorus) and 40 men (Pacific Coast Harmony Chorus) performing their award-winning, barbershop-style songs at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, Saturday, April 22, at 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

The program will consist of upbeat, popular music written by all-time favorite composers such as Duke Ellington, Barry Manilow, Ira Gershwin and Irving Berlin, and some 8-part arrangements that include the debut of Bobby Darin's *Dream Lover*. Additionally, you will be entertained by the fabulous *a cappella Gold*, San Diego's own International Champion Quartet. The Pacific Coast Harmony Chorus is a district medalist, and the San Diego Chorus of Sweet Adelines, International has garnered more awards, medals, and prizes than any local sports team. And a lot of Champagne Village

residents have been enthusiastic supporters for years!

Tickets range from \$25 to \$35, and can be purchased from local resident Bobbi Judy (749-4850), the ticket office (619-423-8714) or from Ticketmaster. Special pricing is available for a group buying 8 tickets and extra-special pricing for 10 or more. It's going to be a wonderfully dynamic performance guaranteed to give you plenty of goose bumps.

So bring your friends on down!

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 \$14.10 worth of spending power at any See's location. Any questions...call (751-0075) or leave your check made out to Linda Harper, 186 Skyline Drive. Please **do not** leave with Karin in the office.

GOLF CART CLINIC



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

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

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

BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz



San Diego County Library operates two Mobile Libraries to help bring library services into the unincorporated areas of San Diego County. Our service days are twice monthly. This month they are Tuesday, April 4, and Tuesday, April 18, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Mobile Libraries operate as branches of the San Diego County Library. Materials that are borrowed from the mobile libraries may be returned to any of the San Diego County Library Branches.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2006

Trash is picked up on Fridays.