

The Champagne Village Times



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Happy Mothers Day!

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Board Meeting Notes

Approvals:

Exercise Facility to Get New Treadmill

Due to the increased number of residents that are using the treadmills, a petition was presented to the Board requesting an additional treadmill be installed. The Board voted to purchase another

“commercial grade” treadmill for the exercise facility.

Board Takes Action on Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Ad Hoc Committee, which was headed by Director Brita Davis, submitted their report to the Board for discussion. After significant debate and input from the community at the Monday Agenda Meeting, the Board agreed to place several components of this report on the Agenda. Listed below are the items which were approved at the Board Meeting:

- Register all care givers in the Association Office.
- Use the computerized call feature in the Voyager 2000 Management Program.
- Post warning signs throughout the community.
- Install motion lights in appropriate areas.
- Train gate attendants to use and understand new systems.
- Institute a volunteer program to man the gates when inoperative.
- Register and Issue picture ID cards to longtime workers through the Office.

Other items that were recommended by the Committee will be placed on the agenda at future meetings.

Use of Hall for Fundraiser Approved

The Board approved the use of the hall by a resident to host a fund raiser for replacement of a youth camp for underprivileged children, which was damaged by the wild fires two years' ago. All residents will be invited and donations will be greatly appreciated. Details will be delivered to all residents prior to the event.

Next Board “Workshop”: May 16, 2005, 9:00 AM, in the Card Room (*always held the Monday prior to the Board meetings*).

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting: May 18, 2005, 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

Office Notes

Email Address: The Office has a new email address: cvoffice@covad.net
To email Tom Riggs, Community Manager, use: thomaseriggssiii@covad.net
Karin can be reached at: karinm@covad.net

Rules & Regulations: Please look for the two pages for your Rules and Regulations Handbook which were delivered with this newsletter. Be sure and replace your old pages with the new ones so your book will be up to date.

Candidates Day: Just a reminder that Candidates day will be Saturday April 30, 2005 1:00 PM in the Village Hall. Please come and meet the people that will be running the business affairs of Champagne Village for the next two years.

Dog Walking: The Office has had reports that several individuals have been allowing their pets (dogs) to run on the grass in the picnic area. Just a reminder that the pet walk area ends just south of the lawn area in the picnic grounds. **No pet is allowed on the grass, period.** Also, a reminder that all pets must be on a six-foot leash at all times while in the pet walk area. The only exception to this is the pet exercise area which is located at the far south west end of the RV Storage Area. All pet waste must be removed from any portion of the common area and placed in proper receptacles.

Showering: Before entering the pool or the spa you must shower first. **This is a San Diego Health Department requirement!**

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.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Sue Kessler

SAC is happy to announce that our long awaited stage is finished! What a wonderful surprise. Tom Riggs found a company that not only returned a fair estimate, but was also able to begin and complete the work swiftly. Be sure to drop by to see our beautiful stage. This project was funded solely through generous contributions by many caring residents. Thanks to all of you that helped to make our stage dream become a reality.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

By Mark Henderson

SUNDAY, MAY 1.

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

Cost is only \$2.00. Bring your own table service.



Happy Mothers Day. We will honor Mothers with some live background music provided by our resident musician, Gladys Lundstrom. SAC will also provide a little surprise for all mothers attending breakfast.

There will also be a bake sale put on by the CV Lions Club with 100% of the money raised going to charity. Please show your support by buying all the great goodies.

It is sure to be a good crowd so come on down for the festivities and don't forget your table service.

FIRST FRIDAY DANCE

MAY 6, SOCIAL/DANCE 5:00 PM.

Seis de Mayo is the theme for our May 6 First Friday Dance. The menu includes homemade chicken enchiladas, rice, salad and dessert. After Hours, a new group, will be playing for your entertainment. This is a great opportunity to join us in singing Happy Birthday to all of the May birthday celebrants. Please place your envelope with \$5 in the SAC Box by May 4.

Our April 1, First Friday Dance was attended by 70 plus residents. Again, we thank Joe and Mary Klopp for hosting the dance and Gerry Adams for her help in this event.

GAME NIGHT

MONDAY, MAY 9, 5:00 PM



Second Monday of every month. Game night is gaining in popularity, over 30 participants at our April get-together. A new idea has taken hold. Pinochle lessons are now available, plus the usual game assortment, including poker! There is something for everyone. Bring a snack to share. Mark your calendar for May 9, and join in the fun!

PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 5:00 PM



The pot luck will begin in our beautiful picnic area at 5:00 PM on the 15th of May. Mark your calendar now! Come see the progress on our new stage! Bring your own drinks and a dish to share. We will furnish everything else you need. So come join us for fun and games. Please call Linda Harper (751-0075) if you have any questions. There will be no sign up - just come and enjoy!

HAIRCUTS

Paulette Oswald (Champagne Village Resident), has graciously offered to cut Villagers' hair and give all money collected to the SAC Stage Construction Fund.

Paulette has had forty-years' experience cutting hair.

Her husband, Frank, has also contributed to the fund by his computer services to the Village Residents.

Contributions from Frank & Paulette have reached a staggering \$876 to the stage fund as of April 19! A big thank you to the Oswalds, we appreciate your continued support in our project.

Paulette's hair cutting hours are: Mondays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Be sure to call for an appointment (749-5599).

DRAMA CLUB

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 6:00 PM

Tryouts for the Drama group will be held on, Thursday, May 5, 6:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

WELCOME WAGON BRUNCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 10:00 AM

Have you moved into the Village in the past 3 to 4 months? If so, we would like you to attend a special brunch in your honor. Join us in the Village Hall on Saturday, June 18, at 10:00 AM. Please RSVP to Lois Burdick (951-9967) so we can have enough coffee cake and fresh fruit for you. At the brunch you'll meet the Welcome Wagon team, our Board members, chairs of various activities and our Brunch sponsor, Arlene Garich. If you are housebound and cannot attend the brunch, we will be glad to deliver a Welcome package to you. Please call Janice Gleyzal (751-1224).

VETERANS, PLEASE READ

We now have a new addition for you to add to your Veterans Remembrance Book. It's Skip Skillion's bio. Since Skip recently celebrated his 103rd birthday, I'm sure you will find his background very interesting. He is the oldest living Vet from WWII. Please call me and I will deliver a copy to you. Mimi (751-1032).

FYI --- The entertainment for the November 11 Vets dinner will be our own CV Chorus.

COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman



The Physicians Desk Reference or PDR is your doctor's Bible for checking out prescription drugs. A complete version is on the Internet, but only doctors and other medical personnel can access it. It is located at www.pdr.com. However, there is a layman's version at www.pdrhealth.com. On this latter website is detailed information on prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, herbal medicines and nutritional supplements.

There are also disease overviews, discussion of health and wellness, product information and offers. Check it out and be a medically informed senior! If you don't have a computer, you are welcome to use either one of the two Village broadband computers in the Fireside Room across from the office in the Village Hall.

The Champagne Computer Club meets in the Village Hall Monday, May 2, at 7:00 PM, in the Card Room. During the meeting, computer problems will be discussed and solutions offered. Any Village resident is welcome to attend. The Computer Club still has several complete computer systems for sale at \$50 and also printers at \$15. Contact Richard Coffman (751-2772).

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Mimi Baca

MAY POTLUCK

The next monthly Potluck dinner meeting of the Champagne Singles will be on Friday, May 13. Since this month is Mother's Day, keep in mind the "Momism" you grew up with to share. Hostesses will be Ann Chambers, Jennie Shaw & Nellie Golden. We meet at 5:30 PM and have dinner at 6:00 PM. The May Potluck will feature a White Elephant sale (no large items) and a Jewelry Exchange. All men and women who are single are invited to join the group for a delicious meal and fellowship. Remember first timers come as our guest. All you need to do is sign up in the Village Hall by the copy machine. For further information call Donna Shaw (751-1799) after 5:00 PM.

THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH

By Orlie Macioci

What a great turnout for the "Dine out Singles Group," on Friday, April 15, at the Olive Garden in Escondido. There were 22 very happy and hungry members enjoying their favorite Italian foods and beverages. Special guests included our own "Matriarchs," Ruth Clutter and Gladys Lundstrom who gave a short explanation on why and how you

can have a long life. Ruth said, "Clean living" and Gladys said, "Enjoy life and have fun." We also had a "59 and holding" birthday gal, Betty Byall, and we all sang Happy Birthday to her. Another special guest, and glad to see her out, was Betty Ann Maurer, at my invitation. Our next venue will be at the Escondido Country Club. Sign up sheet will be posted. PLEASE NOTE TIME: WE WILL LEAVE FROM THE LAUNDRY ROOM AT 5:00 PM. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM on Friday, May 20, 2005. I want to thank all the drivers who continue to volunteer and pickup those who need it. The

word is out – Single men are wanted and need to participate. Come on guys, join us, you may like it.

TRAVEL

By Joe Klopp



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.

Want to go somewhere? Please pick up a "SUGGEST A TRIP" form in the office from Karin. I scheduled the following trips based on WHERE YOU told me you want to go.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT EARLY.

Palm Springs Follies

Wednesday, April 13 - **What a great show! Don't miss it next year.**

June 1 and 2, 2005 (Wed. & Thurs.) -

Hearst Castle/Dinner Cruise/Morro Bay 2 days, 1 night.

Sorry, I had to cancel due to lack of response.

Showtime Cabaret Luncheon Theatre
"The Lights of Broadway"

Wednesday, August 10, \$66. Showtime Cabaret Luncheon Theatre in Burbank.

A first-class gourmet luncheon is served before the performance at the **Castaways Restaurant.** (Choose upon sign-up: **Prime Rib, or Atlantic salmon**). You will absolutely love this high quality show. The cast will perform scenes, songs and dances from your favorite musicals from the 20's to the 50's, recreating the days of Vaudeville and Broadway! If you enjoyed going to the Follies in Palm Springs, you will love this one! **INCLUDES:** Deluxe Motor coach, Luncheon, snacks coming home, bingo, movie and driver's gratuity. Departs: 9:45 AM, Lunch: 12:00 PM, Show: 1:30 PM.

Arrive back 6:00 PM. **Pay by July 1**, only seventeen seats sold.

Newport Beach Harbor Cruise & Rogers Gardens

Monday, October 10, \$50. It's off to Newport Beach for an enjoyable day of sea fun! Begin with a delightful **lunch** at the "**Shore House Café**" (Choose upon sign-up: **1. Charbroiled Halibut, 2. Chicken Florentine, 3. Pot Roast.**) Next, you're off on a harbor cruise of Newport Beach where you can relax and enjoy the beautiful sights. Following our cruise you will visit **Rogers Gardens**, set on seven spectacular acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean, where you will see an array of hanging foliage before heading for home.

INCLUDES: Deluxe Motor coach, Luncheon, snacks, bingo, movie and driver's gratuity. Departs: 9:00 AM, Return: 6:00 PM. **Pay by Sept. 1.**

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.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:

By Gertude Conca

If anyone needs to have their blood pressure checked, please phone me (749-3052). It appears that most people own a blood pressure monitoring instrument. Therefore, I will no longer do B.P. on the first Friday of the month.

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Matt Madsen



As I write this article for our C.V. Times golf editor, Woody Woodward, I pass on the best thoughts possible for Woody as he has had an emergency call to Texas to assist his father who is very ill.

Part of our golf tradition is to remind the membership of the medical report on our members. We are happy to report that Jay Holle and Jean Slaughter are recovering nicely from recent surgery. Russ De Arman is home and recuperating from a lung problem. Bernie Guthrie is working on getting well from a cracked vertebrae, and Ron Morey continues to deal with chronic dizziness.

As we finished our hot dogs, chips and drinks, we learned that our treasury has \$3,380 in the account. That is bolstered by a great job of 50/50 salesmanship by Bob Bolt, and resulted in \$80 for

winner Bob Olsen, and \$80 to help pay for future steak fry's in July. Allan Whaite won the Golf Bag, and donated it back to the club for the April meeting prize. Bob Asmus opened discussions on the possibility of higher handicap players using the white or red tees for Fountains play. President Madsen has taken the issue up with the club members via surveys, and will have this subject on the April meeting agenda.

Safari chairman, Charlie Service, as of this writing date, has arranged for a May 2 tournament at Redhawk CC in Temecula. Service is working on a unique agenda allowing for high handicap players to play from forward tees, as the Redhawk slope is very difficult for players unable to hit the ball a long distance.

The membership signed on to assist the leaders of the May 12, combined Mens/Womens Oaks Tournament. Sign ups to play in the tournament

will be posted within a few days. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this very fun Scramble format.

New member, Ron Engen, a North Dakota engineer, was introduced as a new member.

Finally, Dori Rourke, LPGA member, gave members a demonstration of golf swings that are not so troublesome to our backs. She is available to assist members in developing this swing at the Thunderbird Driving Range on Tuesday and Saturdays around the noon hour.

Several dozen golf balls were raffled off thanks to Stella Sutherlin, who donated them to the club. These donations are sincerely appreciated.

See all of you at the April 28 meeting.



FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Luella Guthrie

Meeting was called to order April 13, by President Ivy Johnson, with all members anticipating 'pay day.'

Low Gross – First Quarter Doreen Burchett

Low Net – January, Flo Beetz

Low Net – February, Diana Smith

Low Net – March, Mary Dackerman



Sweeps 'pay day,' ranged from .50 cents to \$25.00.

The Ringer Board paid out \$55 to many happy Ladies.

May 1 Tee Times move back to 7:00

AM, with Summer Rules in play.

The Club Championship will be played May 4, 11 and 18 with lunch at the Picnic Grounds, on May 18 to honor the winners. There will be a regular weekly low net game within the three-day tournament.

Our illustrious Head Pro, Terry, will be playing with us on May 25. Let's do our best to OUT SCORE him!

Don't forget the start collecting gifts for our Champagne Classic "Champagne Island Luau" scheduled for Monday, June 13.

Lue Guthrie is \$10.50 richer...I won the 50/50 drawing! Thanks.

April has been a beautiful month for playing tennis with the cool overcast mornings and warming up nicely later on. We are looking forward to another month of great weather for May now that we are playing at 7:30 AM.

Our next meeting, Pot-Luck, will be May 12, starting at 4:30 PM. Bring a prospective new member as your guest. Our host this month is Priscilla. Please sign-up in the Village Hall

Our monthly excursion to the Worlds Best Pizza parlor will be on the 13 and 27 of May.

Addie will be our host till Martha returns. Please call her (751-1859) to reserve your place at the table. Watch for our monthly flyer for additional information.

Sunday mixed doubles will be scheduled for the 15 and 29 this month. Please check our monthly flyer for schedule.

Our President wants to remind our members to insure the gate to the courts are locked after use. Several times recently we have found the gate unlocked after play. We all need to help protect our new courts.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Priscilla De Arman



A special guest attended our meeting on the 7. Our seventh new member, Julie Conner, resides at space 204. Welcome to the club!

Just a reminder, May 12, is the "L & M Golf Tournament" (Ladies' and Mens'). It's going to be a great day with lots of fun and prizes so y'all come! If you've forgotten what you signed up for, please call Sharon.

We'll have lots to report next month after that special event is over.

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

He said, "Call for backup."

LIONS CLUB

By Mark Henderson



The CV Lions are having a bake sale for charity on May 1 at the Mens Breakfast. Lion, Gladys Lundstrom, will provide piano selections for our entertainment. We are honored by the support our community has always provided, and we look forward to your continued support.

The CV Lions Club is a chartered member of Lions Clubs International with over 1.4 million members worldwide, making a difference in their communities. We provide a wide range of programs from helping eye surgery to those in need. I firmly believe residents of Champagne Village, with your wisdom and intelligence and working together can make a difference in the lives of many. If you have an interest in making a difference, we would be honored by your presence and membership. We have fellowship in the Village

TENNIS CLUB

By Cal Adams

Hall on a monthly basis with interesting programs and speakers. If you have any questions about "Lionism," please call Mark or Sandi Henderson (749-5546).

HAPPY HANDS

By Sherry Geyer

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 Ruth Clutter (749-2646).

Monday Bridge is from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. The hostess for May will be Virginia Niciphor (751-3464). Please call Melba Crandall (751-7011), for reservations if you are a newcomer to the Village.

TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

By Mary Roth



Tuesday nights at the Village Hall. Everybody welcome. Hostess for May: Mary Roth (751-1442).

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 Luella Guthrie

Wednesday, May 11, 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Betty and Bob Spencer. Their phone number is (749-6698). Make your reservation to play by signing up on the bulletin board in the copy room. You may sign up to bring



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 Fridays of each month. The time is 1:00 PM in the Card Room. It's just a friendly, fun time – cost is \$1.00. 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.

(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!

Thanks to Lu Ann Rowe and Rosemary Matson for filling in as hostesses at the April meeting.

CANASTA = PENNIES

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.

MONDAY MEN'S & WOMEN'S BRIDGE

1811), for information.

BUNCO

By Delores Madsen



MAY we invite you to join us on MAY 13 and MAY 27 this month? We start to play at 1:00 PM at the Village Hall.

This is a fun game and everyone can play. It's easy.

We need to know if you're coming to make up tables of four players each.

This month call Terry Martino (751-3096) or Lanny Scalise (751-2630) to reserve your seat.

SPRING into action and come join us.

You might even FEATHER YOUR NEST!

WATER EXERCISE

Deanna Clatworthy

Open to all interested ladies. Held at the pool on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:00 AM. 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 Rita or Deanna at the pool.

NEW 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).

MEN'S POOL

By John Dolan

Come play with us weekdays. Call John Dolan (751-8500), or Skip Skillion (749-



ART CLASSES

By Bette Pickford

Due to traveling plans and vacations, Gordon Olson's great Art Class will not be held during the months of May through August 2005. The Art Class will resume in September 2005, as usual, from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM in the multi-purpose room on the first and third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Getting To Know Ernie Liebman....

By LoReta Phelps

Ernie and his wife, Marcia, are the "New Kids on the Block" as they have only been in the Village for a year. They moved here from 'far-away' Escondido. Ernie is not only a native Californian but was born in Escondido where he attended school through the twelfth grade and was active in music and sports. His first job after high school was as an apprentice embalmer at Alhiser- Wilson Mortuary. Then he

drove an ambulance as they were based out of mortuaries at that time. Later he went to work for Buy & Save Market that was part of a local market chain.

He started singing with the Melodyaires, a southern gospel quartet, in San Diego in 1958. In 1960 he was singing with the Melody Men. They did a performance at a church in Riverside the last Sunday of August and he met Marcia. They were married the 17th of December. It was love at first

sight and has lasted 44 years.

After three years with the Melody Men, he left to become choir director at the First Church of the Nazarene in Escondido. Later he became part of the Jubilaires, another southern gospel quartet. This was followed by forming his own quartet, The King's Men. He, also, sang with the Good News Singers.

During this time he started attending the Emmanuel Faith Community Church and took part in the choir. He became assistant director, filling in for the director when the need arose.

In 1966 he became part of the Escondido Fire Department. He was a fire fighter for three and a half years, then he went into prevention as an inspector and also did fire investigations. He became the Fire Marshal in 1982, which is the highest level in Fire Prevention. He retired from the fire department in 1992.

Jimmy French, a former long-time Village resident, was Ernie's voice teacher for 12 years. Jimmy's wife Millie would play the piano for Ernie during his lessons.

You may have seen Ernie directing the Village Choir at the Good Friday Service. The previous director, Dixie Talbot, resigned leaving a need for a replacement. Several people in the choir knew Ernie from church so he was asked to fill the opening.

So now if you see a group of people singing in the Village Hall on Monday mornings at 10:30 AM, they're being directed by Ernie Liebman. They're going to perform on May 18 for the Lion's Club and on the 4th of July at the picnic. If this sounds good to you and you'd like to join them, come to the Village Hall on Mondays at 10:30 AM or give Ernie a call (749-1320).

His family started a quartet called The Liebman Family Singers. It was made up of Ernie, Marcia, their daughter and their son. However, it is now a trio as their son is a career army man.

Ernie and Marcia currently travel to Julian each

Sunday and sometimes in between to fulfill a commitment they made to help develop a church there. It was a former Baptist Church but is now called the Hillside Community Church. The attendance has increased to about a hundred. Ernie

is the worship pastor. Marcia plays the piano and Ernie does the music. They even have a choir that is doing great. Why is that not a surprise?

The first Sunday of December this past year it started to snow after Ernie and Marcia arrived. As a result they got "snowed in" and wound up staying overnight with friends who lived behind the church. The church is on the side of a hill, hence the name, so there is no church on snow days!

CVPOA DISASTER COMMITTEE

By Matt Madsen

APRIL BLOCK SAFETY NEWS

C.V. Block Safety Chief Matt Madsen conducted a meeting for all residents connected with the Block Safety Program on April 7.

A full review of the March 10 Disaster Drill was held, and for the most part a success. Block Safety Officers reported that many of the older residents were slow in coming to the door, and to be sure that they are accounted for in a real emergency program.

It was strongly suggested that all residents with a gas connection have the crescent wrench stored at the connection immediately, as it is possible that the valve handle will break off from lack of use for many years. **GET THIS DONE TODAY!**

The team reviewed the C.V. Handbook for Disaster Control. We are 100% in compliance with all aspects of our document. A real tribute to the efforts of the volunteer team.

The BLUE DOTS you see on the mailboxes went under heavy review as we have 41 homes with the Blue Dot on their mailbox. Within 30 days, we will have adjusted the program so that the only homes with a Blue Dot will be persons UNABLE to leave their home in an emergency. Our safety coordinator, Karen Smith and her assistant Carol Cox, are working with every Blue Dot resident on a "Buddy" system that will go into effect in an emergency. These two ladies are to be commended for a terrific job.

We have learned that every Block Safety Officer has to have a Backup Officer in place immediately.

That situation is being sorted out and will be in place by April 15. This assures us that someone is in place to cover areas when people are on vacation, at the store, etc. A new telephone log is in place for all the Area Safety Officers to use to minimize the loss of time notifying the block safety people of the emergency. Additionally, everyone connected with the program have radios, and assigned frequencies to work from when needed.

The entire Safety Team is being supported fully by our six CERT (community emergency response team) members, and we have four more residents currently undergoing training. Our CERT team also is trained for CPR and AED requirements.

Several minor aspects of our work were discussed. We have agreed to have a practice drill once a year and the area chiefs will have a radio training drill within the next month.

The Champagne Village Community extends a warm "Thank You" to this terrific volunteer group.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny

"Friends Helping Friends" is a group of Champagne Village residents who volunteer their time to drive other residents to their medical appointments. If you need a ride to your doctor's office, and do not have any friends, neighbors or relatives to drive you there, just call Jan (749-4255), and I will find a driver for you. Of course, if you have an emergency, call 911.

More drivers are still needed, so if you would like to volunteer your services, please call the above number.

ODDS AND ENDS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE GATE

Please remember to call the front gate in advance with the names of all visitors. If the people are listed on your permanent card at the gate, tell them

to identify themselves as "on the rolodex". We can then pass them through directly. There is a great deal of construction currently happening in the village. When we have to stop and call for verification of daily arrivals, it causes backups onto the highway and a potentially dangerous situation. PETS of any kind cannot be brought into the village. Cars with animals will NOT be allowed to enter. There have been several reported incidents lately of visitors' dogs being allowed to roam or being walked in unauthorized areas. This is against the Rules and Regulations. Gate personnel have been directed to strictly adhere and enforce these rules. Please inform all your guests, workers and family members of the NO PETS rule.

"COME TO THE CABARET"

By Ruth Royer

Barbershop Cabaret Show

Sunday, June 5, 2:00 PM, Village Hall

Suggested \$10 donation

Light Refreshments

You don't want to miss this, my friend! A



Salvation Army Ramona Camp Fund Raiser by the Escondido Women's Auxiliary. The Camp serves San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino Counties and was badly damaged in the Cedar fires. By attending, or a

generous donation, will help rebuild the Camp. Three stellar quartets to entertain you: Comedy, Gospel, Top-rated Riverside Quartet with superb bass soloist.

Sign up in the Village Hall in the copy room or call Ruth or Don Royer (751-8466), email: ruthdon@nethere.com. Make out your tax-deductible donation to the Salvation Army. Write "Ramona Camp" on memo line. Please give your check to the Royers, 357 Mulberry, or Karin in the Office. Paying in advance would eliminate confusion at the door. Thanks for helping. *See you at the Cabaret my friend.*

TO MY FELLOW VILLAGERS

By David Cherry

I wish to extend my gratitude and appreciation to so many of you who have allowed me to transport you

to your various destinations during these past 3½ years. Since Linda and I are pursuing a new adventure in moving to Southwest Missouri, I will be terminating my driving services as of late April. Thank you all for your reliance on me (and Linda, too), and Godspeed in your future travels.

GIVEAWAY ITEMS

By Richard Coffman



There was a brief note in last month's Times about not leaving possessions to give away at the Mail Center. A simple solution for those who wish to be generous is to make a list of giveaway items on a 4x6 card with your name and phone number and put it in the classified display case at the Mail Center. You can give the card to Karin in the office to post for you.

ATTENTION PET OWNERS

By Doreen Smith & Doreen Burchett

Many pet owners have expressed an interest in getting acquainted with other pet owners in Champagne Village, so we thought we would schedule a meeting for residents who have pets to see if there is an interest in forming a pet club. It could be called Champagne Village Pet Lovers Club (CVPLC), so it could include people who do not presently have a pet but still have a special attachment to them.

Some pet owners may not have time or interest in belonging to a club, yet see the importance of being included on a list of pet owners in the complex. There may be times when it would be desirable to contact all pet owners via the community phone call system, such as looking for a missing pet or warning about snakes coming out of hibernation.

A sign up sheet is posted on the board across from the copy machine in the Village Hall. Please add your name to the list and include times when you are available for a preliminary meeting. As soon as we have enough names, we will notify you of a mutually convenient time and date for a meeting.

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 available for \$10.00. This will give you \$13.60 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. Don't forget Mother's Day!

NEW RESIDENTS:

#95	Bob & Barbara Noel	751-5387
#112	Mary Bristol	751-1094
#167	Bill & Lynn Von Boeckmann	No Phone
#185	Gerald & Ethel Hans	No Phone Yet
#396	Joesph & Bette Wolowsky	No Phone Yet
#404	Wayne & Silvia Clark	No Phone Yet
#418	Robert & Eleanor Schostag	No Phone Yet

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Where: Champagne Village Hall

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

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning

Battery Purchase

Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

GOLF CART CLINIC

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

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

BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz

The San Diego County Library operates two mobile libraries to help bring library services into the unincorporated areas of the county.

The mobile libraries make scheduled stops at neighborhoods, retirement residences and other community locations throughout the county.

The mobile libraries operate as branches of the San Diego County Library. Materials that are borrowed from the mobile libraries may be returned to the mobile libraries or any of the San Diego County library branches. Likewise, materials that have been borrowed from any of the library branches may be returned to the mobile libraries at any of their stops.



Stops are scheduled in Champagne Village on May 3 and May 17, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Perhaps you are aware of the large vehicle parked near the mailboxes at these times.

Use of the facilities will insure the continued service to your community.



TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2005

Trash normally is picked up on Friday.