

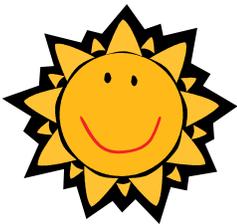
# The Champagne Village Times



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Have a Great  
Summer!

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Karen Smith, President  
Dennis Roberts, Vice President  
Leah Kapp, Secretary  
Jean Slaughter, Director  
Joe Klopp, Director  
Charles Service, Director  
Joan Van Ingen, Director  
Connie Bentley, CFO

## **Standing Committee Chairs**

Dennis Roberts, Architectural  
Doreen Smith, Social Activities  
Charlie Service, Disaster Control

## **Board Meeting Notes**

The Board unanimously approved the 2008 Reserve Study as amended last month. The contribution to reserves will remain the same as 2007 while the percent funded has increased from 32% to 57%.

An allocation from the landscape reserves was made by the board to replace some of the ground cover that was severely damaged due to last year's heavy frost. Although \$5,000 was allotted we will only be able to replace the worst areas.

Three recommended changes to the RV Lot rules were approved by vote of the Board. First, **the length of recreational vehicles is now limited to 38 feet.** Secondly, along with current registration **proof of liability insurance will be required on all stored vehicles.** Lastly, **all vehicles must provide sufficient protective blocks under their leveling mechanisms to prevent damage to the asphalt.**

President Karen Smith read a letter from the Attorney representing the owner of unit #13 to all who were present at the meeting. The complete text of that letter is listed below:

“Dear Mr. French:

I have spoken with Pauline Hightower regarding the issues raised in your letter of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and am advised by her that her mobile home at lot 13 of the Champagne Village has now been vacated. All of the office furniture has been removed, the telephone lines have been disconnected, and no further business activities will be conducted in that mobile home. Ms. Hightower has not decided what she will do with the property, but if she rents it out in the future, it will be for strictly residential use, no businesses will be conducted from the mobile home.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Polakiewicz”



**Next Board “Workshop”:** August 13, 2007, 9:00 AM, in the Card Room (*always held the Monday prior to the Board meeting*).

**Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting:** August 15, 2007, 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

I am often asked what our staff does to justify the expense of having on-site employees. I will give you just a few examples and I think you will see what a bargain your employees are.

Probably the most recent case in point would be the painting of the Village Hall. We had obtained bids for the removing of the wall paper, texture coating the walls and painting the interior of the hall that were in the \$22,000 to \$25,000 range. The Board in its wisdom agreed to have staff perform the work and after all was done the total cost was under \$10,000. Last year similar savings were achieved by having staff paint the exterior of the Hall.

In the area of landscaping around the pond area as well as the new landscape and lighting around the Village Hall Building in-house labor and design saved in excess of \$30,000 over contracting to have landscape architects and professional landscape and lighting installers perform these services.

In addition to all of her duties as Office Manager, Karin has also become the head of the Ad Department of the CV Times. Due to her efforts, advertising income has now equaled the office expense in the neighborhood of \$17,000 annually.

These are just some of the large items that staff is responsible for, however it's the things that aren't so noticeable that really save money. In the course of an average month the guys complete 40-60 work orders covering everything from electrical, plumbing, painting, concrete, carpentry, lighting, pool maintenance and several other categories. An average trip charge from a vendor ranges from \$50 to \$75 with hourly rate starting at \$50 and up. If you do the math this would add up to \$8,000 to \$10,000 monthly or \$81,000 annually. As you can see there is no question that your employees are truly a bargain.

The best value in all of this is the fact that the Association has someone on call 24/7, 365 days a year to respond to emergencies and frankly it is very hard to put a price on that type of response since we normally experience a two to four day response time from vendors.

The next time you see Mario, Karin or Filiberto please take time to thank them for all they do for you.

See you next time, Tom

## OFFICE NOTES

**CV DIRECTORIES:** All of the new CV directories have been delivered to all residents. If you did not receive one in your CV mailbox, see Karin in the office.

**CV COMPUTERS:** The 2 computers in the Fireplace Room will be up and running with high speed internet, for your use, by August. 1.

**REMINDER:** We now have a **Glacier Water** machine located behind the Laundry Room. The cost is only .25 per gallon.

**CORRECTIONS:** To use the spa, you must be **14** years old.

To drive a golf cart, you must be **16** years old.

**POOL USE:** As it states on the signs in the pool area, "**ONLY CHILDREN WHO ARE TOILET TRAINED MAY USE THE POOL**". Swim diapers **DO NOT** negate or superseded this rule. All children who use the pool must be toilet trained.

## LETTER TO THE TIMES

### REVERSE MORTGAGE PETITION:

By John Fry

The petition drive, announced at the annual meeting, to present the signatures of the Unit Owners of Champagne Village, Rancho Monserate, and Rancho Carlsbad to Congressman Issa, urging him to take action to repeal a federal law prohibiting Manufactured Home Condominium Communities from the HUD Reverse Mortgage Program is now available for everyone to sign at the front table in the foyer of the Village Hall office. **PLEASE SIGN NEXT TO YOUR NAME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

This will press the issue and speed the effort, which he has said he supports, because of its importance to the affected voters of his district.

# **S**OCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2007**



What a blast! What a GREAT day! SAC served 291 delicious meals that day. Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic was a huge success. The park was decorated beautifully, as were the tables. We had lots of games for the kids and adults as well. Most of all we had lots of happy and friendly residents all having a wonderful time. If you were unable to attend, you missed a good one.

Michael and Leah Kapp were named Grand Marshals of the Parade. Congratulations you two. They received tee shirts as well as a beautiful plaque and they led half of the golf cart parade around the park. As usual, the golf cart parade was awesome! Sally and Bob Olsen won the prize for the cart that was the most comical. Joan and Ken Hansen won the prize for the most original and Larry and Carol Repas won a prize for the golf cart that had the most patriotic decorations. Congratulations winners! Thanks go out to the Deer Springs Fire Department Captain Heidmann and all the guys and gals who judged our golf cart parade.

Many thanks to the Champagne Village Chorus and their director Ernie Liebman. The chorus sang us some songs and then Mavenny Cowen, (the Liebman's daughter) sang a couple of patriotic songs. The chorus was wonderful and Mavenny sings like an angel. Our hats off to our Master of Ceremonies, Ken Sumner who did a super job.

Last but not least, thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and helped out SAC in so many ways. It's been said that "**IT TAKES A VILLAGE**" and it certainly does. See you all next year at the birthday party of our United States of America.

## **FIRST FRIDAY DINNER / DANCE** AUGUST 3, SOCIAL/DANCE, 5:00 PM **DINING AND DANCING UNDER THE STARS**



The August First Friday Dinner Dance is going to be held in the Champagne Village Picnic area. Our theme for the dance is **HOT AUGUST NIGHTS**. It's going to be absolutely wonderful for the evening's activities. We're moving the tables out on the lawn and we'll be dancing in the table area. We even purchased some "dance wax" for your dancing pleasure. Be sure to sign up and join us for a great evening. At the time of this writing, SAC is trying to get a couple of people willing to teach the rest of us how to do the swing.

Your Social Activities Committee is going to provide the BBQ'ED chicken and ribs for dinner and we are asking that everyone who plans to attend to please bring a dish. Either a side dish or a dessert will do.

In addition to Hot August Nights, we also are honoring Don and LoReta Phelps that evening. They are long time residents of the Village who were always ready to lend a hand when needed. The Phelps are moving to Texas. Thanks to you both for all your help and friendship-you'll be missed. Their son Mark, is going to be playing his string bass this evening along with the Vidal's who are going to be our band tonight. You've got a treat in store for you when Mark sits down to play.

Because SAC is providing the chicken and ribs, the cost is only going to be \$3 per person to help defray the cost of the band. Please have your money and reservations in to the office by Tuesday, July 31. You don't want to miss this dance but you don't really want to pay a late fee, now do you?

The social hour starts at 5:00 PM. Come on down to the park and bring your favorite drink and some light snacks. Then just sit back, relax and enjoy the evening.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 8:00 AM TO 9:30 AM



Come one, come all! Bring your own table service and enjoy the aroma of freshly brewed coffee, the distinctive smell of frying bacon and the sweet odor of waffles or pancakes. How can you pass it up? Hope to see you there!

**The cost for this filling and delicious breakfast is only \$3 per person. 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). This allows Linda to buy just the right amount of food for the breakfast.

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

Cost is only \$3. Bring your own table service.

## 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?

## SECOND MONDAY GAME NIGHT

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 5:00 PM



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

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

## POTLUCK POOL PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 & SEPTEMBER 16, 2007  
TIME 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM



Ready for a new fun activity? Come on out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month this summer, which is the 19<sup>th</sup> of August and the 16<sup>th</sup> of September at 5:30 PM.

Bring a dish to share and something to drink. **NO GLASS, PLEASE!** No food or drink will be provided except what each person brings.

Like to swim? Come on down early!

Newcomer to the Village? Come on out and meet your neighbors. Want to help? We can use it. Call Addie Wilkins (751-1859) or Jane Fischer (749-8918).

See you on Sunday, August 19, at the Village Pool!

## LUAU IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 5:00 PM  
ENTERTAINMENT AND HAPPY HOUR, 6:00 PM DINNER



Aloha, ho olu komo la kua (Hi, please join us) for a wonderful picnic in the Champagne Village Picnic Area. Put on your grass skirts; grab a lei and come on down to the picnic area for our annual Luau.

The Luau is being catered this year by Three Sisters Catering Co. As everybody knows, their food is terrific. The menu will consist of Chicken Luau, with coconut milk, and Hawaiian style pork teriyaki with pineapple. We will also have island style rice, and fried assorted nuts and aloha vegetables, raisin, pineapple and coconut. There will also be a fresh fruit salad, seafood pasta, potato salad and Hawaiian coleslaw. With the addition of rolls and butter and a great dessert, we've got a super Luau in the making.

Our entertainers for this afternoon are youngsters from the Patio Playhouse in Escondido. They will be performing various things for us. Bring your favorite beverage and a snack and come down to the picnic area to watch some very talented kids perform for your pleasure.

The price for the Luau is \$13 per person. There's going to be a sign-up sheet in the copy room of the

Village Hall and a poster near the mailboxes. Sign up early and be sure to get the table of your choice. There will be a hostess or a host for every table. (See related article in this issue of the CV Times). The cut-off date for signing up is Tuesday, August 21, 2007. First and second place prizes will be awarded to the winners of the best table decorations. Mahalo nu lea na ho' olaulea me la kua. A hui hou kekou! (Thanks for being part of this celebration and until we meet again.)

Like to swim? Come on down early! Newcomer to the Village? Come on out and meet your neighbors. Want to help? We can use it. Call Addie Wilkins (751-1859) or Jane Fischer (749-8918).

See you on Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, of August at the Village Pool!

**CHILI COOK OFF**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

 We're going to have a Chili Cook-off in the Village Hall on Saturday, September 22, 2007. This is a contest so get your favorite chili recipe out and dust it off. There will be prizes awarded and there will be some different and surprise entertainment. Attention Line Dancers! This is your day to shine. Come on down and show us how it's done.

More information will be forthcoming in the September issue of the Champagne Village Times. Check it out!

**TABLE HOSTS OR HOSTESSES**

 When you sign up for an event in the Village Hall and you place your name in the first, highlighted space, you are volunteering to be a table host or hostess.

The duties of the host of hostess include:

- Collecting payment from the other guests sitting at your table and giving the money to Priscilla De Arman at #327.
- Setting the table the morning of the event, beginning at 10:00 AM.
- Providing light snacks for the cocktail hour.

- Making sure the table is cleared and the area around the table is neat and clean.

Thanks so much for your participation in the Champagne Village events planned by the Social Activities Committee!

**TO ALL OTHER GUESTS** – Please make your payment to your table host or hostess or drop it off at the office in the Village Hall.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS  
SAVE THESE DATES**

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary



Friday, August 3	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, August 5	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, August 25	Luau
Sunday, September 2	Men's Breakfast
Friday, September 7	First Friday Dinner Dance
Saturday, September 25	Chili Cook-off
Friday, October 5	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, October 7	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, October 27	Halloween Costume Party
Friday, November 2	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, November 4	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, November 17	Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, December 2	Men's Breakfast
Friday, December 7	First Friday Dinner Dance
Saturday, December 15	Christmas Dinner Dance
Sunday, December 16	The Holiday Home Tour
Monday, December 17	Caroling Around the Park
Saturday, December 22	Chorus Christmas Program

Please continue to check this feature every month for the possibility of changes made to the calendar.

## CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

The Care and Concern Committee wishes to express our sincere thank you to everyone who helped make our first venture a success. It took everyone working together, even those who are not officially on the committee volunteered their time and effort. Thank you, as well, to all Villagers who contributed food and attended the service. Each of you caring individuals make Champagne Village a most wonderful place to live."

## Remembering...

By Cheryl Wright

During the short time since our Bereavement Committee was organized, we are sad to announce the loss of these beloved Villagers:

**Geraldine (Gerry) Taylor**, formerly at 36 Live Oak Lane, resident for 40 years  
August 31, 1921 - July 1, 2007  
Gerry Taylor's Family (Daughter, Linda)

**Evie Karadyi**, formerly at 127 Terrace  
Passed away on July 7, 2007  
Gloria and Bob Potter (daughter - Gloria)  
2274 Raintree Place  
Escondido, CA 92026  
(760-743-4442)

**Virgie Kubitz**, formerly at 213 Camphor Lane  
Passed away on July 8, 2007  
Virgie Kubitz' Family (son, Craig; daughter-in-law, Vicky, daughter, Marcy Doliva)  
18127 Cambridge Drive  
Arlington, WA 98223

**Howard Mortz**, 28 Live Oak Lane  
July 29, 1924 - July 9, 2007  
Wife, Betty (751-1473)

**Lois Simmons**, 215 Plane Tree View  
June 6, 1923 - July 14, 2007  
Loved ones, Henry Sulmonetti (751-1034)

**Bette Wolowsky**, 396 Mulberry Lane  
Passed away on July 20, 2007  
Husband, Joseph (751-9916)  
October 24, 1932 - July 20, 2007

**Helen Motherwell**, a former, long time resident of Champagne Village passed away last month. She lived here when Lawrence Welk attended many of the functions.

Our sincere condolences to their friends and families. We will miss them.

The Care and Concern Committee was formed to offer support and caring during critical illnesses and assistance with memorial services and help in general. The following people have offered to help in the areas listed on page 16.

## COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman



The Champagne Computer Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday August 6 at 7:00 PM in the Card Room of the Village Hall.

Attendees will share ideas on computer challenges and new developments in the world of computers. Any resident of the Village is invited to attend, especially newcomers. Non-club members can join the Village email list by sending me your email address at my email address, [welkman1@gmail.com](mailto:welkman1@gmail.com). We send out fast-breaking Village news and helpful computer tips

## THE CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE INDEPENDENT INVESTOR CLUB

By Dale Matheny

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 13, during game night. We will have refreshments. We will again discuss how world events might impact us in Champagne Village such as prices for food, energy and Real Estate. Everyone is welcome

## VETS DINNER, a new focus

Many THANKS to Bob Spencer for this great idea! He suggested we get one or two Vets from each branch of the service to relate a 2 to 3 minute FUNNY story that they were part of while in the

service. The navy is taken. What about you Army, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard guys?? If you have a short funny story and would like to retell it at the Thanksgiving Dinner give me a call. Mimi (751-1032). Another new focus this year, and for the next few years, will be Honorary Chairs from each branch of the service. This year our Honorary Chairs will be the Coast Guard Vets.

## OUR VETS REMEMBRANCE BOOK



For the next four months we will be putting the spotlight on four vets who submitted their bio for the Vets Remembrance Book. For those residents who do not have a book these bio's will be an interesting "read" for you.

We also hope that after reading these bio's you will be encouraged to consider submitting your own bio for the 2007 edition of the book.

For specific info on submitting your bio call Mimi (751-1032).

Here's what Ed Catallo submitted:

I was sent to boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina upon my entry in the Marine Corp. Upon completion of my recruit training I was sent to Camp Lejuene, North Carolina where we formed the 1st Marine Division and received even more training. We then went to Auckland, New Zealand for additional training. However, this training was interrupted when we heard the Japanese were heading to Guadalcanal. We reloaded our ships and set out to beat the Japanese to the Canal, which we did. This was the first offensive operation taken against the Japanese and led to the long road back to Japan. This was also after seven months of combat and was the first defeat that the Japanese Army had suffered in 2600 years!

From my service I earned dedication, loyalty, discipline and sacrifice. I also learned that NO obstacle is too big to overcome if you have the proper motivation and training.

(Ed was in the Marines from 1942 to 1968. He retired as Sgt Major.)

## CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Mary Starkey

### AUGUST POTLUCK

The month of July was a great Potluck! We had 7 new members attending. There are 50 members at this printing.

We meet at 5:30 P.M. on the second Friday of each month. So, if there are singles out there come and join us.

Our next meeting will be on, August 10, 2007, at 5:30 P.M.

### TRAVEL

By Joe Klopp



In order to keep costs down and in addition to save me from carrying heavy coolers, etc. I will no longer be providing drinks and snacks. Of course as always you are welcome and encouraged to bring your own refreshments. I will still play bingo and have prizes. I appreciate your understanding and hope you will continue to support your travel club.

### PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT EARLY.

**NOTE:** I am looking for someone to take over the Travel Group. Mary & I had no experience when we started over three years ago. We've had fun doing it. If you are interested or have any questions give me a call. Thanks, Joe.

### 2008

#### PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES

**Wednesday, March, 5, 2008, \$73**

The Palm Springs Follies is a fantastic show and one that once you see it you'll want to make it an annual event. All the actors are between 50 & 80 and are retired performers that put together a Vaudeville act sure to please everyone. Before the show enjoy shopping and lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants nearby.

**INCLUDES:** Deluxe Coach, Reserved Follies Seats, and Driver's Gratuity. Please reserve your seats early. The contract calls for a 90-day cancellation notice. This trip was a great success in

2007 and it sold out so book early. Departs 9:00 AM arrives back 6:30 PM. **Pay by Jan. 5.** If you had told me long ago to hold a seat but did not call since I put this in the CV Times, please call and confirm I have you down for a seat.

**HELPFUL HINT:** If you want to go on a trip why not call two friends and see if they might like to go. If everyone who signed up for a trip called just two friends and **spread the word** I don't think we'd ever cancel a trip.

**Reserve your seats by calling Joe or Mary Klopp (749-1314).**

### **PAYING PROCEDURE:**

Please pay for your trip by check made out to Joe Klopp and put in my mailbox at 414 (Myrtle). Note in "Memo" on the check, which trip it is for. Please reserve your seat early so I will know if we have enough so I won't have to cancel the trip. **NO checks will be cashed until we have enough reservations to take the trip.** If the trip is cancelled I will return your original check. Call me if you want to pay by cash.

**NOTE:** You must pay or cancel by the "Pay Date." Please, when you book a trip make a note on your calendar of the pay date or better yet pay when you book.

**REFUND POLICY:** There will be a 100% refund policy up to the pay date; after the pay date, unfortunately, I will be unable to refund your money, however, I will make every attempt to resell your reservation to someone else and return your money.

### **CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB**

By Ken Morgan



The CV Men's Club would like to welcome new member Jack Mikesell, who although being a resident of the Village for over two years, has just joined us. Welcome Mike. Our thoughts go out to Bob Bolt who has had yet another eye surgery. Also to Paul Hughes who recently had cataract surgery and is getting

along well.

Our Presidents Cup was held in June and the winners were A Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Charlie Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Matt Madsen and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Bob Olsen. B Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Tom Clatworthy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Steve Webb and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Mike Dail. C Flight, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Wayne Tillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Lee Rabeneau and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Allan Whaite. Congratulations to all.

In conjunction with the Women's club, a glo-ball tournament will be held on the Oaks Course on August 31, beginning at 4:00 PM. After nine holes, we will adjourn for a cookout buffet followed by the final nine holes. The cost is \$35 and a sign up sheet is located at the bulletin board by the pro shop. A good time will be had and all members are invited to sign up.

As always we welcome new members. We have different handicaps for the Fountains and the Oaks and all handicap levels are welcome. Anyone interested in joining the fun and camaraderie enjoyed by all of us are encouraged to contact Lee Rabeneau, Membership Chairman (751-2544).

### **FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB**

By Luella Guthrie



The Champagne Classic, a successful story, 65 members and guests played on our Fountains course on, June 11, red white and blue theme, RSB Flowers adorned every tee box, two best balls of foursome game, delicious Mexican brunch at the Canyon Grill. Prizes awarded to four places in low gross and low net. Two closest to the pin money, gifts from members and businesses raffled off, also money hats. Thanks to those who helped make it a successful day. After a shotgun start on, July 11, Dottie called the meeting to order. Second quarter sweeps money was awarded by Connie Phillips. Ringer money was awarded by Jeanne Hunt. The Eclectic Tournament which started today will end on July 25, with celebration of the winners at lunch in the picnic grounds, on August 8.

## OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Lynn Tobin



Our President, Leah Kapp, called the meeting of July 5, to order at 12:05 P.M., following great refreshments served by Betty Service and Carol Cox.

The minutes and treasurers reports were approved as read. The minutes of the last Board meeting were read to bring everyone up to date on current events. The only decision made was to change the positions of the Vice President, Betty Service to the Treasurer and fill the Vice President to Sharon Groepper.

A proposed Safari in October was discussed and will be researched by Connie Phillips.

The Quarterly winners were announced for the Sweeps by Karen Smith and Ringers by Sally Olsen. The "Big Winner" was Annette Lee, congratulations! Of course, we were all Winners which is great!

The "Hole In One" collection was made by Doreen Burchett, to replenish the award for the next Winner.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by Loretta Pittman for \$8.50. Connie Phillips and Sally Olsen won the door prizes.

We have a lot of fun events coming up during the next year. Our membership chairman, Deanna Clatworthy would like to extend an invitation to all ladies who would be interested in joining to call her (751-0204).

## TENNIS CLUB

By Bev Bedwell



Great turnout for the July meeting. Twenty-five eager members turned out to sample a superb buffet. A special thanks to Priscilla and Russ De Arman for hosting this affair. Vice-President Delores Madsen co-coordinates the business meeting, our deep appreciation for filling in at the last meeting without notes, etc. Beautiful flowers, provided by Clarice Gober supplied a festive air for the evening. A big welcome was extended to Bob

Gibbs who will return to the club as a social member. Ray Urbaniak resigned as facilities director; his position will be filled by Martha Summers. August Play Day will be held on Sunday, August 12 at 5:30 P.M. Doreen & Billy Smith will direct the event as Bev Bedwell will hostess the "eating portion". A flier will go out to both social and active members as reminder. If you can't play come out and join the group and cheer for or against the CV Pros. By-Laws will be distributed at the next meeting. Please note that the amendments include a provision for all former tennis players who are no longer active players and their housemates to join us as social members. The next Potluck meeting of the Tennis Club will be held on September 13, and will be hosted by Doreen & Billy Smith. This meeting will include a catered dinner and music provided by the Vidals. More information on the event will be distributed in September, but PLEASE save this date and join us for this GRAND affair. See you at Play Day, August 12, at 5:30 P.M.

## LIONS CLUB

By Arlene Garich



I'm so proud and honored to become the President of the Champagne Village Lions Club. It's an honor I have never carried before in any other aspect of my life.

It helped show me how much I've grown and how much I have to offer. I could not think of a better cause to put my name behind, as the Champagne Village Lions Club, and what it represents.

We are a community service organization that assists the blind and hearing impaired. We strive to donate more money to our **local** charities. I feel it's important to keep our resources localized in our immediate community, to help those that are close at hand.

My goal this year is to increase membership to help those in need. I invite you to call me (751-2700) or Janice Gleyzal, Membership Director (751-1224) for more information.

We invite you to be our guest at one of our dinner meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 5:30 PM. Come see what we are all about. This is

a **fun** organization filled with the camaraderie of our fellow Lion residents, knowing we are making a difference, each and every one of us. Joining our organization will help the people in our community fulfill their dreams and ours.

### **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.

### **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 host for August will be Ruth McClain (751-8638). 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, August 8, 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Bev Bedwell (749-1419), and Margaret Koeppel (749-5327).

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 need people to play as subs. If you can play just 1 or 2 Mondays once in awhile, it would be appreciated. More fun if we can fill 2 tables of 4. We play every Monday at 1:00 in the Multi-Purpose Room, behind the laundry room.

### **BUNCO**

By Carolyn White

Bunco is a fun dice game and very easy to play – and you can win prizes. The cost is only \$3.

We play the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Village Hall. This month the dates will be the August 10 and August 24.

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



On Friday July 27, we are going to Fallbrook to a glass blowing event, and then eating out at the Artisans Café. Our hostess is Annetta Coffman.

This event will be over by the time of this Newsletter so, I am just touching on the outing a bit. More about it in the next Newsletter.

Next event will be on August 24. We will be going to San Diego Convention Center, where quilts will be displayed. This event was suggested by Linda Harper, and I am working with Judy Johnson on the details as she has a quilt on display. My favorite place to eat is just down the street from the Center and it is called, "The Fish Factory", which is next door to the Midway Aircraft Museum, on Pacific Coast Highway.

### **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 2:00 PM, 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 Nicki, 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**

By Nota Morey



Wednesdays and Fridays 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).

### **BEGINNING LINE DANCING**

By Janet LeRossignol

Looking for more exercise? Come down to the Village Hall and try the Monday morning beginning line dancing class from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM. Its great exercise and lots of fun! If it's your very first time and you've never danced before, please come at 8:30 AM so that you can learn a few of the steps before the class starts. If you have questions, feel free to call Janet LeRossignol (749-7934).

### **CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE CHORUS**

By Joan Van Ingen



We're Baaaack! The Village Chorus begins rehearsals in September. If you love to sing Christmas Songs, or any other songs, please join us. We

meet every Monday morning at 10:00 AM, and rehearse for about an hour. (The closer we get to "Showtime", the longer our practices go, but not usually more than an hour and a half.)

A few weeks ago at our yearly luncheon our director, Ernie Liebman, told us that he has taken on more responsibilities at his church in Julian and will not be able to direct us this year.

So---in addition to inviting new singers, we'd love to welcome anyone with a little experience leading a small mixed chorus. With so many new Villagers moving in, we hope to find a "new" director. There will be plenty of help and support from chorus members.

If you think you might be interested (to at least give us a try), call Joan Van Ingen, (749-0932) with any questions you might have or, perhaps you could suggest someone who might be interested in directing.

Thanks, and hope to see y'all.

## 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 meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 individual creativity. We can always learn new and clever ways of making our memory books even better

## 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

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.

## CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE RV CLUB

By George Cholaki



We had another very well attended meeting in July. Joan Bannister shared her travel and camping experiences in Baja, California. It was very informative and convincing that Baja is a wonderful, beautiful and exciting place to visit by RV.

I presented our club members preferences to the Board Workshop on Monday, July 16. The three additions to the existing rules and regulations we desired have been approved. The President of the Board appointed Joan Van Ingen to attend our Wednesday, August 11, 2007 RV meeting at 7:00 PM. in the Village Hall. Joan is to obtain more detailed information about the proposed plan to modify the RV Storage parking spaces. It is very important to attend and express your preferences. Joan will present her findings at the next board workshop in August.

I have lived here for 3 years and I continue to hear the issue of how much it costs to maintain the RV facility. According to the Village Manager, the monthly operating cost for this RV storage facility is \$60. An additional \$21 per month is added to the reserve for fence replacement, paving and sealing. Adding those figures is \$81 divided by 457 home owners comes out to less than 18 cents per owner each month.

Please attend this next meeting and express your reasons for wanting the parking spaces to be changed. We have been working on this since the beginning of the year and many hours of measuring, drawing the proposed changes on paper and much discussion have taken place. The board needs more information to come to a good decision.

## TO ΚΑΦΕΝΙΟΝ

By George Cholaki

### GREEK WORD FOR MEN'S COFFEE HOUSE



At our next meeting we will recall and share those treasured memories of our first decade. What it was like growing up in the 1920's, 30's 40's and 50's. All CV men are invited. Call George (749-9997), to join us at the next meeting. We meet once a month.

### CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PET LOVER'S

By Bob Thurlow



The next meeting for the above club will be August 21, at 3:00 P.M. on the Picnic Area. We hope to see both old and new members at this event. Remember, you don't have to own a pet to join us. Come down and meet the caliber of people that do own pets and find out what good neighbors we are.

It is with much sadness that I am writing this month's article for Doreen Burchett as both she & Jay are spending a good deal of time caring for their beloved Missy's last days. Missy spent her entire life being a cherished member of their family and now she needs them more than ever.

We all dread the time when we know the end is inevitable and pray it won't happen. However, all of us including our dearly loved pets were granted so much time on earth.

All of our members feel sorrow for the days during and ahead for Doreen & Jay. All three of you are in our thoughts.



### CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

By Addie Wilkins



WOW! What a team! The trash pickers for July did a super job and our substitute driver Tom McCue stepped right up to the plate.

If you can help us on August 8, please give me a call (751-1859). We will meet at the mail boxes at 3:30 PM.

## FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



A great big, heartfelt "**THANK YOU SO MUCH**" to the volunteer drivers who make up the roster of "Friends Helping Friends." They are always so willing to help out when I get a call from a resident needing a ride to a medical appointment. I don't usually have to make many calls before someone says, "Sure, I'll be glad to do it." My drivers are a great bunch of men and women, and are so appreciated by the people they drive. I get calls from residents telling me how much they enjoyed getting to know these drivers, and, likewise, from drivers saying how much they enjoyed their conversations with the people. It's a happy situation all around.

If any of you reading this would like to add your name to the "FHF" roster, please call me (749-4255). I am in need of more drivers.

On the other hand, if you are a resident in need of this service and have no other way of getting to your medical appointment, give me a call at the above number, and I'll find one of these fine people to help you. Please give me as much advance notice as possible. And, of course, if it is a real emergency, call 911.

### ODDS AND ENDS

#### COME USE OUR LIBRARY!

We thank you for all the books donated in the last few months. Now, if anyone has LARGE PRINT or audio books to donate or return, we would appreciate them.

We have completely alphabetized the books, hardbacks as well as paperbacks by author.

To keep it this way, *we ask again you return all books and donations to the basket.* Thank you. Nicki Kettering and Connie Phillips.

## BYE BYE BIRDIE

In Memoriam

By Bobbi Judy

June 28, 2007, marked the day that Ruth Williams waved a fond goodbye to the proud Eagle who had held court at his corner of Ironwood and Sumac for the past eight years. "The Bird", as Ruth called him, provided daily entertainment for all who passed by with his unending array of most fashionable clothing and headgear. He was also known to occasionally don a mask and pretend to be someone else entirely. We always knew who he was, though, and watched eagerly each day to see the latest transformation.

Thank you, Ruth, for some fun years! We join you in wishing Eagle Williams a happy and interesting afterlife as he soars into his next great adventure. Bye Bye, Birdie.

**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 \$10.75. This will give you \$14.50 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:

#92	Steven Troutman	NA
#106	Bonnie Travis	749-0889
#374	Daniel & Julie Conner	749-2857

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. (760-489-1323).*

Where: Champagne Village

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning  
Battery Purchase  
Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

**BOOKMOBILE:** The Bookmobile will be here Tuesday, August 7 and Tuesday, August 21, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



**Summer Reading Program** for adults is now happening. Information will be available from the Bookmobile staff or Betty Mortz, also, notices on the mailbox bulletin board or the copy machine room. It ends August 14 and announcement of winners of the gift card drawing will be August 22. Read five books to enter. Betty Mortz (751-1473).

## TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2007

Trash is picked up on Fridays.