



CV NEWS

A Newsletter For
Champagne Village Property Owners Association
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September 2002

Board Meeting Synopsis:

Items Approved:

1. Purchase and installation of emergency vehicle strobe detectors to expedite opening the main gate. These devices are designed especially for this purpose.
2. For safety purposes, relocation of a gas valve at space #47.
3. Meeks Plumbing bid to replace three defective 4-inch water main shut off valves. This work will preclude an emergent need to shut off water supply to the entire Village.
4. Cliff and Charlene Thompson were appointed as Champagne Village Travel Coordinators. Please see article on this page.

Announcements:

Next Board "Workshop": Sept. 16th, 9:00 AM, in the Card Room. *(Always held the Monday prior to the Board meetings.)*

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting: Sept. 18th, at 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM 2002-2003

Don Harrington, President – 749-8369
Dwain Rowe, Vice President – 751-0172
Doreen Smith, Secretary – 751-3305
Warren Denny, Director – 749-1438
Ray Kessler, Director – 749-3059
June Crane, Director – 751-3567
Joan Van Ingen, Director – 749-0932

Minutes and financial statements are available in the small card room for your reading.

NOTE: Both monthly reports given by Tom Riggs, Community Mgr., & Rick Gibson, Property Mgr., are posted on the bulletin board at the mailbox.

OFFICE NOTES

REMINDERS: CV Clubs, please be sure to get your articles in for the newsletter by the 18th of each month.

Please remember, your cats are not allowed to roam outside of your home.

Please remember when you open the gate to the R.V. Area, to be sure to lock it behind you when you leave.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION: Please make the following correction in your new directory:
#70 Mary Pena's correct phone #: 749-5589.

LIBRARY INFORMATION: This is for the jig-saw puzzle lovers. When you complete a puzzle, please do not return it to the library if pieces are missing. Thank you.

AMERICAN FLAG: Is your AMERICAN FLAG old and in need of being destroyed? If so, bring it to the Office; it will be picked up by Resident Bruce Cripe, who will take it to the Boy Scouts in Temecula for proper disposal.

As a retired Marine, Bruce teaches the Boy Scouts, through his Rotary Club, the proper ritual (ceremony) for laying a flag to rest when it is no longer in good enough condition to fly.



TRAVEL NEWS: We would like to congratulate Cliff and Charlene Thompson for being approved as our new CV Travel Coordinators, taking over the job that Gladys Wilkinson

did for so many years. They would like to hear from all you Villagers, with your suggestions for upcoming trips and excursions that they could begin planning. Give them a call at (751-0410). They'd love your help!

CV NEWS SURVEY: We received a few (very few) responses to the August survey, and will publish comments in the next issue. Thank you.

NEW RESIDENTS:

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| #60 Virginia Niciphor | 751-3464 |
| #140 Harry Carnegie | No phone yet |
| #456 Jean & Elaine Pecaut | 749-1036 |

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

LAMPLITERS

Back by Popular Demand

First Friday Dance Returns

September 6th ~ 7 PM until 9 PM ~

\$5.00 per couple ~ Singles \$2.50

At Village Hall ~ Live: LAMPLITERS

Regulars at Joslyn Senior Center, San Marcos

For Your Listening Pleasure Also

Invite dance friends ~ Bring your snacks/drinks

We'll have a fun-filled evening for everyone

New Residents Especially Invited, Get Acquainted

PAY AT THE DOOR.

Arrive at 6:30 for visiting and cocktail time.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The next SAC function will be an old-fashioned ice cream social and a comedy show on Sunday, Sept.

15th, at 1 PM. All residents who like to laugh and who feel it's an essential part of their lives are especially welcome.

Please sign up in the Village Hall, so we can determine how much ice cream to



purchase. Tickets are only \$2.50 per person. Pay at the door. At no cost, you will then receive another colored ticket for a raffle drawing. We will be giving away THREE prizes!

HOT FLASHES

The Hot Flashes are coming to our village on Friday, October 4th, at 7 PM. After they perform, there will be dancing. So mark Oct 4th on your social calendars NOW!

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

SEPTEMBER POTLUCK

Our September potluck will be held on Friday, September 13th, in the Village Hall. The dinner will begin promptly at 6 PM. We especially welcome all new single residents of Champagne Village to join us. The potlucks are a great way to meet other singles. Please be sure to sign the Potluck sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Village Hall.

THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH

In August, we went to Bruno's, in Restaurant Row in San Marcos. On Friday, September 6th, we will be going to Cask And Cleaver in Fallbrook. There's a sign up sheet on the Singles Bulletin Board in the Village Hall. We look forward to having you join us that evening. We'll meet at 4:30 PM, at the laundry room across from the Village Hall. In October, we'll surprise you, so it's important to check the bulletin board to see where we will be going.

SINGLES join us! For information call -- Mary Starkey (751-0825)

CONCERTS/MUSICALS

The 2002-2003 season brochure for the Center for the Arts is available. I also have the Globe brochure if you would like to see it. The San Diego Sun Harbor Chorus and the Rancho Bernardo Troubadours will present "Ba, Ba, Ba, Bing!" on Saturday, Sept 21st, at 2 PM and 7 PM, on the UCSD mpus in La Jolla. It's a live barbershop production about the life and songs of Bing Crosby. Tickets are



\$13 for seniors.

“Guys and Dolls” starts at the Welk Theater on September 4th.

PLEASE REMEMBER- You do NOT have to drive to any evening event. We usually have plenty of drivers! Call Mimi at (751-1032)

DANCING

If you enjoy dancing, here are some locations for you to consider:

*Oceanside Senior Center - call for upcoming dances

* Joslyn Senior Center (ESC) Tues 1PM & Sat at 7 PM. (live bands)

* Joslyn Senior Ctr. (San Marcos) Sun. afternoons

* San Luis Rey Downs on Saturday evenings
Call Ruth Yanez (751-8939) or Virginia Ewing (751-1415)

A Special Request:

Please remember to continue saving sample/trial sizes, and other goodies for our Christmas gift giveaway game.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: Have your blood pressure checked free of charge. Friday, Sept. 6th, in the Village Hall from 8:30 to 10:00 AM. *Fresh coffee and refreshments.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday Sept. 1st, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, in the Village Hall.

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



CVPOA DISASTER COMMITTEE

OUR TV Screens have been filled with signs of fires forcing evacuation of single dwellings and whole communities. The more notice you have, the more time you have to pick and choose which items

to salvage as you leave. Some folks had only enough time to grab the family photos.

If some evening you are abruptly notified by a fireman, a sheriff or your neighborhood disaster control officer to evacuate: can you lay your hands on the things you most want to salvage? Insurance, financial papers, jewelry, photos or whatever?

If you do not have your own transportation, have you made prior arrangements for a friend or neighbor to transport you?

The disaster control will make every effort to assist those with special needs, but it is up to the individuals to “buddy up”, in the event of an emergency evacuation

We all have our priorities. A little forethought and planning would save a lot of scrambling in the event an evacuation should ever become a reality.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Friends Helping Friends” is an organization of volunteers who drive fellow villagers to medical appointments when they have no other means of getting there. This is a much-needed service, and the more volunteers we have, the less often each driver will be called upon. If you can help, please call Jan Denny at (749-4255).



If you are in need of a ride to your medical appointment, please call Jan, and she will find someone to drive you there. We are volunteers, and more than happy to help in this way. If you have an emergency, however, call 911.

Getting to Know.... Jean Blyth

By LoReta Phelps

Last month we told you about Mike Godfrey who met his wife, Jean, at a wheelchair square dance. Now, we'd like you to get to know her.

Jean was born in Detroit. Both her parents were professional musicians. Her father, a violinist, was the Assistant Concert Master of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He was one of the original

four members. Her mother was a professional piano teacher.

She attended a Catholic high school in nearby Kalamazoo, then began college but dropped out and married her first husband in June of 1947. At this time, Jean was nineteen years old. It was only a couple of months later that Jean came down with some flu like symptoms. The doctor came to the house, and then sent Jean to the hospital for a spinal tap, which determined that she had the dreaded disease, polio.

As a result, she was placed in a special hospital for the contagious diseases of polio, TB and meningitis. She spent seven months there, getting treatments, which consisted of being wrapped in steaming hot blankets and physical therapy. The therapist would pull and stretch her muscles, which Jean says caused greater pain than childbirth. Polio left her unable to move her legs but still with feeling.

Jean and her husband had to go back and live with her parents because their apartment was on the second floor, and she could no longer climb the stairs. There were some stairs at her parents' place, and to conquer them, Jean would go up them one by one, on her bottom, by lifting herself up with her hands and arms. Eventually, this got to be too much, but Jean and her husband were able to buy a small, single level one-bedroom house. By this time, they had two little boys. In 1957, they had a little girl and she *was* little. She was a "preemie", and only weighed two pounds, but then the boys had only weighed a little over five pounds each.

In 1965, Jean's husband died. Now she needed a job to support her family. She got some training as a keypunch operator, and through a friend, got a job at Wayne State University, where she worked for 27 years.

While holding down her day job, Jean also went to night school to learn computer programming, so as to improve her employment. She got the opportunity to learn how to install SPIRES, which was a library retrieval system language developed at Stanford University.

Often, in March, Jean would go to Stanford to attend learning and training sessions. By this time, she had met Mike so he would accompany her.

After the sessions in Palo Alto, they would drop down to Chula Vista to visit Jean's son, Sandy. As a result of these visits, California began to look good to them.

It was on one of these visits that Sandy took them to Las Vegas, and as they were going up old Highway 395, they saw this interesting place. Later, when they were looking in Escondido to relocate, they remembered the place on Rte. 395.

Across the country they came, with Jean driving her hand operated car and her son, Sandy, driving a rental truck with all their worldly possessions. The day was Memorial Day, 1996, which Jean recalls with a big smile.

LIONS CLUB



Help us help others in need! Your donations of used clothing, household items, and aluminum cans make this possible! Used clothing and household items are taken to the Interfaith Council Thrift Store in Escondido. They offer assistance to many needy families with shelter, clothing and food. Call Billy Smith (751-3305), or Chuck Chandler (749-8874), for pick up.

We are a service club that is dedicated to assisting the blind. We buy glasses for school kids, help in the training of Seeing Eye and care dogs. Many other needy organizations have our support, also, such as the local hospice group, Children's hospital, and we send blind kids to camp.

The club is open to men and women that live in the village. WE NEED YOU! Please join us on the first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, in the Village Hall, for dinner on us to see what our club is all about. For more information, please call Billy Smith (751-3305), or Greta Syme (751-4080).

Many thanks for dropping off your old glasses in the Lion's box in the Village Hall, by the copy machine. These glasses are sorted, repaired by the Lion's Club International staff, and then given to those who cannot afford to purchase glasses. Your donations are appreciated.

Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma, Low Vision classes start Sept. 6th, for eight weeks, ending

Oct. 25th, in the Village Hall. Time: 10 AM to 12 PM. These classes do not teach you how to read Braille. You will learn valuable skills that teach you how to adapt to living with Macular Degeneration.

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

The Men's Club meeting for the month of July was held in a very contentious atmosphere, as several of the members aired their opinions regarding the acceptance of any outside sponsorship for the Club. Specifically, the question of accepting the donations and support from Mark Brashear and Americom was at the forefront. After several minutes of heated argument, President Bob Saint walked out of the meeting, and later resigned his office as President.

Vice-President Bob Bolt took over the meeting, and a motion was made and seconded from the floor that "our Club will not endorse nor accept any outside sponsorship of any commercial organization or individual." A standing vote was taken, and the motion was passed by an overwhelming majority.

Several discussions, regarding the payment from the Women's Club, and the notification to the Village Board of Directors regarding the Americom Barbecue next year, and several other topics were tabled until the next meeting, because of the turmoil due to the floor discussions.

At a later meeting, Bob Bolt ceded the Presidency to Jean Slaughter, who has agreed to take over as interim President for the balance of the year.

On August 8th, there was a Board Member meeting to welcome President Slaughter. There was an agreement that the Board should meet at least once each quarter, one week prior to the regular Men's Club meeting.



On to happier things....

The Safari to Reidy Creek was an outstanding success, with a lot of players finding out that this wasn't just some ordinary Par-3 Course!

The results were:

"A" Group winner – O. Macioci

"B" Group winner – R. Urbaniak

"C" Group winner – L. Rabeneau

DON'T FORGET! The next Safari will be to Quail Ranch (Doug Dannevik's new stomping grounds) on Sept. 30th.

There's still time to sign up, so call Bill Cowan (749-5957) for more information

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Golf is a game where you yell "fore", shoot 6, and write down 5.

ADVENTURES FROM PARADISE WITH ANNETTA & RICHARD

A coffee house is not a novelty, but the Caffe Calabria, with an Italian motif, near the corner of University and 30th in San Diego, certainly rates as an adventure! The owners reputedly spent a million dollars to create this place for coffee lovers.

They are open from 6 AM to 3 PM on weekdays. Weekends, they open at 7 AM.

First, the ambience, with its paintings and architecture, makes your coffee drinking an adventure. They order coffee beans from around the world, and blend their own house blend that will knock your socks off. Incidentally, many restaurants use their house blend.

Their deli offers breakfast, including tasty egg combinations, but also oatmeal, pastries and bagels. Their luncheon menu includes inexpensive sandwiches, salads, soups and different Italian pastas. Their beverages not only include a variety of fresh roasted coffees, but all kinds of teas, smoothies and juices. For the bold, there is, of course, Italian ice cream.

To reach this delightful place, drive south on Interstate 15, transfer to Route 163, which will



bring you to the 805. Head south on 805, and get off on University. Follow University west, about six blocks, to 30th Street. A right turn on 30th will bring you immediately to 3933 30th -- just around the corner from University.

If you are going to or from San Diego, this is a must adventure. You can even stop by on your way to the Zoo. After breakfast at Caffe Calabria, continue west on University to Park Avenue, and approach the Zoo from the north. Use your San Diego map to see this route.

Annetta & Richard at #212, (751-2772)

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

The Fountains Ladies Golf Club met August 14th. Twenty members attended. Mario Trejo, the Welk Resort Manager, and Terry Roberts asked if they could come, in order to thank us for our support. A letter was received from Tom Riggs and the board of Champagne Village, notifying us that only 35% of Champagne Village residents were club members., and the Champagne Village bylaws state that any organization using the village facilities should have at least 50%. We discussed how we might get more members, maybe by inviting the Oaks Ladies, and lowering our dues. The issue was tabled until our next meeting. Mario Trejo volunteered to find us a meeting place at the Welk Resort.

We need new members! Join us, and play for sweeps, ringers, holes-in-one, closest to the hole, straightest, longest balls and for *fun!* Mary Dackerman, from Fallbrook, is our Membership Chairperson – (760) (302-3791).

The Champagne Classic was successfully held July 22nd. Each member should invite more than one guest and play should be as a foursome rather than a twosome.

Low gross for July was Doreen Burchett; low net was Jeannie Hunt.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

Twenty Oaks Ladies Golf Club members, including Betty Spencer and Margaret Koepfel, Social Members, joined together August 1st, at the

Clubhouse, and enjoyed quiche, egg rolls, lemonade and cookies, provided by Hostesses Linda Cherry and Teresa Stalzer.

President Lue Guthrie called the meeting to order and shared an opening joke. The minutes were read by Priscilla DeArman, and Linda Cherry read the Treasurer's Report. Lue thanked Priscilla DeArman for her work on the 2002-2003 handbooks that were distributed at the meeting. Thank you also, to Lue and Margaret Koepfel for stapling the books.



Happy August Birthday to Betty Spencer, Marion Ellison, Eva Baker, Dorothy Fisher, Jeri Stansberry, Jessie Cowan and Gerry Taylor.

Lue Guthrie, Nancy Clark and Joan Sweet won golf balls, and Jackie Wilkie won the Fifty-fifty.

PLEASE NOTE, since there is a Safari on October 3rd, to Reidy Creek, the meeting will be held prior to the Safari, 9:00 AM, at the Clubhouse.

If you want to have fun playing golf, we would love to have you join us. Call Joyce Martin (749-8422), for more information, or join us at our next meeting September 5th, 12:00 Noon, at the Clubhouse.

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club is open to any resident of Champagne Village. We are a great group of people who really enjoy playing tennis and exercising in the fresh air. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY AT A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL!** There is a place for you, even if you are a beginner. For information, please call our membership chairman, Don Phelps (751-9796). He would love to visit with you and share our club activities.

We are very fortunate to have Stan Daily, a Tennis Club member, who can teach at all levels, if you need to brush up on your tennis.

We will have our annual picnic and business meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12th, at 4:30, in the Picnic Area. Our hosts will be Marge Jacobsen and Joyce Harrington. It will be a great evening...don't miss it!

We will have a special evening at “The Old Spaghetti Factory”, in San Marcos, on Sept. 6th. The time will be announced in the monthly flyer. Pizza night will be on Friday, Sept. 20th, at World’s Best Pizza, on El Norte Parkway. We play tennis at 4:30, pizza at 6:00 PM.



LADIES MONDAY BRIDGE

Mondays, 1 to 4 PM, in the Village Hall.
September Hostess is Pat Peterson (751-0887).

BRIDGE TUESDAY EVENINGS

Enjoy an evening of bridge with your friends. Every Tuesday evening at 7 PM, in the Village Hall. September Hosts are Ruth and Jack McClain (751-8638).

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

Every Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1:00 PM, in the card room. No stress, no pain. Just relax and have fun. Singles welcomed. Call Gary Beach, (749-3387) for a reservation.

COUPLES BRIDGE

Wednesday, September 11th, in the Village Hall. Hosts are Al and Helene Beach (749-3387), and Jim Combs and Darlene Phillips (749-2348). Sign up at the bulletin board to make your reservation, and indicate whether you will bring hors d’oeuvres or dessert to serve 12. Cocktail hour at 5:00 PM – bridge between 5:30 – 6:00 PM.

Plates and napkins are furnished, but don’t forget to bring your libation, and the \$1.00 per person prize money. There are 3 prizes for men, and 3 for women. The more signups, the bigger the prize. We had a great turnout last month. Let’s do it again!

HAPPY HANDS



Join us at Happy Hands every Tuesday, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We are a group of “lightly organized” ladies who enjoy crafts, needlework,

knitting, crocheting, etc. Many of our projects are donated to “Piece by Piece”, that supplies articles of clothing to abused and neglected children in San Diego Co.; the Brandeis University Women’s Committee, that supports the never-ending needs of the San Diego Children’s Hospital Foundation, for use in their Neonatal I.C.U.; St. Clair’s Home for abused women and children, and we donate pieces of new material to the “Heart in Hands” group at Palomar Hospital for the Hand Puppets and Heart Pillows they make for hospitalized patients. We want to thank the generous residents of Champagne Village for their donations of yarn and material for these various projects. It is greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome! For further information call Nancy Musko (749-1125).

CANASTA = PENNIES

Meets 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM every 1st and 3rd Thursday at the Village Hall. Call Dori Sherwood (749-9505), for more information.

BINGO

Join us on the third Friday of each month, at 6:30 PM, in the Village Hall. Bingo cards are 50 cents each....buy as many as you want to play. The progressive jackpot is \$1.00. September’s Jackpot will be worth over \$90.00!! Hope to see you there with your friends and neighbors.

BUNKO

Our Bunko group meets every second and fourth Friday at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. Those interested in playing, please call Shirley Henderson (749-6447), or Barbara Schulte (749-1808).

EZ TENNIS

Because a number of you requested that the tennis matches continue, the CV office was kind enough to book us for Tuesdays at 10:30 AM, starting September 3rd. We will continue to have fun and healthful socializing. Come one, come all, and

enjoy the laughter and camaraderie. Come and watch and cheer the players, as they get their much-needed exercise. You can eventually join in the actual play when, and if, you decide. The only thing that you need to furnish is a pair of tennis shoes, if you decide to play. For more information, call Doreen or James Burchett (751-4008).

ATTENTION: VILLAGE CHORUS MEMBERS!!!

We are starting up again. Rehearsals will be on Mondays, and will begin MONDAY, Sept. 9th, 10:30 AM, in the Card Room.



We will be preparing the Christmas Concert, which will be Dec. 15th, at 2:00 PM, in the Village Hall. We welcome new members. If you love to sing, and would like to join us, please contact the director, Dixie Talbot (749-3392).

CHAMPAGNE COMPUTER CLUB

JUNK MAIL IS TOPIC

"How to Keep Junk Mail Out of Your P.O. Box by Using Your Computer", will be described at the regular monthly meeting of the Champagne Computer Club, to be held in the Village Hall at 3 PM, on Friday, September 6th.

We will also discuss the issue of when and how does one update his/her computer, as well as share troubleshooting hints.

We have a computer chair for sale for \$25, and a complete 486 computer & monitor for beginners for sale for \$100. Contact Richard Coffman at (751-2772). All sale proceeds will go to the Club.

Any interested Village resident is invited to attend the meeting. New residents of the Village who own computers are especially invited to "check us out!" Annual dues are only \$5.

ODDS AND ENDS

VAN TRIPS: The Village Van leaves the first and third Wednesday for North County Fair (Westfield), Trader Joes and



Henrys. 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.

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Where: Champagne Village Hall

When: 1st Thursday of each month,
10 AM to 12 Noon.

Services: Check and clean all hearing aids.

Sell batteries of all sizes.

Otoscopic evaluation.

Schedule hearing test appointments.

MENS POOL

Come play with us weekdays. Call John Dolan (751-8500), or Skip Skillion (749-1811), for information.



WATER EXERCISE

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

BOOKMOBILE

The San Diego County Library Bookmobile will be in Champagne Village on Sept. 10th and 24th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. *They are scheduled to be in CV every two weeks.*

GOLF CART CLINIC

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



Victors Mobile Cart Service will have a clinic on the last Friday of each month,

at the Picnic Area, beginning at 9:00 AM.