

The Champagne Village Times



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Disaster Control

Village Residents who are Palomar Medical Center auxiliary members.



Happy Halloween!

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Standing Committee Chairs

June Crane,
Architectural
Mimi Baca,
Social Activities
Open,

Board Meeting Notes

Approvals:

Reserve Study Update prepared by Trower Corporation.

A bid from Michael J Ferrara, CPA, to conduct audit of year-end financials and prepare taxes for \$2,590.00.

Next Board "Workshop": October 13, 2003, at 9:00 AM, in the Card Room. (Always held the Monday prior to the Board meetings.)

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting: October 15, 2003, at 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.

Office Notes

FREE FLU SHOTS: Will be available at Champagne Village October 16th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in the Village Hall. The shots will be at no cost to you; however you must register at the Village Hall office **BEFORE** October 10th. The shots are for Champagne Village Residents only. The flu shots are sponsored by Palomar/Pomerado Health System. Volunteers are from Champagne

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY:

Most Villagers are aware of the danger when exiting the West Gate. There have been accidents, and although we have tried to get a traffic light, Caltrans has said there isn't enough traffic to warrant it.

Once again, people are working to see if an agreement with The Welk Resort can be reached regarding a traffic light. During heavier Champagne Boulevard traffic periods, you may decide to depart via the North Gate and use the Welk Resort main exit.

That view of ongoing traffic is clearer than the West Gate, and less risky. The safety benefit may well be worth your time.

Board Minutes and financial statements are available in the small card room for your reading. SAC financials are posted quarterly and may be viewed at this same location.

New Residents:

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| #356 Asha Mac Isaac | 749-5033 |
| #384 John & Leonora Straton | 751-8696 |

LETTERS FROM THE TIMES

* VOTE * BY-LAWS CHANGE * VOTE*

Early in October, all Owners will receive a letter from the Board describing the proposed change, and a ballot requesting your vote, YES or NO.

Briefly, as described in this column (August edition), the change will permit a more informed, deliberate election of officers following each Annual Meeting. Your Board unanimously recommends a YES vote. Enough said ... the Board letter completely describes the opportunity.

This editorial asks you to VOTE! By-Laws changes are serious matters indeed, requiring a *majority vote*. We all know how difficult it is to obtain a majority on *anything*; as responsible citizens you need to exercise your voting right to ensure enactment.

So please don't put your ballot in the "to do" stack. Vote promptly.

CV TRAVEL STUDY OKAYED

The Board has authorized a study, designed to provide a Travel Program for the benefit of all Residents, and has assigned a small group to recommend such a program to the Board at an early date.

The Group is commencing the Study right now, with the enclosed SURVEY, to determine Traveler preferences. Many Residents have been lobbying the Office and the Board for a Travel Program; here's your chance to tell us what you want.

There are only four multiple choice questions; the volume of responses will influence the time allocated to the Study. So, if you're interested in a Travel Program designed with you in mind, your wishes will be served best by responding via the Survey.

It's the last (**Orange**) page in this October 2003 issue, following the advertising pages.

ANNOUNCING A NEW FEATURE

Our research tells us that readers would welcome a new feature, which we'll call, for openers, NOW YOU KNOW.

Readers are encouraged to submit their ideas, thoughts, suggestions – things they want to share – on just about any subject. Like a chemical to convert copper to gold – or a sure cure for the common cold, perhaps a system to pick the winning lottery numbers, you name it.

Maybe it's funny – informative – helpful – whatever's "fit to print".

Please address your piece to NOW YOU KNOW, and drop into the Village Hall mail slot, by the 18th of each month. Your comments re this feature are welcome.

KITCHEN UP-DATE

Many thanks to all those who worked hard, especially Tom and our maintenance crew Mario and Jose, to produce our beautiful new kitchen. Now, we would ask each of you to help maintain an orderly kitchen by returning things to their proper places. Until the drawers and cabinets are labeled, please take an extra minute to determine where each item belongs. The everyday silverware is kept in the kitchen, but the matching stainless silverware is kept in the rolling basket in the #4 storage room closet. Our plastic punch bowls need to be kept separate from the glass bowls, since putting glass punch bowls on top of the plastic bowls crack the plastic. We have five 60-cup coffee urns, plus an additional one that is used for hot water, and now a new 30 cup urn to use for smaller functions. Decoration materials are kept in plastic bins in the storage room. Please return materials after using, and return bins to the shelf. The same is true for the chafing dishes and roaster pans.

If you are planning a party or function and wish to use the hall and kitchen, please pick up a helpful reminder sheet from Karin in the Village office.

If you have questions or needs involving the kitchen, pantry and/or storage room, please contact Linda Harper (751-0075).

DO YOU HAVE A VISION PROBLEM?

The Braille Institute provides free training starting Friday, November 14th, through Friday, December 19th (total of 6 classes). These classes provide a lot of vital information and common sense for those with varying degrees of sight loss. Please bring

your family members or friends with you. They will learn a great deal as to how to work with you as your sight diminishes.

For information, call Billy Smith (751-3305).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Mimi Baca

HALLOWEEN:

Start planning now regarding which costume you plan to wear for our Halloween Dinner Dance on Oct 31st. We will judge the costumes with an applause meter just like the old shows on TV. Sign up as soon as you see the poster at the mail boxes.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS WORKSHOP:

The Holiday Craft Workshop is set for Oct 11th and Oct 18th. The deadline to sign up is October 5th. Again, sign up now!

NOTICE:

We will postpone the Mystery Dinner Theater, scheduled for Oct 4th, until January.

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Mimi Baca

OCTOBER POTLUCK

October Potluck will be held on Friday, October 10th, at 6:00 PM. Please sign up in the Village Hall and let us know what favorite dish you plan to bring. If for some reason you cannot sign up, call Mimi Baca (751-1032). The monthly hostesses need to plan the number of place settings for that evening. Newcomers are especially welcome!

THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH

We had the largest group ever join us at the Castle Creek Country Club last month. This month on Friday, Oct 3rd, we'll go to Mr. W's. Why? - because our "bunch" has never gone there together as a group. We'll meet at the laundry room at 4:30 PM. No carpools this month - a tram will take us

there. Sign up or call Mary Starkey (751-0825), if you wish to join us.

CONCERTS/MUSICALS

For theater goers, I have the season brochures for the Center for the Arts and the North Coast Repertory Theatre. Please call me (751-1032), if you would like to see those brochures.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: Have your blood pressure checked free of charge. Friday, October 4th, in the Village Hall from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

MEN'S SUNDAY BREAKFAST

By Mark Henderson



Sunday, October 5th, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, in the Village Hall.

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

I would like to start by saying on behalf of the men, a special thanks to S.A.C. for the wonderful Volunteer Luncheon in honor of all the S.A.C. function volunteers. We were entertained by members of Sweet Adelines and for those who missed it, you missed a great show! Thank you, ladies.

We will be losing a couple of breakfast servers, Don Phelps and Ray Kessler. Both men have served for 5 years, and continue to volunteer for various needs in our Village. They exemplify the type of volunteer necessary to bring a quality breakfast to us all, always willing to do what is needed to be done. Their camaraderie will be missed. So, please

come to our breakfast on October 5th, and thank them for dedicated service to our community.

On that note, if you are a man who wants to volunteer, call me at (749-5546), or look for me at the breakfast.

Our average attendance has fallen slightly over the last few months. With the holiday season coming, we look forward to feeding your friends and family. So, come one, come all!

CVPOA DISASTER COMMITTEE

By Tom Mc Cue

Wanted! Some community minded individual (or consortium) to step forward and take over the responsibility of directing the disaster preparedness program for our village. Contact any board member or the Village Office. We have declared a moratorium on disaster, but who knows how long our luck will last?

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



“Friends Helping Friends” is an organization of volunteers who drive fellow Villagers to medical appointments when they have no other means of getting there. If you are in need of our services, please call

Jan Denny (749-4255), and she will find a driver for you. Please call as far in advance as possible. If it's a real emergency, of course, call 911 for assistance.

We can always use more drivers, so if you would like to help out occasionally, please call the above number and volunteer your services. We need you.

Getting To Know...

Joe & Mary Klopp

By LoReta Phelps

The Klopps are so new that they aren't in the directory yet. If you want to contact them call 749-1314, or stop by #414. They moved here in May

from Fresno, where they had lived for the previous fifteen years.

Joe worked as an investigator for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), so he started investigating possible retirement locations. They wanted a 55+ own your own land type of community. Originally, they thought of Florida. But after visiting and being covered with mosquitoes while taking a walk, they decided, "This is not it."

While living in Fresno and traveling around for the FAA, he began doing research on retirement locations from Santa Cruz south. As a result, he and Mary started taking weekend trips to check out the various possibilities.

They saw some very nice places, but when they drove into Champagne Village, they both agreed, "This is it." It was a year and a half before they would be ready, so Joe kept in close contact with a local realtor. They even visited with some friends who stayed in the Welk timeshares. The friends liked the Village very much.

Would you believe that Joe is another Chicago native? He joined the Navy right out of high school, and was stationed in Scotland.

After his discharge, while touring the States, staying with Navy friends, Joe met Mary. She was the younger sister of one of his Navy buddies. Joe knew she was the one, but it took a while to convince her. After they got married, Joe wanted to pursue his dream of becoming a pilot. So they moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Joe attended flight school. After various jobs in aviation as an airmail pilot, flight instructor, and charter pilot, Joe went to work for the FAA until he retired. At 41, Joe suffered a massive heart attack. As a result, he wrote a book, "A Heart Attack Can Save Your Life" using the pen name, Joe Mason (Mary's maiden name). He has done over 200 radio interviews coast to coast. It's out of print now, but he does have a few copies left.

Mary was born in Utica, New York, and was a stay-at-home mom until their kids were in middle school. Then she went to work for the school district, in special education.

The Klopps have been married 34 years and have three children. Joe Jr. works for the U.S. Forestry

Department. Their twin girls, Kelley and Diane, are seniors at Fresno Pacific College.

In the process of moving here, Mary broke her leg and required surgery. The doctors have assured her of a full recovery by spring. She is looking forward to this so that she can learn to play golf. Currently, she is doing some exercise with a neighbor, long time resident Edie Fashing.

Joe is a member of SAC, is the Sunday breakfast "bacon cooker" and works at the golf part of Welk Resort.

LIONS CLUB

By Billy Smith

VILLAGERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!!

FREE DINNER



The Champagne Village Lion's Club invites any Villager to a FREE dinner at our regular dinner meeting to be held October 15th, at 5:30 PM in the Village Hall. Willard Youtz will be

preparing a wonderful meal for us.

Our little club is made up of widowers, widows, couples and anyone who enjoys getting together for dinner once a month. We invite those who enjoy helping others and associating with all the wonderful people who make up Champagne Village!

No one will be pressured to become a member, but that door is always open. We want to meet you! Please phone the club secretary, Doreen Smith (751-3305), for reservations by October 12th, so we will know how much homemade food to prepare.

A very warm welcome to our new members: Pat Maguire, Mark & Sandi Henderson!!!

Please remember to save your aluminum cans and household items you no longer need. Call Billy Smith for pick-up at (751-3305).

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Ken Johnson



CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO OUR RYDER CUP PLAYERS! Yes, for the second year in a row, the CV Men's Club won the Ryder Cup Trophy by defeating the Fountains Men's Club 14 - 10 over the three-day contest. Good going, guys! A reminder for the Fountains players: To be awarded a chip-in, you must use a lofted club, not a putter.

We'd like to give a warm welcome to new club member Everett Smith. Glad to have you with us! Take a moment to think a good thought for Gene McVey, who passed away suddenly after returning home from Hospice care.

On a positive note, reports have it that Bud Steen is improving steadily, and Art Baker, having been diagnosed with lymphoma, is home now, and ready for a few phone calls.

Joe Wagner is way out in front for Golfer of the Year on the Fountains with an 84, and Ray Urbaniak is leading on the Oaks with 58.

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The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.

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FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Doris Wright

The September club meeting was called to order by President Dottie Moore, who surprised us with a cake and sodas to honor our rules chair, Joan Brogan. This was Joan's last meeting before she moves to Brea to be near her family, after the recent loss of her husband. We will miss her and her thorough knowledge of golf rules.



In lieu of a regular meeting in August, the Board met to select a nominating committee to develop a slate of officers for next year. They also decided to add \$5.00 to memberships to cover the cost of returning the Ringer Board to the dues structure next year. The members supported these decisions at the meeting in September. The group welcomed the new and returning members who have joined the club this year.

Good news! The Welk Pro Shop has ordered a new computer with the latest touch screen system for entering our scores. Our handicap chair, Lue Guthrie, will input the scores we have accumulated since the old computer crashed, and members should be able to use the new computer right away. Club starting times will return to the winter schedule on October 1st, when play will begin at 7:24 AM, but winter rules will not begin until November 1st, after daylight savings.

The President's Cup match play tournament will be held on October 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Members were reminded that participation is restricted to those who have played seven games with the club in the five months preceding the start of the tournament. A list of individual records is posted on the FLC board at the golf course. Regular sweeps matches will be held for members who are not participating in the tournament.

Sweeps will be paid at the October meeting for ringer and play for the past three months. Doreen Burchett won August Low gross and Low net winner was Sally Olsen.

Thought for the month: "Golf is a game of opposites – the world's slowest players are ahead of you, and the fastest are behind".

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Priscilla De Arman

Are you ready? Reidy Creek Golf course is booked for our next safari. Although it's *only* a par 3 course, golf cart rental is recommended. Special rates are offered for Escondido residents and even better....*senior* rates for those of us who qualify.

After golf, for those interested, we'll be meeting for lunch at the Acapulco Restaurant on East Valley Parkway. Members who are unable to participate in the golfing package are welcome to join us for lunch. Hopefully, we can get some car pools arranged. Nancy Clark is chairing this event.

Teresa Stalzer and her crew are concocting some very interesting "German" dishes and entertainment for the Oktoberfest, coming up on October 23rd.

Hope all members are planning to attend. You really don't want to miss this one! Reminder: **RSVP or sign up before Oct. 15.**

Our new cookbook project is progressing well and should be available by November 1st, just in time for Christmas shopping and gift giving.

Thanks to all our social members who have been attending our meetings. Isn't it great to have a special day for sharing a hug and warm wishes with our golf friends?

TENNIS CLUB

By Tom Mc Cue

September meeting was held on the picnic grounds followed by an enjoyable steak-fry and social hour. Special thanks to the hosts, the Smiths, the Kesslers and the Phelps.

October will feature Play Day on Sunday, the 12th, with Warren and Jan Denny calling the shots. Also, watch for flyer for Pizza Nitters.

LADIES MONDAY BRIDGE

By Charlotte Small



Monday Ladies Bridge is from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. Call Charlotte Small, our October Hostess (749-4935).

BRIDGE TUESDAY EVENINGS

By Maxine de Guehery

Bridge for everyone! Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM, in the Village Hall. October hostess is Mary Roth (751-1442).

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

By Pat Peterson

Every Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1:00 PM, in the Card Room. No stress, no pain. Just relax and have fun. Singles welcomed. Call Pat Peterson (751-0887).

COUPLES BRIDGE

By Luella Guthrie

Wednesday, October 8th, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Jean Wentworth and Richard Thompson (749-5270), Teresa Stalzer and Cliff McDowell (749-3985).

Make your reservation to play by signing up on the bulletin board in the copy room. You may sign up to bring (service for twelve) of Hors d'oeuvres or Dessert.

Three prizes for women and three prizes for men are awarded. Please bring \$2.00 per couple for the prizes.

Come early, circulate, visit with friends and enjoy the delicious food that has been brought....and then Play Bridge!

CANASTA = PENNIES

By Dori Sherwood

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.

HAPPY HANDS

By Nancy Musko



Join us at Happy Hands every Tuesday, from 1:00 PM 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., 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 CV for their donations of yarn and material for these various projects. It is greatly appreciated.

We would like to invite any resident who has a craft project they need help with to join our group and we will try to assist you.

Everyone is welcome! For further information call Nancy Musko (749-1125).

BUNKO

By Shirley Henderson

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

EZ TENNIS

By Doreen Burchett



EZ TENNIS meets in the Village Hall every Friday from 10:30 to 11:45 AM. There is no cost of any kind, as everything is furnished....just wear tennis shoes when you are ready to play. The equipment is plastic rackets and a foam ball! No reservations required...drop in when you can to play or settle back in a chair in the air conditioned comfort of the Village Hall and get acquainted. EZ Tennis is a perfect way to play tennis, out of the sun, wind or rain. No tennis elbow, learns quickly, supplement or short term replacement for regular tennis. Great exercise, socialization, and laughter. Come one and all, ENJOY.

For more information, contact Jay and Doreen Burchett (751-4008).

WATER EXERCISE

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

MEN'S POOL

By John Dolan

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



ART CLASSES

By Bette Pickford

AN EXCITING ART CLASS FOR EVERYONE



For the past few months, professional artist Gordon Olson has conducted an exciting art class here at Champagne Village on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, in the multi-purpose room, which is located behind the laundry room. The class has brought sunshine and smiles to both beginning and advanced students, as they exercise their self-expression and relish the feeling of accomplishment from their artistic creations.

There is no closed enrollment in this wonderful class. You pay a fee of \$4.00 only on the days that you are able to attend the class. The teacher supplies all of the art materials including: art paper, colored pencils, paints, charcoal, water-color, ink, and pastels. Each student chooses which medium he/she wishes to use. If you desire, the teacher will take your signed and finished drawing, before it is colored, to shrink it down and make greeting cards that you will be able to color and send to relatives and friends.

Gordon is a retired architect and former owner of an art gallery. He is presently a member of the San Dieguito Art Guild and teaches art classes at various active retirement centers and at other facilities. His students are taken step by step through the creative process, as they explore such techniques as shade and shadow, perspective drawing, and the illusion of shape. You get to choose whatever you would like to draw.

If you have any questions about this fun class, please feel free to call Bette Pickford (751-1445). Everyone in Champagne Village is welcome to attend this marvelous class and share the sunshine and smiles that accompany your artistic masterpieces. Hope to see you there!

CHAMPAGNE COMPUTER CLUB

By Richard Coffman

COMPUTER CLUB MEETS NEW TIME AND PLACE

AT

The Champagne Computer Club will meet Monday October 6th at 7:00 PM in the Card Room, back of the Village Office.



At that time, a Computer Workshop will be held under the title, "Your Computer: Slave or Master?" Topics to be discussed will include: how to pay bills online, managing your bank account online, improving the efficiency of your computer, buying and selling stocks online, improving your connection to the Internet and many others.

Any resident of the Village is invited to attend.

The computer club was formed to help members make better use of their computers and share information with each other. It also serves the Village by providing two computers in the Card Room with high-speed connection to the Internet for use by any Village resident.

The Club has three computer systems for sale at \$50 each.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

By Leonore Alvarado

Our Prayer for Peace Service has joined forces with the Vespers Service.

Come join us on the second Sunday of each month at 4:00 PM, as we lift up our voices in prayer for peace. More than ever, our country, our leaders, our Military and their families need our support and encouragement. What better way to show our appreciation and gratefulness to the many who are sacrificing their lives for us, Let's show them we care and love them. Our world is crying out for people to turn to their hearts to God.

“God Hears the prayers of the righteous and answers their plea”

Mark the second Sunday of each month on your calendars; 4:00 PM in the Village Hall. We will see you there. Together we can make a difference!
Rick & Leonore Alvarado (751-2291).

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” Chronicles 7:14.

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE WISDOM CIRCLE

By Larry Stevens

The Wisdom Circle is back on its regular schedule - second and fourth Thursday of every month—in the multi-purpose room. In October, we will be discussing a topic dear to most hearts—the subject of LOVE. Do we really know what love is? Does “unconditional” love exist? Why do we have different experiences of love? This and more will be explored during Goblin month.

The Wisdom Circle is being hosted by former Vietnam Navy pilot, North County Institute of Noetic Sciences (I.O.N.S.) coordinator, human potential - Science-of-Spirit researcher, and resident of C.V., Larry James Stevens. Call (749-7056) for more info.

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.

SEE’S CANDIES: I have See’s gift certificates for \$9.50 a pound, compared to the retail price of \$12.40. Please make your check payable to Linda Harper, and leave it with your order at #186, or in the Village office mailbox. Any questions...call (751-0075) or email to linda8975@yahoo.com

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.

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Where: Champagne Village Hall

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning

Battery Purchase

Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

BOOKMOBILE

The San Diego County Library Bookmobile will be in Champagne Village on October 7th and October 21st 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 grounds, 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.



TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2003

Trash normally is picked up on Fridays in the Village. The following list shows the holiday weeks in 2003 that trash service will be delayed one day, from Friday to Saturday.

Thanksgiving Day – November 27, 2003

Christmas Day – December 25, 2003

New Year's Day – January 1, 2004