

# The Champagne Village Times



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**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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## **Directors/Officers**

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## **Standing Committee Chairs**

Joan Gaumer, Architectural  
Doreen Smith, Social Activities  
Matt Madsen, Disaster Control

## **Board Meeting Notes**

After considerable review, the Board approved the 2006 Reserve Study Update prepared by Paul Trower, Reserve Consultant. Along with this action, the Board approved their recommended contribution to reserves of \$31.49 per unit per month, which will be part of your monthly assessment for 2006.

The Board also reviewed the draft operating budget prepared by staff and management and requested that staff look for possible increases in income or reductions in expenditures. The Board will review and adopt a final operating budget at its November meeting. **Once the operating budget is set the Board will set the assessment amount for 2006 and you will be notified of this amount by special delivery.**

The Board failed to take action on an appeal of an A&L Committee decision; instead they asked all parties to meet and attempt to mediate the issue.

The Board finalized the wording & layout for a new sign at the main entrance.

**Next Board "Workshop":  
November 14, 2005, 9:00 AM, in the Card Room  
(always held the Monday prior to the Board meeting).**

**Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting:  
November 16, 2005, 1:00 PM, in the Village Hall.**

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

## OFFICE NOTES

**Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers to drive the CV Van to Von's on Fridays and to North County Fair on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Please see Karin in the office.

**Office Closed:** The office will be closed November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.

**Gate Holiday Hours:** The gate will be "manned" from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day.

**Trash Delay:** Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the trash will be delayed one day. Pick up will be on Saturday, November 26.

**2006 Club Reservations:** Any club or organization not repeating events for next year needs to notify the office. There is no need to fill out a 2006 reservation for existing clubs.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

### FIRST FRIDAY DANCE

NOVEMBER 4, SOCIAL/DANCE, 5:00 PM



Our hosts for the November First Friday Dance, being held on November 4 are Marcia and Ernie Leibman.

The theme for this dance is "dressy/champagne." There will be "champagne" style music played on CD's and hot hors d' oeuvres will be passed out by our own handsome Champagne Village Waiters. They will also be offering Sparkling Cider to those of you who prefer a non-alcoholic beverage. On all the tables there will be a platter with cold hors d' oeuvres. The food will be delicious and plentiful. As always, there will be dessert; but what kind of dessert is going to be a surprise.

Please bring your own champagne or beverage of choice and wear something dressy if you choose to do so.

This is going to be a "different" kind of First Friday Dance but it sounds like lots of fun. Bet you can't wait to see which gentlemen will be serving you? Make your \$5 per person check out to SAC and drop it off at the Village Hall. Mark the envelope or check with your name and space number. The cut off date for reservations is Wednesday, November 2, 2005. Don't be late! Sign up in time for this unusual event.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

By Mark Henderson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6



November is already here so come on down and celebrate with your family and friends on Sunday, November 6, from 8:00 AM until 9:30 AM. The cost is only \$2 per person. Thanks to the ongoing support of this tradition. Please bring your coffee cups, plates, silverware and, of course, your smiles.

### GAME NIGHT



Due to the many activities and holiday's coming up in November and December, please note that GAME NIGHT will be suspended for the rest of this year. More information at a later date.

### VETERANS THANKSGIVING DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 5.00 PM



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Friday, Nov 11 at 5:00 PM. The dinner will be a very traditional one - salad, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, a green vegetable and pumpkin pie for dessert. The CB Chorus will sing the service songs. There may also be a NEW trio flying in from Chicago just to sing for us! If you haven't, as yet, signed up, please go to the Village Hall and do so NOW! Vets are FREE. Spouses pay \$7. Put your \$7 in an envelope, with your name on it, ASAP and take it to space 41 (Sycamore Lane). NO money will

be collected at the door. Any questions call Mimi Baca (751-1032).

### **STAGE/PICNIC AREA**

The improvements that have been made to our stage/picnic area are wonderful and ongoing. We are also trying to update parts of our sound system for plays and meetings in the Village Hall. Generous residents are still donating monies for this purpose and to them, we say THANK YOU! Without your copious donations, we would never be this far along on our projects and improvements.

### **HAIRCUTS**

Paulette Oswald (Champagne Village Resident) has graciously offered to cut Villagers' hair to benefit the CV stage on Monday's & Tuesday's. Call her for an appointment (749-5599).

### **NOTARY PUBLIC**

Arlene Garich (Welk Village Realty) is a California Notary Public. It would be her pleasure to assist with your real estate needs. She will be donating all fees received to the SAC committee towards the Park Fund to enhance our picnic area for our benefit in the future. This will be another win-win situation for everyone. Call her at home (751-2700) or cell (500-0662).

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

#### **SAVE THESE DATES**

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

Friday, November 4, 2005: First Friday Dinner/Dance, 5:00 PM (see article).

Friday, November 11, 2005: Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner. Honoring our Veterans, 5:00 PM (See article).

Friday, December 2, 2005: First Friday Dinner/Dance, 5:00 PM.

Saturday, December 10, 2005: Christmas Party, 5:00 PM. It's going to be a sit down dinner catered by Lace Apron with entertainment by the Vidal's. \$20 per person.

Saturday, December 17, 2005: Champagne Village Chorus Christmas Program, 2:00 PM.

Sunday, December 18, 2005: Holiday Home Tour, 1:00 PM.

Monday, December 19, 2005: Caroling around the park followed by a chili and cornbread supper served in the Champagne Village Hall, 4:00 PM.

### **2006 HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

Saturday, January 28, 2006: SAC Dinner and Drama.

This year our wonderful Champagne Village Actors, directed by Jennie Shaw, will be presenting a comedy titled Senior Follies. More on this event at a later date.

### **COMPUTER TALK**

By Richard Coffman



### **DOES YOUR MOUSE HAVE A FURBALL?**

If your cursor is behaving somewhat erratically, your computer mouse may have a "furball!" Luckily, the solution is simple. Turn your mouse over, turn the ring around the ball counterclockwise, remove the ring and take out the ball. Inside where the ball resides, you may see a collection of lint. If you do, take tweezers and remove it. Replace the ball, put the ring back, turn it clockwise and turn your mouse right side up. This procedure should be done every so often to make your computer time more productive!

The Champagne Computer Club will meet at its regular time in the **Card Room of the Village Hall on Monday November 7, at 7:00 PM.** If you are having computer challenges, come to the meeting. It is open to any resident of the Village.

### **CHAMPAGNE SINGLES**

By Donna Shaw

### **NOVEMBER POTLUCK**

The October Potluck was held on Oct 14.

The Chair of the Singles for the coming year will be Pat McGuire and the Treasurer will be Lois Burdick. (Pat is the first MALE leader of the Singles!) Connie Bentley was invited to speak about

the Vial of Life Program which is so important to all Villagers - especially those who live alone. Our newest member, Bob Thurlow, entertained us with some memorable piano selections. There will be **NO NOVEMBER POTLUCK.** The December Potluck will be on November 9. The hostesses will be Mimi Baca, Donna Shaw, Annette Lee and Jennie Shaw.

Our monthly Potlucks provide you with a great opportunity to meet other singles in our village and to enjoy some great home-cooked food. Please remember first timers and singles over 85 come as our guest. As we have said MANY times before, PLEASE sign up in the Village Hall. The Hostesses need to know how many tables to set. Any questions call Donna Shaw (751-1799).

### **THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH**

By Orlie Macioci

The Champagne Village Singles going out to dinner enjoyed Mexican cuisine at LaTapatia in Escondido, CA on Friday, October 21. A small group of only 12 made it an enjoyable evening. The Banana Melon margaritas were superb. A new member was honored, Lea Hans. She was misled into thinking we were going to eat Chinese instead of Mexican. We won't tell who; but, well, let's let it go at that. A flyer was posted for a new restaurant in Valley Center. If you are interested, please sign up.

### **TRAVEL**

By Joe Klopp



ALL TRIPS DEPART FROM THE LAUNDRY AREA. You may need a jacket on any of the trips. I provide water and a light snack. You are always welcome to bring your own refreshments. **Please pay by the "PAY DATE" or earlier.** Friends and relatives are welcome to travel with you.

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

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

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT EARLY.**

**2006**

### **Las Vegas, NV., Golden Nugget**

**January 23, 24, 25 (Mon., Tue., Wed.)**

3 days/2nts., \$130 per person double, \$183 Single, The Golden Nugget, downtown. **INCLUDES:** 1 Free breakfast buffet, 1 Free welcome cocktail, baggage handling, driver's gratuity and deluxe motor coach! Of course, we will have snacks, movies, bingo and lots more fun! Depart Mon. 8:00 AM, Return Wed. approx. 6:00 PM. **Pay by Dec. 16. SOLD OUT. Taking standby names.**

### **Palm Springs Follies**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2006. \$70**

**Headliner, "The Four Coins" Subject to change.**

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 and 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, snacks 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 April 2005 and it sold out so book early. Departs 9:00 AM arrives back 6:30 PM. **Pay by Dec. 1. SOLD OUT. Taking standby names.**

**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. Note in "Memo" on the check, which trip it is for. Please reserve your seat early so I will know if we have enough so I won't have to cancel the trip. **NO checks will be cashed until we have enough reservations to take the trip.** If the trip is cancelled, I will return your original check. Call me if you want to pay by cash.

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

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



### **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:**

By Gertude Conca

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

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

By Woody Woodward



Our meeting was held on Thursday, September 29, at the Village Hall. We enjoyed some killer kraut dogs and a tasty three-bean salad. That would explain the article in Friday's paper noting an unusual atmospheric disturbance centered in the north county.

Two new members were introduced. Bob Thurlow recently moved to the park from Pasadena and Zeke Lohrke came here from Santa Barbara.

It was good to see Bernie Guthrie in attendance. We have missed him during his recovery from back problems.

I very sadly report that Bill Ruffin passed away on October 10. He served as chairman of the Fountains Tournament for many years. He played in the Oaks Tourney every Tuesday and this club will miss him very much.

The leading golfer of the Oaks is Wayne Tillman. Charlie Service has the lead on the Fountains.

Ray Urbaniak collected the hole-in-one pot of \$48 for his ace on the Oaks.

Our November, Safari will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> at Temeku Hills. There is a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board at the golf course. The winners of our September Safari at Oaks North were: A Flight Matt Madsen; B Flight Billy Smith; C Flight Tom Clatworthy.

We thanked Bud Steen for all his hard work putting together the Ryder Cup matches. The Men's Club from Lomas Santa Fe may be interested in a little home and away competition with our club.

Dick Davis won the 50/50 drawing of \$41.

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

### **FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB**

By Luella Guthrie



Our meeting opened with lunch as we celebrated the President's Club Tournament winners (Match play by Flights). 1<sup>st</sup> Flight winner Doreen Burchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight winner Joan Carpenter and 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight winner Sharon Groepper. Loretta Pittman and Doreen Burchett served a lunch of Croissant sandwiches, potato salad and delicious chocolate cookies.

We welcomed new member Diane Edner. Nice to have her aboard.

It was Quarterly payday for Sweeps and Ringer Winners. Some of the ladies who won included, Doreen Burchett, Joan Carpenter, Ivy Johnson, Sally Olsen, Flo Betz and Peg Harvey.

Handicap Chair, Sally Olsen, reported SDCWGA is delivering all their information by computer. She will need to complete a test they are sending in order to have our club be in good standing with them.

IDC membership dues of \$20 are due November 1. Club dues of \$40 are due December 1. Please pay both at the same time for a total of \$60.

Our new member, Diane Edner, is \$10 richer....she won the 50/50 drawing. What a great welcome to our Club!

## OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Priscilla De Arman



Lots of fun this past month! The Safari to Lake San Marcos was great!

All those who participated said they had a wonderful day. The play was fun, and then sharing lunch together topped off the day.

Sorry that more of you couldn't join in, the Pumpkin Patch Picnic was a huge success. Chicken salad luncheon and pumpkin pie with whipped cream was served. Several of our special social members joined us. There was a pumpkin decorating contest won by Sharon Groepper's group.

Alert! President Karen Smith is going to play "Mother Superior" and check out all errors on the score cards. So...I suggest we all sit up and pay attention.

Remember, the next meeting is November 3. Please mark your calendars.

## TENNIS CLUB

By LoReta Phelps



Rob and Marge Jacobson did a great job hosting October's Play Day. Thanks to you both. Our next Play Day will be in December so stay tuned for the time and date.

The next coming attraction is the potluck that will be on November 10. Be sure to sign up in the copy room so we have a balanced menu.

Thanks to Addie, the Friday night pizza nights have become diverse with a change to Chinese and Mexican food. A good time was had at each place. The group will be going to World's Best pizza for the first outing and to La Tapatia for the second. Call Addie (751-1859) to get in on the fun.

A couple of our members will be having some much-needed surgery in the near future. Stan Dailey will have his rotator cuff repaired and Angelo Scalise will have some work done on both knees. Keep both of these fellows in your thoughts and check with their spouses to see if they need anything.

## LIONS CLUB

By Mark Henderson



The Escondido Champagne Village Lions Club cordially invites you, your

family and friends to a Fashion Show Charity Fundraiser to benefit worldwide Lions project called, "Campaign SightFirstII," November 19, 11:00 AM 3:00 PM, Village Hall.

SightFirst was a campaign started 15 years' ago with an ambitious goal of significantly reducing preventable blindness. In true Lions fashion, we exceeded our goals by raising over 200 million dollars to improve eye care for over 100 million people, created more than 250 eye care clinics and trained over 68,000 health care professionals. SightFirst's efforts against river blindness have been particularly impressive. Working with Merck, The Carter Center, national ministries of health and others, we have helped distribute more than 60 million treatments of Mectizan. Despite the success of SightFirst, blindness will double to 75 million people by the year 2020, unless further action is taken. Our goal is to eliminate, as a public health concern, blindness from cataract, trachoma and river blindness and to significantly reduce blindness from diabetic eye disease, macular degeneration and childhood blindness.

Please sign up in the copy room in the Village Hall before November 9. We have over 60 items donated for the silent auction, including items from the San Diego Padres, golf packages, a copper fountain and many baskets. We will also have live auction items and many prizes. Don't forget the Holidays are just around the corner so you may wish to purchase clothing and choose from many items. Looking forward to your generous support.

## HAPPY HANDS

By Janina Garvey



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

## **PINOCHLE**

By Marion Psota



Are you a pinochle player?

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

## **MONDAY MEN & WOMEN'S BRIDGE**

By Melba Crandall



Monday Bridge is from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. The hostess for November will be Florence Gilmore. (751-1792). Please call Melba Crandall (751-7011) for reservations if you are a newcomer to the Village.

## **TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

By Mary Roth

Yes, we're back! Tuesday night Bridge at 7:00 PM in the card room. Lovey Winters is our hostess for November. Call her (749-7306) to sign up.

## **BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE**

By Bob Spencer

Every Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1:00 PM in the Card Room. No stress, no pain. Just relax and have fun. Singles welcomed. Call Bob Spencer (749-6698).

## **COUPLES BRIDGE**

By Luella Guthrie

Wednesday, November 16, 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Betty & Bob Spencer.

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

Three prizes for women and three prizes for men are awarded. Please bring \$2 per couple for the prizes. Come early, circulate, visit with friends and enjoy the delicious food that has been brought....and then Play Bridge!

## **PENNY CANASTA**

By Betty Bearman

Meets 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM every Thursday in the Card Room. Call Betty Bearman (751-0477), for more information.

## **HAND AND FOOT**

By Sandra Watkinson

Join us for a fun and easy card game based on the game of Canasta. We meet in the card room behind the laundry room every Monday at 1:00. We frequently have goodies provided by some of the players so "Come on down!!."

## **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 we will only be playing on November 11, due to Thanksgiving.

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!**

## **WATER EXERCISE**

Deanna Clatworthy



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

water aerobic 40-minute cassette tape. If you like it and plan to continue, there is a one time charge of \$5 to cover batteries, tapes and a new tape player when needed. See Nicki or Deanna at the pool.

## **STRETCH CLASS**

By LuAnn Rowe



These classes are becoming very popular and many people are feeling positive results from attending the class. If you haven't tried it yet, just stop by any Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM or Friday from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. You can see what we are doing and decide if you would benefit from this class. LuAnn Rowe (751-0172).

## **MEN'S POOL**

By John Dolan



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

## **VESPERS**

By Margaret Meadows

This is a non-denominational service held every Sunday in the card room at 4:00 PM till 5:00 PM with Pastor Jake Duran officiating. All are welcome.

## **CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PET LOVER'S CLUB NEWS**

By Doreen Smith & Doreen Burchett

### **THE NEXT "PET PROJECT"**



At the last meeting in October we discussed the importance of being able to contact pet owners via the Champagne Village telephone communication system. It would enable us to be alerted to such things as helping to look for a lost pet, or to be aware of snake season problems in addition to announcing meetings of the CV Pet Lovers Club. Doreen Smith agreed to set up the process for us by starting with the thirty plus names

on our membership list. Any pet owners who would like to be added to the calling list should contact one of the Doreens to have your number included.



**ON GOING "PET PROJECTS."** Reminding pet owners of their responsibility to pick up after their own dogs. Please watch your dog and use the doggie bags so we don't have to pick up your waste.

## **CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK**

By LoReta Phelps



There was a good turn out for last month's trash pick up. Champagne Blvd really looked good but unfortunately it doesn't last.

The pick up November 2, takes place on the first Wednesday of each month. New helpers are always welcome, so if you're interested call Addie (751-1859)

## **FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS**

By Jan Denny



If you're new here and haven't heard of "Friends Helping Friends," we are a group 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 me (749-1438) and I will find a driver for you. Please call as far in advance as possible. If it's a real emergency, however, call 911 for assistance.

We need more drivers, so if you can help out occasionally, please call me at the above number to get more information and see if it's something you would like to do. Thanks so much.

## **Getting To Know... Joe Meyser**

By LoReta Phelps

Joe was born "Philemon Leroy Organ" on November 2, 1906. However, due to his adoption by the Meysers, when he was two, he became Joseph Meyser. His new home was in Rock Island, Illinois,

and it didn't have electricity, gas or plumbing, but that was not unusual for the time.

At age six he began attending a Catholic kindergarten and took piano lessons. He continued his education at St. Joseph's through high school. His piano playing continued and he became a member of a dance band his last year in high school. After graduation his parents suggested he become a plumber's helper, which did not appeal to him. He was saved by the business nun from St. Joseph's, who called to ask if he was interested in a secretarial job in a brokerage firm.

Joe had taken a mail order art class during his senior year, possibly because of this, the Meysers decided to send him to college. So, happily, Joe entered the College of Engineering, School of Architecture at the University of Illinois.

Eating out was expensive, so Joe tried to find jobs that would provide his meals. He got a job as a dishwasher at the KK Club. The owner heard that he played piano. She invited him to play for her, which resulted in a promotion to a waiter. This kept him well fed.

Needing employment during the summer, Joe, through a neighbor, was able to get a position as a draftsman in Moline, Illinois. This provided him with a job then but, also, many times later when the need arose.

Lindberg's crossing the Atlantic drew Joe's attention to airplanes and flying. He began spending time around the Moline airport and was able to talk his way into Sunday barnstorming flights. This led to flight instruction starting June 8, 1929, when he could save up the required \$20 per hour.

On October 25, 1929, he got his Private License and on November 26, his Limited Commercial. That made it possible to lease the Clinton, Iowa airport for full airport operation. The next step was purchasing his first plane with the help from his family. On June 8, one year from Joe's first flight, the Clinton Airport was dedicated.

Winter months were spent barnstorming with the Barry Circus. On one occasion, when a jumper was needed to fulfill contract requirements, Joe made his first parachute jump. This required climbing out on the wing of the bi-plane and letting go. It was quite an experience and it was repeated several times when it was needed.

Joe received his Transport License in September

1930.

At a much later time, Joe was on his way to Chicago and had arranged to spend an evening with a buddy. The buddy was attending a party with his girlfriend and asked Joe if he would like a date. Joe agreed to a blind date and, yes, you guessed it. The "blind date" became his wife on September 27, 1934.

Toni and Joe came to California in October of 1936. After much perseverance, Joe landed a job at North American Aviation. Not flying as he had hoped, but as a draftsman. He soon was in charge of the Engineering Data Section and was so busy he didn't have time to think about flying.

World War II came and the company produced 57,000 A76, P51 and B25 planes. Joe was promoted to Corporate Assistant Director of Contract Administration.

Feeling the need for a better retirement program than that offered by NAA, Joe purchased 20 acres in Chatsworth and developed a Valencia orange grove. He moved the family there from Inglewood.

The orange grove did well and so did land prices. The offers were just too good to turn down. Besides Joe, after experiencing a bout with thyroiditis, wanted to get an education in nutrition.

He resigned from NAA and bought a health food store. After 15 months he had learned all he wanted so he sold it.

Following this, he bought an avocado grove in Fallbrook where he was able to take up his real passion, golf. He played at Circle R and Fallbrook Country Club.

He concluded that avocado production was not reliable and decided to go into the laundry business in Oceanside, Carlsbad and Vista. Later he sold all but one store in Carlsbad that he operated for several years.

Meanwhile, he and Toni were living in Solana Beach and going to Fallbrook. They became interested in a mobile home park north of Escondido and so moved there in 1964 just one week prior to the Welk purchase. Joe was just 58 then and wanted to do two things, buy an organ and a motor home. Toni and he enjoyed that motor home and a couple of others.

He learned to play the organ and played for the Resurrection Church for four years.

In 1984 they moved to Pioneer near Lake Tahoe where Toni passed away in 1988. "We had 54 years and 11 days of the most wonderful marriage anyone

could possibly have."

Joe remained in Pioneer playing golf at Mace Meadow and became a member of their corporate board.

Joe returned to Champagne Village in 1997 to live right next door to his original house.

With all of his activities, Joe includes a fascinating hobby, making silver Indian jewelry. He goes to various turquoise mines to select his stones and then crafts the final product that is absolutely beautiful.

Attending the Huntsman World Senior Games and competing in golf has been especially rewarding to Joe. He has won five gold metals, which he proudly displays.

Currently, Joe who is 99 years young says with a big smile, "I have recently become a great, great grandpa." Now, how many great, great grandpas do you know?

### ODDS AND ENDS

**VAN TRIPS:** The Village Van leaves the second and fourth Wednesday for North County Fair (Westfield), Trader Joe's and Henry's. The van leaves the Village Hall at 9:30 AM, and returns at 2:30 PM. Sign up at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome.



The Village Van also goes to the Von's Shopping Center on El Norte Pkwy., every Friday at 9:00 AM.

**SEE'S CANDIES:** One pound gift certificates are available for \$10. This will give you \$13.60 worth of spending power at any See's location. Any Questions...call (751-0075) or leave your check made out to Linda Harper, 186 Skyline Drive. 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 beginning at 9:00 AM.

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

### NEW RESIDENTS:

#11	Roy & Geraldine Smith	751-2183
#24	Sandra Higley	No Phone Yet
#89	Jean Nugent	749-3704
#320	Zoltan & Sarolta Petro	749-1516
#324	Charles & Beverly Bedwell	749-6436

### FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Where: Champagne Village Hall  
When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning  
Battery Purchase  
Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

### BOOKMOBILE

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

The mobile libraries make scheduled stops at neighborhoods, retirement residences and other community locations throughout the county. Materials that are borrowed from the mobile libraries or any of the San Diego County Library branches may be returned to the mobile libraries at any of their stops.

Stops are scheduled in Champagne Village on November 2 and November 16. Stops are scheduled twice monthly.

### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2005

Trash normally is picked up on Fridays. This year, the Thanksgiving week collection will be delayed one day, from Friday to Saturday, November 26.