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Board Meeting Notes

The Board approved two separate actions aimed at cost reduction. The first action reduced the operating hours at the main gate by one hour daily. The new hours effective January 1st will be 8:00 PM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. This is expected to save approximately \$3200 annually.

The second action was to delay uncovering the pool until 10:00 AM during winter operating hours. The cost of heating the pool has more than doubled in the past two years and the Board felt that this action was prudent under the circumstances. Due to many variables, it is difficult to determine the anticipated cost savings in advance. However, the reduction in cost should justify the two-hour delay in opening the pool.

The Board approved a reimbursement to a resident for damage that was caused by common area trees uplifting their driveway and causing the home to become out of level.

A request by Ruth Royer to place a Salvation Army Toy Barrel in the Village Hall was unanimously approved.

The Board acted to fund the reverse 911 phone system which is operated by local authorities and funded by voluntary contributions of local

residents who are served by the system. Staff was asked to include this item in the budget for year 2006.

After some discussion, the members of the Board tabled action on an agenda item that would fund the installation of a sidewalk in the picnic area. The facilities committee and SAC will work together to further define the area to be paved and to negotiate a cost sharing arrangement.

The 2006 fiscal year budget was approved by the members of the Board. The monthly assessment will increase from \$153 to \$169 effective January 1, 2006. The complete budget package and annual disclosures will be distributed shortly.

**Next Board "Workshop":
December 19, 2005, 9:00 AM, in
the Card Room (*always held the
Monday prior to the Board
meeting*).**

**Next Regular Board of Directors
Meeting: December 21, 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

Office Closed: The office will be closed Monday, December 26, for Christmas and Friday, December 30 for New Years.

Assessments: Your assessments will be \$169, starting January 1, 2006. December assessments will still be \$153.

Newsletter: January articles need to be in by December 14.

Trash Delay: Due to the Christmas Holiday, the trash will be delayed one day. Pick up will be on Saturday, December 31.

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 or repeating events.

Holiday Message from Tom and Karin: During this very special time of year, we would like everyone in Champagne Village to know how blessed we feel to work in such a wonderful place. Over the years many of you have been so generous in your gift giving to us in the Office. All of this generosity has been greatly appreciated over the years. This year we would like to continue the tradition we started a couple of years' ago, by asking anyone who would like to give a gift to please make a donation to the Salvation Army Toy Drive here in the Village Hall instead. The unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the Village Hall and The Salvation Army will see to it that deserving children will receive them. We wish all of you and your families the Happiest of Holidays! Tom and Karin

LETTER TO THE TIMES

RESIDENTS – PLEASE VOTE

By David Lewis

The vote on the special assessments is due December 9, 2005.

DO NOT let a small, organized minority vote the assessments up or down. With a minimum quorum voting, 115 members can control the vote.

Activist minority groups are usually bad for a community. They usually cause other minority groups to form, and it soon becomes a constant battle of us against them.

The best way to prevent this is for every member to vote on every issue. With every member voting, a up or down vote goes from 115 to 229.

I, personally, would much prefer 229 residents making policies, that affect me, than 115.

WOMEN FREE HEART STUDY OFFERED

By Joe Klopp

My cardiologist asked me to spread the word about a FREE heart study offered to women. Lenore Alvarado's (Space #282) son-in-law, Dr. Detwiler, is participating in a women's heart study. Many residents are already participating but they need more volunteers. If you meet the qualifications below and are interested, please call the number shown.

NAME OF STUDY

“What is the Optimal Method for Ischemia Evaluation in Women?”

These patients will be randomized to either a regular treadmill or nuclear stress test.

To be included in the study, WOMEN must:

1. Have some form of chest pain or discomfort
2. Be 60 years or older or
3. Diabetic women of any age or
4. Women with metabolic syndrome of any age and

WOMEN must not have:

1. Known cardiac disease
2. Abnormal EKG
3. Uncontrolled hypertension
4. Taking digoxin

If you may fit this criteria and think you would be a good candidate, please contact JOY at (760) 743-0546, EXT. 36.

If you have questions about this and want to speak to someone who has been through it, you may contact:

1. Lenore Alvarado, 751-2291
2. Rita Phelps, 751-9796
3. Linda Harper, 751-0075

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Champagne Village annual Halloween Party was a resounding success. The village hall was beautifully decorated, the table decorations were gorgeous and varied, the costumes were outrageous and clever, the entertainment was terrific and the food was excellent and plentiful. We had 151 residents attending this great party.

Clarice Gober and her band of merry decorators did it again with a fabulously decorated hall. Many thanks go out to our hostesses who went to great lengths to decorate every table better than the other. Joyce Martin won for the best table decorations. Her table looked like something out of a golden fairy tale. Way to go, Joyce.

Best costume winners were Bob Olsen for the scariest, Linda Harper and Jerry Clifford for the most original and Ron Morey and Bob Bolt for the funniest. All winners received a \$25 gift certificate to one of six restaurants of their choice.

Thanks to everybody who participated in this super event; and if you missed it, there's always next year.

NOVEMBER'S FIRST FRIDAY DANCE

The November First Friday Champagne Dance was not only an unusual event, it was also elegant and lots of fun. The tables were set with our finery and looked gorgeous. The hot and cold hors d'oeuvres were absolutely delicious and plentiful as were the assorted desserts. Three handsome "waiters" in tuxedos passed around the hot hors d'oeuvres and poured sparkling apple cider for everybody. In case you didn't recognize them in their evening clothes they were Jim Morey, Don Phelps and Billy Smith. Thanks guys! The Village residents really do clean up well and everybody looked fabulous in their best "bib and tucker."

Many hours of preparation went into making this First Friday Dance so unique. Our thanks go out to everybody who took part in the effort. A big thank you goes to Linda Harper for orchestrating this special night.

RECAP ON THE FOURTH ANNUAL VETS DINNER

Some years back Hillary Clinton wrote a book titled "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child". Here in Champagne Village it took **40 PLUS** people working very hard to put on the Fourth Annual Vets Dinner. My hat is WAY off in thanking all of them and all of you who attended.

Also, thanks to the people who dropped off their copy of the North County Times cover story along with your personal notes to me.

I'd really love to hear from you if, after reading some bio's, you got together with a fellow vet. The book was compiled in the hopes that friendships would form. Have they? Call me (751-1032). Please read on:

THE SECOND WORLD WAR STUDY GROUP

Robert von Maier, the Executive Director of this group would like to interview veterans for their Oral History Project. You can call him (760-727-4355) or you can call me and I would be happy to send your bio to him.

FIRST FRIDAY DANCE

DECEMBER 2, SOCIAL/DANCE, 5:00 PM

Our December dinner and dance will feature soup, salad and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by "AFTER HOURS." Many thanks to Mary and Joe Klopp and Marty and Jack Mikesell, for being the hosts this month.



The social hour begins at 5:00 PM. Please bring your choice of beverage, some snacks then sit back and enjoy the evening. The cost is \$5 per person and all checks should be made out to SAC. Please put your name and space number on your envelope and drop it off in the Village Hall Office by November 30.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

By Mark Henderson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4



December is already here so come on down and celebrate with your family and friends on Sunday, December 4, 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. ***Bring egg cartons if you want to purchase eggs!***

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 5:00 PM



Come all ye faithful, joyful and hungry. Come to our annual Christmas Party to celebrate this wonderful time of year.

This year we're having a sit down dinner catered by "Lace Apron."

The menu is being called "An Old Fashioned" Christmas Dinner. It promises to be a delicious meal so bring along a good appetite. The Vidals will be providing the entertainment this evening and they'll be playing from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Please make sure to sign up in the copy room of the Village Hall. The cost for this great party is only \$20 per person. Make all checks out to SAC and give them to the hostess of your table. All reservations must be in by Wednesday, December 7. Don't be late and lose out on what is going to be a super evening.

GAME NIGHT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 5:00 PM



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.

CHORUS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2:00 PM

Come listen to the CV Chorus as they perform a variety of Christmas carols and hymns for your Holiday enjoyment.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1:00 PM

Our Fourth Annual Holiday Home Tour will be held on Sunday, December 18 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The tour is free; however, donations will be accepted for lapel microphones for our Drama Club. On Thursday, Dec 1, we will deliver a green flyer to you with the names and space numbers of the homeowners who are participating this year. Save the flyer! Woodland Homes has graciously agreed to be our sponsor this year. Any questions? call Mimi (751-1032).

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 4:30 PM

Come on down to the mail box/village hall area on Monday, December 19, at 4:30 PM to join other residents and Santa Claus in singing Christmas Carols. Our Choir Director, Ernie Liebman, will be leading us in songs of the season. Two trams have been arranged for our use and all private golf carts are welcome. As usual, we'll be riding around the park so if you know someone who is housebound and would like us to stop at their home, please let Karin in the Village Office know their name and space number.

After the caroling, all you altos and sopranos are invited back to the Village Hall for some piping hot chili, corn bread, hot apple cider and cookies. Please join us for this fun and happy evening.

WELCOME WAGON BRUNCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 10:00 AM

Have you recently moved into the Village? If you have not, as yet, attended our Welcome Wagon Brunch, here's an invitation for you. Please join us in the Village Hall on SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 10:00 AM. Please RSVP to Lois Burdick (751-9967), so we can have enough food for you. At the Brunch you'll meet the Welcome Wagon Team,

board members, chairs of various activities and our brunch sponsor, Arlene Garich. We'll also have a Welcome bag of goodies for you. If you are housebound and cannot attend the brunch, Janice Gleyzal (751-1224) will be glad to deliver the Welcome bag to you.

HAIRCUTS

Paulette Oswald (Champagne Village Resident) has graciously offered to cut Villagers' hair to benefit the CV stage on Monday and Tuesday's. Suggested donation, minimum \$10. Call her for an appointment (749-5599).

DISH TOWELS

HELP! Very few of the 36 new white dish towels are left in the CV kitchen. If you have any, please return. If you have dish towels to spare, please leave them in the kitchen. Thank you.

COMING ATTRACTIONS SAVE THESE DATES

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

Friday, December 2, 2005: First Friday Dinner/Dance, 5:00 PM (see article).

Saturday, December 10, 2005: 5:00 PM, Christmas Party (see article).

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

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

Monday, December 19, 2005: 4:30 PM, Christmas Caroling followed by a Chili and Corn bread supper. (see article.)

2006 HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Friday, January 6, 2006: First Friday Dinner Dance: 5.00 PM.

Sunday, January 8, 2006: Men's Breakfast.

Saturday, January 28, 2006: Dinner Theater.

COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman



LET YOUR COMPUTER DO THE WALKING

You can use your computer to conveniently buy big ticket items.

You may not get the absolutely lowest price, but it certainly is the easy way to shop!

For example, we recently had to replace a washing machine that went south. We did not look forward to shopping at all the local appliance dealers, especially with high gas prices at the time.

When we started by visiting the nearby Costco store, they had only one model in stock. The add-on cost to have it delivered, installed and the old machine taken away was substantial when done by a third party.

Then, we visited the Costco website, www.costco.com. It had a number of models pictured with a full description of each. The cost to have it delivered, installed and the old machine removed from the premises was minimal. In this case the new machine came from the manufacturer's warehouse -- and was the new 2006 model with a \$60 manufacturer's rebate! This procedure took a little longer, 10 days, but was well worth the wait, we had just 3 loads of washing saved up!

The **Champagne Computer Club** will meet at its usual time on the first Monday of the month, **December 5, at 7:00 PM**, in the **Card Room**, of the Village Hall. Any resident of the Village is welcome to attend. We will be discussing the latest developments in the campaign to bring a broadband Internet connection to residents of the Village.

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Donna Shaw

DECEMBER POTLUCK

The December Dinner Party will be held on Friday, December 9. Social hour is at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. The Hostesses will be Donna Shaw, Annette Lee, Mimi Baca and Jennie Shaw. Entertainment will be provided by some of our talented singles. In addition we will have a Holiday Sing Along again this year. In bringing your potluck

items think red or green! And please, as a courtesy to the hostesses, sign up in the Village Hall.

THE GOING OUT TO DINNER BUNCH

Due to the Holidays, conflicting dates and lack of interest, I am canceling the dinners for November and December. We will resume in January 2006. Happy Holidays and a prosperous and healthy New Year to all. Your Fearless Leader, Orlie Macioci

TRAVEL

By Joe Klopp



NOTE: Pay date for the FOLLIES is Dec. 1. and Pay date for LAS VEGAS is Dec. 16. Thanks.

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.

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. \$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 & 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.**

Planning stage if people call and want to go.

"Chocolate Covered" L.A. Tour. \$65

Date to be determined if I get enough calls.

Start off this new tour with Chocolate Tea & cake at the Chado Tea Room in Pasadena. Next visit the packing house for Trader Joe's CHOCOLATES, then on to lunch at the **Renaissance Restaurant** inside the Manor Hotel, dessert of course, will be a CHOCOLATE treat prepared by an award winning pastry chef. Your next stop is Surfas, where you will learn the shortcuts to dazzle your guests with great desserts and try a few samples while you're there! The final stop is at Campartes, a 55-year-old family run CHOCOLATE factory, where you will taste some samples! (*Guide will be giving tour w/lots of great info.*) Please call if interested.

For planning purposes please fill out the one page flier in this issue of the CV Times regarding day trips.

Would anyone be interested in these longer trips? Please call and let me know. I will not go forward with dates unless there is an interest, so please call.

Lake Powell Adventure (by Bus, Train, Boat)

5 days/4 Nights. See many of the area's most spectacular scenery by Bus, Train, & Boat! All day boat ride on Lake Powell thru canyons and visiting the world's largest man-made bridge, "Rainbow Bridge", enjoy a 65 mile Train Ride up to the "Grand Canyon" and view the beauty of "Bryce Canyon" by bus. * 1 Night in Williams (Grand Canyon), 2 Nights at Lake Powell, and 1 Night in

Mesquite * **INCLUDES:** All day boat ride on Lake Powell, Train Ride to Grand Canyon, Guided tour of GC w/lunch, Bryce Canyon, All Bkfst., 1 Lunch & 2 Dinners. \$535 p/p dbl.

Branson, MO. By Air

7 Days/6 Nights

INCLUDES: Roundtrip Airfare, 5 Nights Branson & 1 Night Kansas City. * 7 Fantastic Shows in Branson * Tour of Harry Truman Library & Museum * Visit Eureka Springs * All Breakfasts (some continental), 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners * All transfers included to & from Airport, Fantastic Sightseeing and much more. \$1,355 p/p dbl.

Please call if you are the least bit interested in either of the above two trips.

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

PAYING PROCEDURE:

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

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

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



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:

By Fran robinson

If anyone needs to have their blood pressure checked, please phone Fran Robinson (751-5488).

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Woody Woodward



Our meeting was held on Thursday, October 27, at the Village Hall. We had chicken noodle soup and rolls. We also had a birthday cake in honor of two of our members. We celebrated Joe Meyser's 99th and Joe Wagner's 98th, both in the month of November.

We observed a moment of silence for Bill Ruffin, a long-time member, who devoted many hours to our club. His wife, Liz, donated many items of golf memorabilia to our club members. Thank you, Liz. Membership Chairman, Lee Rabeneau, introduced new member Harold "Dusty" Brown. Dusty was born and raised in New Orleans and has been in the village for four months.

Lee says that volunteers are needed for the Buick Invitational to be held at Torrey Pines January 25th through the 29th.

Bob Day reported that Jay Holle shot a one under par 53 on the Oaks. Jay and Tom Clatworthy were the big winners for the month of October.

Jean Slaughter awarded \$724 in prize money on the Fountains in October. Bud Steen, Woody Woodward and Tom Clatworthy were the top winners.

The leading golfer of the year on the Oaks is Wayne Tillman. Terry Quimby has taken over the lead on the Fountains.

Bob Olsen had an ace on the 14th hole on the Fountains. He used a 6 iron from the white tees. Good thing we were playing "red, white and blue," huh, Bob?

Bud Steen arranged for 12 of our members to visit Lomas Santa Fe and play a round with their men's club. Bill Cowan won the A Flight, Woody Woodward the B Flight, and Tom Clatworthy the C Flight. Bill had the low gross with a 61. We hope to have the Lomas Santa Fe members as our guests on the Fountains in the future.

The first round of our club championship was held on November 17. The final two rounds will be played on December 1 and 8.

Bob Olsen won the 50/50 drawing of \$59. Don Mohr, Bob Day, Orly Macioci and Bud Steen won golf paraphernalia donated by Liz Ruffin.

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



Loretta Pittman celebrated her birthday on November 9, our meeting day, and we were treated to a delicious carrot cake. A very enjoyable start to our meeting. Of course, we sang Happy Birthday to Loretta.

Several additions and deletions have been proposed to our Bylaws and Standing Rules. All changes are posted on the Board at the Pro Shop. We will vote on the changes in December.

Sally Olsen, Handicap Chair, and, President, Ivy Johnson, are working out the details with the SDCWGA for the coming year.

Our club made a decision to send a \$50 donation to the Elizabeth Hospice Organization from the proceeds of our Champagne Classic Tournament, which was held in June.

The Nominating Committee presented their slate of officers for 2006. The following board was unanimously elected: President, Jeanne Humphrey; Vice President, Dottie Moore; Secretary, Sharon Groepper; Treasurer, Loretta Pittman. Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their excellent choices. We are looking forward to a great New Year.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 14, after golf, at the Sizzler Restaurant at 12 Noon. Sign up, select your choice of salad, steak or chicken and pay Priscilla DeArman \$15.50 by December 9.

Sheila Osbourne is \$9.50 richer...she won the 50/50 drawing.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Priscilla De Arman



Looking forward to the Christmas Holiday and our annual Christmas party. Wonderful ideas being put together for the Christmas Tea to be held on December 8 at 2:00 PM in

the Village Hall. Hope lots of our social members will join us as we gather for this special event.

The calendars have been selling very well and only a few are now available.

Welcome to two new members: Betty Service and Carol Young!

Don't forget to take advantage of those discount coupons we all received from the Welk Pro Shop.

TENNIS CLUB

By LoReta Phelps



New officers were selected for the coming year. They are: President - Delores Madsen, Vice President - Bev Bedwell, Secretary - LoReta Phelps and Treasurer - Rob Jacobson.

The club is planning a Valentine Dance so look for more news on this at a later date.

The December Play Day will be held on December 11 at 8:00 AM on our courts. Don't forget to sign up to help the hosts in their planning.

The Friday Pizza Nights have become good social times with visits to various restaurants. Check with Addie Wilkins (751-1859) to get an update on location and time.

Out-going president Martha Sumner, in appreciation, extends, "Thanks to all for the support she has received in the past from the club's officers, especially Linda West and to the great volunteers who helped so much. This is what makes the Tennis Club an excellent club."

LIONS CLUB

By Mark Henderson



We thank the residents of Champagne Village for your very generous support during White Cane Days to bring local support to those in need. With your continued support of Campaign

SightFirst II, our Fashion Show was a success. Your generosity is significant, especially when we consider all the need following the Tsunami in Southern Asia, and devastation left behind from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Over time, the lives of those impacted by these hurricanes will, thanks to the spirit of our country and it's citizens, be able to

find normalcy again. The individuals we help through “White Can Days” and Campaign SightFirst II” may never find normalcy, but an opportunity to contribute to society in a meaningful way is priceless. We can all be proud of our efforts to build a strong committed community.

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 \$1.00. If you are interested in playing – please give Marion Psota (751-3940) a call and we’ll put your name on the list of available players. Someone will call you the week of play and check if you’re able to join us on Friday.

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 February will be Norma Moore (751-1784). Please call Melba Crandall (751-7011) for reservations if you are a newcomer to the Village.

TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

By Mary Roth

A friendly group of bridge players meets every Tuesday evening - 7:00 PM - Village Hall – come join us!!

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, December 14, 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Lu Ann and Dwain Rowe (751-0172), and Rosemary and Bernie Matson (751-9464).

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 ...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

If you’re a card playing nut, join us for an easy canasta card game you can learn in one hand!! We play every Monday at 1:00 PM in the game room behind the laundry room.

Getting To Know... Alice Hanson

By LoReta Phelps

Alice came from Grand Forks, North Dakota, in 1976, but actually she was born in Fullerton, N. D, on March 14, 1907. If our math is correct, that makes her 98 years old.

She attended grade school and the first three years of high school in that little town. Because of the population of about 250, there was no fourth year. Her older sister, Mary, had married and moved to Chicago, so Alice as well as her sister, Mabel, went there to finish high school. She went from a class of four to a class of 400.

A man from her hometown who spent his winters in Chicago was good to Alice and Mabel. He took them to some amusement parks and to the famous Aragon and Tivoli theaters. One night when they came out of the Chicago Theater downtown, his car had been stolen so they had to take a cab home.

Alice worked in a bakery on Saturdays and two nights a week until ten. She walked home and had no fear, times have changed.

After high school graduation, Alice returned home, taking her first train ride.

She decided she wanted to be a teacher, so she went to Normal College in nearby Ellendale. Besides the teacher training courses, she also took music and art classes. She loved to paint and did pictures in pastels and oils. She had a role in a musical. She enjoyed the college social life.

After her first year she taught in rural schools and attended summer school. In 1928 she went to New Rochford, N. D. to teach 4th grade. There was a young man there named, Lawrence Hanson, who became a special friend.

The next year he left for a teaching job in Grand Forks, but they kept in touch. They were married in 1931 at her family's home - a garden wedding under the trees.

They had wonderful years in Grand Forks. Lawrence became a high school principal and was involved in sports and community affairs. They had a daughter in 1938 and a son in 1942. They were later blessed with four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Alice's husband passed away rather suddenly in 1963 at age 69.

Some time later she came to visit family in southern California that included a trip to Lawrence Welk's

for lunch. Afterwards, they looked at what is now Champagne Village.

Alice had been thinking of selling her house in Grand Forks and, when she saw #1, she saw possibilities of a life there. She made a deposit and found out later that some friends from Grand Forks had also looked at it. They moved into the Village before Alice. She says that this was the beginning of many years of a good life in a wonderful climate. As a child, Alice went to the only church in her little town. Then, when she had her own family, they were active church members. Now she attends Vespers on Sunday and bible class on Thursday nights.

Traveling is one of Alice's great joys and on a trip to Norway in 1967 she visited a cousin who told her of escaping from the Germans. This inspired her to write a book about her family.

She recently finished the book, which was preceded by taking a creative writing class at the Escondido Senior Center. Now, she is in the process of editing and having the book printed. It appears, looking at Alice, that it's never too late. She says she wrote the book for her family but it could become a "New York Times Best Seller"!

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 ?? and the 23.

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; Tuesday and

Thursday at 3:00 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 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 meeting of the CV Pet Lover's Club will be held on February 21, at 3:30 PM in the Fireside Room in CV Hall since it will be too cool to meet in the picnic grounds at that time. As usual, please review the brainstorm list from our previous meetings and come prepared to share your ideas for CV "pet projects". If you have ideas you want the group to consider and are unable

to attend a meeting, please call one of us or leave a note in one of our message boxes. All pet lovers are invited to come to our meetings that will be held quarterly on the third Tuesday of the second month of each quarter. Please put these dates on your 2006 calendar: February 21, May 16, August 15, and Nov 21.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEXT "PET PROJECT:" Doreen Smith has added our Pet Club to the CV telephone communication system so we will be able to contact pet owners to inform them of 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. We hope to expand this list to include all CV pet owners who want to be called. Please contact one of the Doreen's to have your number added to the list. The use of the notification system will be one of the discussion topics for the next meeting.



CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

By LoReta Phelps



Many nice people volunteered their services to help in cleaning the roadside. The regular time has been the first Wednesday of the month but some have varied the time. The efforts have paid off by having a cleaner roadside. If you would like to help, call Addie Wilkins. (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.

ODDS AND ENDS

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

The Salvation Army has had an "Angel Tree" table/booth at the Westfield Shopping Mall (formerly North County Fair) for many years, where shoppers could select the name of a needy child and purchase an appropriate gift for this child, most often at KB Toys. I know some of you have taken turns sitting at the Christmas tree and other's have seen us sitting there – on the lower level in front of J.C. Penney's.

Unfortunately, KB Toys has moved away and there is no longer a toy store in the mall. Therefore, The Salvation Army has decided there would be little value in sitting at the mall and they are trying to secure some new sources for the very much-needed toys.

Your CVPOA Board has given us an OK to put a barrel and some of the children's requests in the Village Hall. If you are so inclined you may place a toy or a game in the barrel and it will be given to a needy family through the Family Service Department of The Salvation Army in Escondido, who will be serving 650 families and approximately 1700 children this Christmas. Anything for the little ones and on up through the middle school age is most acceptable. However, there is usually an abundance of stuffed animals and things for the older kids are especially needed. If you prefer you may give money – put in an envelope and put in the barrel – we have shoppers who will buy toys. **DO NOT WRAP** your gift – the mothers are allowed to select an appropriate toy for their child at the Army's "Toy and Joy Shop".

As always, thanks for being such an incredibly generous, caring group. The need is REAL – and your help will allow some child to receive a gift on Christmas morning where otherwise this might not have been possible. Questions: Call Ruth Royer (751-8466).

HAPPY HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE KIOSK

On Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, and on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 the Kiosk will be "manned" from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Since we will be starting our earlier closing hour on New Years Day, this seems like a good time to test the new arrangements.

If you have guests coming to visit outside of those hours, please let them know how to use the phone entry system. The instructions are quite simple. Have your guests put an "8" in front of your "3" digit unit number and dial it into the phone on the kiosk. Your phone will ring and you can open the gate by pressing "9" on your phone.

This system is set up using the phone **ON THE KIOSK** and cell phones will not activate it.

Maps will be available for your guest's convenience.

ENJOY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A HAPPY SAFE HOLIDAY. FROM: Joan, Eileen, Ruth, Lois, Terry and Mary, your Kiosk elves.

Note: If you have difficulties with the gate over the holidays, please report them to the office during normal office hours.

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. You may also order boxed candy wrapped for Christmas. 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:

#176 David & Constance Noel No Phone Yet
#243 Kenneth & Joyce Morgan No Phone Yet
#330 James & Lauralyn Green 749-0738
#355 Wayne & Bonnie Cuddeback 751-0276

Welk Resort Restaurant has new phone #: 749-3253.

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Where: Champagne Village Hall

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

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning
Battery Purchase
Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz



The bookmobile from the San Diego County Library will be in Champagne Village Tuesdays, December 6 and December 20, and is scheduled to serve us twice monthly. Pay a visit and enjoy a good book. Hours of their visit are 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2005

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the trash will be delayed one day. Pick up will be on Saturday, December 31.