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Board Meeting Notes

• At the November 15, 2006 meeting the Board of Directors of Champagne Village Property Owner's Association adopted new rules, policies, and procedures for conducting the Association's voting election processes in response to the amendment of California Civil Code Sections 1357.120 and addition of Sections 1363.03, 1363.04 and 1363.09, which became operative on July 1, 2006. Since 1998 CVPOA has conducted its elections in a manner which is consistent with the intent of the new law, therefore we will see very little change under the newly adopted rules.

• The Board also approved a request from SAC to allow the placement of a washer and dryer in the janitor's room. The washer and dryer will be the responsibility of SAC and will not have any material financial impact on the Association.

**Next Board "Workshop":
December 18, 2006, 9:00 AM,
in the Card Room (*always held the Monday prior to the Board meeting*).**

Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting: December 20, 2006, 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 25 and Tuesday, December 26 for Christmas and Monday, January 1 for New Years.

ASSESSMENTS: Your assessments will be \$177, starting January 1, 2007. December assessments will still be \$169.

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 30.

2007 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 2007 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 us 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

NOW OPEN: UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE located at 555 W. Country Club Lane, Suite C, Escondido, CA 92026, (760-741-9661). The hours are Monday to Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. They are located in the Escondido Hills Plaza, one block east of Country Club Lane and Center City Parkway, next to 7/Seven and Round Table Pizza.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

SAC NOTES:

FIRST FRIDAY DINNER DANCES

2007 is almost here and it won't be long until we have to plan for the January 2007 First Friday Dinner Dance and all of the other month's First Friday's as well. The past year has been rich with wonderful first Friday Dinner Dances, fun themes, and birthday celebrations due to many helping hands. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to each of you who have contributed to make these events happen successfully.

We need **HOSTS AND HOSTESSES!** We need your **INPUT!** We need your **THEMES!** We need your **IDEAS!** With all of the active and clever people who live in Champagne Village, we shouldn't have a problem filling all of the spots. Put on your "thinking caps" and step up to the plate. Hmmm, that makes me think of a baseball theme. Is that a possibility? Or maybe an "Adams Family" night? Roaring 20's, Hot August Nights, Hawaiian or South Pacific Night? How about a Movie Night, a Patriotic Night or even a Super Bowl night? What do you think of a Pajama and Robe Night? Even a Come as You Are Night? Maybe even a Paul Bunion Back Woods Night or a Minnie Pearl Night would be nice. Okay, there are a few ideas and I'll bet our Villagers can come up with a lot more. Any and all ideas will be considered. If you want to have some fun, sign up to host one of the First Friday Night Dances. Enlist the help of your "better half" or a couple of your friends and I promise you that you'll have a ball. It's a great way of getting to know more about the wonderful village that we live in and getting to know the people that we simply nod or wave to each day as we're on our way in and out of the Village.

We will post a sign-up sheet in the copy machine room and hope you will sign up to host one of the First Friday Night Dinner Dances. We suggest six people for each month and the duties will include setting the tables, preparing the food, serving the food and cleaning up. SAC buys and pays for all the food that's used on that particular Friday Night. You will be contacted after you sign up and at that

time we can discuss your plans. Thank you very much and we appreciate each and every one of you! If you can help out SAC, please call Linda Harper (751-0075).

KITCHEN LOST AND FOUND

If you're down in the Village Hall and have ever brought food in your own containers, please check to see if anything on top of the microwave belongs to you.

Also, if you've ever washed tablecloths after an event, please check to see if you might still have them. Perhaps they were tucked away in a closet and forgotten. If you find any of the cloths please bring them to the Village Hall as soon as it's possible. We're running short of big size cloths. Thanks in advance for your help.

SAC CHANGES

As the saying goes, "nothing ever stays the same," and it's certainly true of the Social Activities Committee. Our treasurer for the last 4 years, Karolyn Ebbert is finally going to add up her last column of numbers at the end of December 2006. Karolyn did a super job as treasurer and volunteered her time whenever she was needed. Thank you doesn't seem enough to say to someone who's worked so hard for the good of our Village. We'll miss you Karolyn.

Now for the good news, Priscilla DeArman has volunteered to be our new treasurer. The other members of the committee welcome you Priscilla and we know you'll do a great job. Also joining the SAC is Luzanne Grainger and Marilyn Hauser. With this new trio of ladies we are looking forward to a wonderful 2007. **WELCOME ABOARD LADIES!**

SOMETHING NEW FOR YOU!!

We had a fun suggestion from Ron Morey and hope you'll embrace it at our next First Friday Dinner Dance. His idea is to sell 50/50 drawing tickets with half of the money collected going to the kitchen clean-up crew and the other half being divided into cash prizes for first, second and third place.

FIRST FRIDAY DINNER / DANCE

DECEMBER 1, SOCIAL/DANCE, 5:00 PM

THEME: IT'S A SAC SURPRISE, SO DON YOUR GAY APPAREL



Can you believe it's almost Christmas? Well, it is! So, don your gay apparel and waltz on down to the Village Hall for a fine First Friday Celebration. Green and red are the colors to wear but you're welcome in the color of your choice.

We're not telling you what we're having for dinner. If we did tell you, it wouldn't be a SAC Surprise, now would it? Be brave! Try it; you'll like it! Robin Uncapher is providing the music tonight and you know he's always entertaining.

The price is only \$5 each. Please put your cash or check in an envelope along with your name, space number and the name of the event on it then drop it off at the Village Hall Office. Please bring the beverage of your choice and some snacks to munch on during the social hour. Don't get left out, reserve a spot early!

P.S. DON'T FORGET TO BRING SOME \$\$\$ FOR THE "FFFF" (translation; First Friday Fifty Fifty).

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 8:00 AM TO 9:30 AM



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

The cost for this filling and delicious breakfast is only \$3 per person. IT'S THE BEST BREAKFAST BARGAIN in town. If you plan to bring 2 or more GUESTS to the Men's Breakfast, please call Linda Harper (751-0075). This allows Linda to buy just the right amount of food for the breakfast.

APPLES, ORANGES, PEACHES OR PEARS

Do you have more fruit than you; your friends and family can eat? Not a problem! Drop any extra fruit off in the Village Hall kitchen. All of it gets used for the men's breakfast and, therefore, enjoyed by many. Thank you in advance for your help. What would we do without all of you generous residents?

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DANCE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 5:00 PM



Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way down to the Village Hall for our annual Christmas Dinner Party and Dance. A fabulous meal awaits you as you gasp at the stunning beauty of our decorated

Village Hall and admire how great all of your neighbors look in their finery.

Bring the beverage that you prefer and few snacks, but don't eat too much or you might be sorry. The Three Sisters are catering the party and the meal is sure to be delicious. The fare will consist of baked ham, fresh young turkey, fresh mashed potatoes, old fashioned turkey gravy, bread and corn stuffing, fresh carrots and corn with butter, cranberry sauce, and a home made pasta platter, a chef's salad, fresh fruit platter, warm garlic bread and rolls and finishing up with (if you still have some room) holiday pie with whipped cream. You can choose from apple, pumpkin, pecan, or cherry pie and even a cheesecake too. The Vidal's will be performing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

How much will this cost me, you ask! ONLY \$15 per person is the answer. What a nominal cost for such a grand evening. Please sign up for the Christmas Party on the sign-up sheet in the copy room of the Village Hall. Please do not sign on the first line if you don't want to accept the responsibilities of the hostess. (See related article in this edition) Put your money in an envelope and put your name, space number and the name of the event on it and either take it to your table hostess or take it to the Village Hall Office. The cut-off date for

reservations is Tuesday, December 5. Remember, you snooze; you lose.

SECOND MONDAY GAME NIGHT DECEMBER 11, 5:00 PM



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

evening event.

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 4:30 PM

Let's all meet at the mail box/Village Hall area on Monday, December 18 at 4:30 PM to join other residents and Santa Claus in singing Christmas Carols. Santa is going to hand out candy canes to all of you good boys and girls. Our Chorus Director Ernie Liebman will be leading one half of the group and resident Delores Matson is going to lead the other half of the group in songs of the season. Billy Smith is trying to arrange for the use of the two large trams 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 Hall know their name and space number.

After the caroling all you altos, sopranos and baritones 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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2:00 PM

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Sat December 16 at 2:00 PM. Our expanded chorus has been in rehearsals for the Christmas Concert for the past two years. Get in the holiday spirit with us! Come enjoy being sung to by your neighbors. During the intermission our director, Ernie Liebman will lead the audience in a sing-along. Refreshments will be provided. Remember the date!

VILLAGE HALL PARKING LOT SALE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

It's been a while and we've had so many requests that we're going to do it again. We're having another Village Hall Parking Lot Sale. Begin saving all the items that you don't need anymore and those items that you get for Christmas that you don't want. Just make sure a neighbor didn't buy it for you!

Tables are selling for \$5 each and the seller will keep all of the profits. We're going to sell a delicious BBQ'ed hot dog, along with a bag of chips and a soda for only \$2. You can't beat that price with a stick. If it rains on January 20, we'll move everything into the hall. Lots of fun, lots of laughs, a little lunch and maybe even some money in your pocket. What a great way to spend 4 hours on a Saturday!

TABLE HOSTS OR HOSTESSES

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

- Collecting payment from the other guests sitting at your table and giving the money to Karolyn Ebbert at #43.
- Setting the table the morning of the event, beginning at 10:00 AM.
- Providing light snacks for the cocktail hour.
- Bringing home the tablecloth and napkins to wash and return to the Village Hall on a hanger.
- Making sure the table is cleared and the area around the table is neat and clean.

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

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

OUR VETS DINNER REVISITED

My hat is off to all the ladies who helped me prepare the hall for the dinner.

Skip wants me to be sure and set the record straight. He said that he was not in the First World War. One of his close friends had given me that information. Will someone please read this to Skip? Next year I plan to have two Honorary Co-Chairs, Larry Repas and Ken Sumner.

And last, but certainly not least, I want to publicly thank Lu Grainger who not only took you money, but helped me tremendously in the planning process. I simply could not have done it without her help and her great opinions! Mimi Baca.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SAVE THESE DATES

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

2006-2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 1	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, Dec. 3	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Dec. 9	Christmas Party
Saturday, Dec. 16	Champagne Village Chorus Holiday Concert
Sunday, Dec. 17	Holiday Home Tour
Monday, Dec. 18	Caroling Around the Park

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Friday, January 5	First Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, January 7	Men's Breakfast

PLEASE NOTE THAT A COMPLETE 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE JANUARY EDITION OF THE CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE TIMES.

COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman

TIRED OF WAITING ON THE NET? SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE WIRELESS



Our dialup service in the Village is half the speed of other communities. For those who surf the net on a regular basis or send and receive photos, you

will find the fast wireless service in the Village extremely rewarding.

The cost is \$255 for installation of a high tech antenna on your roof and connection to your computer and either \$28 or \$40 a month, with all discounts, depending on the level of service you need.

Pick up an application at the north computer station in the fireside room opposite the Village Office and take advantage of this new technology. While you're there, try out the fast service on one of the computers there. Call (888-453-2232) to enroll in computer heaven!

Thanks to Reta Phelps for chairing the November computer club meeting! Yours truly was out and about with Annetta to Branson, MO on a month-long trip. Among our many adventures we met The Last Cowboy, Leroy Webb, in Tucumcari, NM. But that's a whole other story!

Remember the monthly Computer Club meeting at 7:00 PM, Monday, December 4 in the Card Room in the Village Hall. The topic for the evening will be "Using Your Computer to Make Life Easier!" Any resident is invited to attend.

THE CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE INDEPENDENT INVESTOR CLUB

By Dale Matheny

The CV Independent Investor Meeting will be on December 4 at 6:00 PM, in the Card Room.

Possible topics for discussion:

- Inflation
- Interest Rates
- Iran
- A new direction in Washington DC

Come and bring your questions or concerns about your financial future.

CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Patrick McGuire

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Holiday Dinner Party will be held on Friday, December 8. Social Hour begins at 5:00 PM with Dinner at 6:00 PM. For those of you who asked of course we'll again play The Wright Family Game.

This year it will be a speedier exchange with gifts for everyone.

The hostesses will cook Roast Beef so you do not need to bring any meat dishes. Here are a few ideas, mashed potatoes, squash, sweet potatoes, vegetables and some Holiday type salads and of course, desserts.

After dinner we will be entertained by the Quest Quartet who will lead us in singing Christmas Carols after their performance.

Please remember to sign-up, or call Donna Shaw (751-1799) or Mimi Baca (751-1032), to let us know you plan to attend.

SINGLES OUT TO DINNER GROUP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2006

All singles are invited to join the fun! We meet in front of the laundry room and leave promptly at 4:30 PM. We carpool to the restaurant of choice, usually somewhere in north San Diego County.

Please see the sign-up sheet across from the poolroom. Hope to see you on the 3rd Friday of each month. Sign up by the Wednesday before.

VILLAGE DRAMA CLUB

By Mimi Baca

At the recent Drama Club meeting scripts were distributed and the actor's parts cast. We are doing a murder mystery this Spring called "Pasta, Passion and Pistols." Rehearsals will begin in January with the play scheduled for April 20 and 21.

Be sure and mark your calendars NOW!

TRAVEL

By Joe Klopp



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

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT EARLY.

Las Vegas, NV, Golden Nugget

January 29, 30, 31 (Mon. Tues. Wed.).

3 days/2nts, \$145 per person double, \$208 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 movies, bingo and lots more fun! **Depart Mon. 8:00 AM**, return Wed. approx. 6:00 PM. **Pay by Dec. 1.** Please book early and pay early, (Postdate your check if you like) remember I don't cash any checks until we have enough to go, but it sure helps when I know the count early. Thanks for your help. NOTE: Water will be provided & we stop in Barstow going & returning for a short rest and snack. **NOTE: This is a go but I can still get a few more on the bus, call me if you want to go.**

Palm Springs Follies

Wednesday, March 7, 2007, \$71.

Headliner, "Gloria Loring". 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. NOTE: I need to have a minimum of 40 by Dec. 1, or I will have to cancel or lose the deposit. **INCLUDES:** Deluxe Coach, Reserved Follies Seats, and Driver's Gratuity. Departs 9:00 AM arrives back 6:30 PM. Pay Date, Dec. 1.

SOLD OUT: But I am taking standby names. Please call if you want to be on standby, sometimes I have cancellations.

J. Paul Getty Center

Wednesday, May 23, 2007. \$33

Spend a delightful day at J. Paul Getty Center where you will be surrounded by gardens, terraces, and dramatic architecture along with a spectacular museum with works of art you will long remember! Lunch is on own at the Getty Center. **INCLUDES:**

Deluxe Coach, and Driver's Gratuity. Departs 9AM Returns Approx. 7:00 PM. Pay Date, April 1. Please book early. Thanks.

ALL TRIPS DEPART FROM THE LAUNDRY AREA.

You may need a jacket on any of the trips. 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.

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

PAYING PROCEDURE:

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

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

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

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Bob Day



The CV Men's Golf Championship was determined on the Fountains over the past few weeks. The championship was determined by taking the scores for the best three of the four rounds played over that time period. Ken Morgan has been crowned Club Champion for 2006. Mike Dail took second honors and John Coston was third in the fierce competition.

Golfer of the Year leaders through October were: Tom Clatworthy, Billy Smith, and Ray Kessler on the Oaks. Bob Olsen continues to lead on the Fountains, followed by Art Baker and Terry Quimby.

Through October, Terry Quimby continues to lead the Fountains men for most improved player of the year, followed by Matt Madsen and Tom Clatworthy. Tom Clatworthy leads Everett Smith and Jack Cox for most improved on the Oaks course.

The latest Safari event was held at Woods Valley Golf Course in Valley Center recently. Safari Chairman Charlie Service reports that Bob Olsen won the "A" flight, Doug Winther was the winner in the "B" flight and Allan Whaite was victorious in the "C" flight.

Orlie Macioci became the latest to have a hole-in-one on the Oaks this past month. Way to go, Orlie. Anyone interested in joining our fun-loving club can contact Membership Chairman Lee Rabeneau (751-2544). Player's handicaps range from single digits to those in the 30s, so all fit in. Handicaps are adjusted to equalize play on the Oaks Course, as well. One thing we guarantee is that you will have a good time. Our general meeting is usually held in the Village Hall at 12:30 PM the last Thursday of every month, so come join us.

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Luella Guthrie



The November 8 meeting was called to order by President Jeanne Humphrey, nice to have you back Jeanne.

Lunch of pizzas, brownies and drinks was served by Priscilla DeArman and Jane Humphrey as we celebrated the President Cup Winners: Flight A Jane Humphrey; Flight B Betty Service; Flight C Alicia Moliter, each receiving \$20. Congratulations girls! And thanks to all who participated.

A unanimous declaration for the 2007 Board of Directors was made along with thanks, hand clapping and cheers for President Dottie Moore, Vice President Priscilla DeArman, Secretary Sharon Groepper, and Treasurer Loretta Pittman.

December 6, the first Wednesday will be a shotgun start at 7:30 AM, followed by the Christmas Party at the Escondido Country Club at 12:30 PM.

Remember to bring a gift worth a dollar or less in a brown paper bag.

December 13, the second Wednesday will also be a 7:30 AM shot gun start, followed by the Chipping Clinic by Josh Karp, our Head Pro, who is determined to help us ladies improve our scores.

Joan Carpenter introduced our newest member, Jackie Roush, from Monserate. When asked to give a bio of her golfing career, she said, "back when I was in the third grade, I was the only one who.....! She is good.....she golfed her age! Welcome Jackie to a "very friendly "group of happy golfers.

Sally Olsen is \$12.50 richer.....she won the 50/50 drawing.....second time this year.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Lynn Tobin



Our meeting on November 2, was called to order at 12:03 PM by President Leah Kapp. There were 21 members present. Karen Smith and Julie Conner served great refreshments which were enjoyed.

The Secretary's minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Doreen Burchett and Carol Young gave a complete report on the instructions for the November 9th Turkey Shoot and Luncheon. The Mulligans would be available at \$1 each with a limit of two. The luncheon will follow from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM for \$5.

Discussion followed on the December 3rd fund raiser, selling bakery goods and filled baskets for the holidays, at the Men's Breakfast.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Teresa Stalzer. Lynn Tobin and Julie Conner won lovely breads baked by Leah Kapp.

The Mulligan Prizes presented at the Luncheon on November 9 were:

Closest to Pin: \$3 each Doreen Burchett & Sally Olsen.

Divided by Handicap A Flight: Carol Young, Karen Smith and Betty Service 1st hole \$5.

B Flight: Leah Kapp, Jackie Whaite, Joan Magnuson 18th hole \$4.

C Flight Doreen Smith and Annette Lee 17th hole \$3.

Julie Conner won the first Turkey Prize for the fewest holes played before reaching Par plus handicap on the 13th hole.

A delightful luncheon followed the distribution of prizes.

We invite anyone interested in joining us for Thursday morning golf to call Deanna Clatworthy, Membership Chairman at (751-0204).

TENNIS CLUB

By LoReta Phelps



The Tennis Club held their regular potluck meeting at a later time this past month in an effort to accommodate some members who are not able to come at the previous time of 4:30 PM.

The next activity will be a Play Day on December 10 at 8:00 AM at the tennis courts. That is, providing someone steps up to the plate or maybe that should be net and volunteers to be the host. If you are that person, call Delores Madsen (751-3472). If there are no takers, then the Play Day will be cancelled. Hopefully, that will not be the case and you will see sign-up sheets posted at the courts and the copy room.

If you haven't gotten your new key that will operate the lights as well as open the gates, see Ray Urbaniak.

The Valentine's dinner dance is in the works so look for upcoming news and announcements.

LIONS CLUB

By Mark Henderson



We are blessed by the gracious support of all our club's functions by Champagne Village residents and we appreciate your generous donations toward our annual White Cane drive in October. 100% of your donations are currently helping a woman from St. Clairs and a young man from Escondido to see a more hopeful future with eye

exams and glasses. This is to thank to you and our club efforts to support it.

We also would like to thank our friends and neighbors for enduring any inconvenience during our district cabinet meeting on October 20 and 21, due to any lack of parking or use at the Village Hall. Our visiting dignitaries, coming from as far as India, were impressed by our beautiful hall and community. Entertainment was provided by our very own "CV Line Dancers", and Mary Klopp and Lion Terry Martino manned the kiosk. Because of these beautiful ladies, our club received a donation of \$135 from our district governor for Campaign SightFirst II. Thank you ladies for your compassionate support.

I have been told by many residents our Flag-raising ceremony on November 17, honoring our Veterans and Village, was a success. We thank the CVPOA, Tom Riggs and Karin Mikkelsen for approval and support service, Mimi Baca for working with our club president, Joe Klopp for his service on Honor Guard and Major Bruce Cripe for the caps and his leadership. A personal thanks to Lions Billy Smith, Pat McGuire, Larry Repas and Ken Hansen for your Honor Guard service, Lion Mike Kapp for organizing the ceremony and Lions Gladys Lundstrom and Leah Kapp for the beautiful music. I was honored to work with all these wonderful people.

Our fashion show/silent auction to benefit Campaign SightFirst II is in committee and scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2007. Campaign SightFirst II is the Lions answer to Helen Keller's challenge to eradicate preventable blindness around the world. On average, it only takes \$6 to keep someone from blindness. With your help, CSFII will eradicate blindness to over 73 million people by the year 2020! We hope you will come check out the auction, including the afghan displayed at the Veterans Dinner handmade by Lion Carol Repas. We look forward to your support.

A NOTE OF THANKS:

On behalf of Champagne Village I wish to thank the Champagne Village Lions Club for presenting us with the American Flag which actually flew over the Capitol in Washington DC on Veterans Day, November 11, 2006.

We are proud to say this flag was raised on our flagpole in front of the Village Hall prior to the Veterans Dinner on Friday, November 17, 2006 by a Color Guard of Champagne Village Veterans who represented each branch of our Military.

We will also display the Certificate that tells how the flag was displayed in Washington DC.

Thank you Lions.

Jean Slaughter

President

MONDAY MEN & WOMEN'S BRIDGE

By Melba Crandall



Monday Bridge is from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. The host for December will be Al Bunnell (749-3129). Please call Melba Crandall (751-7011), for reservations if you are a newcomer to the Village.

HAPPY HANDS

By Janina Garvey



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

We are accepting handmade caps and baby blankets. Any donations of materials or time will be greatly appreciated. Please bring yarn to Happy Hands on Tuesday's 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (or join us). For more information, call Janina Garvey (749-1730).

PINOCHLE

By Marion Psota



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

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

By Bob Spencer

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

COUPLES BRIDGE

By Joyce Martin

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Margaret Koeppel (749-5327), and Teresa Stalzer.

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

Three prizes for women and three prizes for men are awarded. Please bring \$2 per couple for the prizes.

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

PENNY CANASTA

By Betty Bearman

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

HAND AND FOOT

By Sandra Watkinson

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.

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, due to the holidays, we will only be playing on December 8.*

We need to know if you will be there so we can make up tables of four, so please call Carolyn White (751-1833) or Lanny Scalise (751-2630) to reserve your seat.

Mark your calendar and we will look forward to seeing you there. **BRING A FRIEND OR A NEIGHBOR!** The more people that play, the more money you could win.

WATER EXERCISE

Deanna Clatworthy



Open to all interested ladies. Held at the pool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 AM, and Tuesday and Thursday at 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 Jackie Lohrke

Stretch thru Conscious Movement

Jackie Lohrke will teach how to move consciously through movement on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM, at the Village Hall.

Please dress comfortably, bring mats, belt, towels and small cushions. Tummies will be more comfortable if breakfast is small and eaten early before class. Her instructions will be based on years of practicing and teaching Yoga and other disciplines. Any questions, please call Jackie (749-2335).

LINE DANCING

By Nota Morey

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Village Hall. Come join us. Line dancing is fun and great exercise. If you have any questions, call Nota Morey (751-9503).

BEGINNING LINE DANCING

By Nora Morey

Come join us for a new beginning line dance class. Every Monday morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

We will learn an exercise to music, The Electric Slide and Cowboy Boogie. The pace will be slow and other dances may be added later. If you are interested, call Nota Morey (751-9503). Thanks!

MEMORY KEEPERS SCRAP BOOK CLUB

By Janet Hyman

The scrapbook club will not meet in December due to the busy holiday season. However, we are going to have 2 meetings in January 2007. The first one will be on Saturday, January 12 in the Village Hall from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is going to be a Pot Luck Lunch so bring a dish to share. As has been our custom, the regular meeting of the club will again be on the 4th Saturday of each month. Plan on attending and having some fun while learning new things and picking up valuable hints

from those around you. Any questions call Janet Hyman (749-8120).

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.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO VESPERS ON DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31, 2006.

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PET LOVER'S CLUB NEWS

By Doreen Smith & Doreen Burchett



All CV pet owners and pet lovers are invited to join the pet club which meets quarterly to socialize and discuss matters of mutual interest re our pets. Even if you aren't interested in coming to meetings, it is to your advantage to have your name included on the telephone call list for pet owners. (Please call or leave a note in one of our mailboxes to be added to the list. Doreen Smith #458 or Doreen Burchett #424). It is important to have a comprehensive list of pet owners in case of emergencies. The pet club requests that Champagne Village pet owners assume responsibility for picking up after their own pets, especially in the dog walk area. Club members replenish the supply of bags in the box next to the plastic waste container in the area by the RV storage yard so there is no excuse for not disposing of pet waste.



November 21 was our last meeting of the year where those present discussed pet club activities and suggested meeting

dates for next year. Look for details in the January CV Times. In the meantime, join us and our dogs in the pet walk area around 4:00 PM each afternoon to give your pets a chance to socialize too.

CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

By LoReta Phelps



The Trash Crew did it again! Thanks to a great bunch of volunteers, the roadside between our west gate and Deer Springs Road looked good after they gave it their best.

If you would like to join them in the afternoon on the second Wednesday call Addie Wilkins (751-1859).

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



Happy news! I have two new drivers since last month. Thank you SO much for volunteering. I still need more, so if any of you out there can help, please let me know. Might be a good New Year's Resolution. Drivers furnish round-trip rides to Villagers who have medical appointments and don't have any other way of getting there. Most of the destinations are in Escondido; some Rancho Bernardino or Vista; occasionally La Jolla or San Diego. If you prefer to just accept Escondido trips, that's okay. The way it works is, someone will call me for a ride to their doctor's office, and I start calling my drivers until I find one who can do the job. Call me (749-4255) if you can help. If you are someone who needs a ride, call me at the above number and I will find a driver for you. The drivers are volunteers and are doing this out of the goodness of their hearts. No charge is made. But with the cost of gasoline going up again, many people really want to contribute toward that extra expense. It's between you and your driver.

ODDS AND ENDS

LIBRARY NEWS

By Marie Tutt and Audrey Meyers

Are you aware there is a non-fiction section in the library? It is in the small bookcase next to the windows. The subjects vary from the personal account of Jon Krakauer's climb on Mt. Everest in his book "Into Thin Air", to "As The Romans Do" by Alan Epstein about the delights, dramas, and daily diversions of life in the Eternal City {la citta eterna}.

Then there is the unforgettable Erma Brombeck informing us how to get from Monday to Friday in 12 days in her book, "Aunt Erma's Cope Book".

For the animal lovers there is "Most of My Patients are Animals" by Robert M. Miller,,DMV, to quote him "I've been bitten by a dog, an otter, a panther, and a monkey, gored by cow, kicked by a horse, and scratched by 583 cats." Those shelves hold something for preferences such as science, history, finance and current events, Tom Brokavs latest book is there also.

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First of all let me start by again thanking all of you who participated last year in The Salvation Army Toy drive for the absolutely marvelous outpouring of generosity in providing such a huge amount of wonderful toys. Your Village Board has given us authorization to again place a barrel just inside the entrance to the Village Hall as a receptacle for your anticipated toys. We will also have tags with a child's name and age. In bygone years the Army's biggest source of toys was from "Angel Tree" table/booth at the Westfield Shopping Mall (formerly North County Fair). However that is no longer a viable location. And KB Toys in the Mervyn's shopping center doesn't allow us to solicit there as they have a contract with the Marines "Toys for Tots" drive (another worthy organizational toy drive)

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).



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:

By Fran Robinson

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

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



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

SEE'S CANDIES: One pound gift certificates are \$10.35. This will give you \$14.10 worth of spending power at any See's location. Any questions...call (751-0075) or leave your check made out to Linda Harper, 186 Skyline Drive. Please **do not** leave with Karin in the office.

GOLF CART CLINIC



A-1 Golf Cart clinic is held the second Friday of each month at the picnic grounds at 9:00 AM.

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

FREE HEARING AID SERVICE:

Please call Janice at Sonus, ahead of time to make an appointment to see them here in the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. (760-489-1323).

Where: Champagne Village

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning
Battery Purchase
Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz



The San Diego County Bookmobile serving Champagne Village is scheduled for Tuesday 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, December 5 and 19 in the mailbox area. It is your opportunity to check out books magazines, videos, etc. and return them to any library as well as the bookmobile when it is in our Village.

ART CLASS: During the January 16 visit of the Mobile Library there will be an opportunity for 20 people to participate in an art class (watercolor) taught by artist David Musser. There is a sign-up sheet in the copy machine room for those interested.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2006

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the trash will be delayed one day. Pick up will be on Saturday, December 30.