

# The Champagne Village Times



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**Seasons  
Greetings!**

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## **Directors/Officers**

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Dennis Roberts, Architectural  
Pat & Janet LeRossignol, Social  
Activities  
Charlie Service, Disaster Control

## **Board Meeting Notes**

The Board approved spending \$600 to purchase materials for construction of an 8'x12' wooden tennis backboard. Labor will be provided by volunteers.

In an effort to save money the winter pool hours were changed to Mon. Wed. Fri. Sat. and Sun. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Pool will be closed on Tues and Thurs. Children's hours to be 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

The board approved a request from the owner of unit#274 to install a two rail PVC ranch fence subject to it being painted tan.

The installation of three irrigation valves in the amount of \$1098.16 to be charged to landscape was approved.

The installation of wireless thermostats in the Village Hall in the amount of \$1745 was approved by unanimous vote.



**Next Board "Workshop":  
December 17, 2007, 9:00  
AM, in the Card Room  
(always held the Monday  
prior to the Board  
meeting).**

**Next Regular Board of  
Directors Meeting:  
December 19, 2007, 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 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas and Tuesday, January 1 for New Years.

**GATE HOLIDAY HOURS:** The gate will be “manned” from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Christmas Day.

**ASSESSMENTS:** Your assessments will be \$184, starting January 1, 2008. December assessments will still be \$177.

**TRASH DELAY:** Due to the Christmas Holiday, the trash will be delayed one day. Pick up will be on Saturday, December 29.

**WATER RATE INCREASE:** Effective January 1, 2008 the rates from Valley Center Municipal Water Districts wholesale water suppliers, MWD and SDCWA will increase by 9.0% from \$1.9132 to \$2.0850/hcf for domestic and commercial.

**TELEPHONES:** As most of you are aware cordless phones, phones that are part of an answering machine or any other phone that must be connected to an electrical outlet will not work during a power outage. The reverse 911 system allows you to add cell phone numbers to the system so that you will still get an evacuation call during a power outage. Those of you with cell phones may wish to do this. Forms are available in the Office. Another thing to consider is purchasing an old fashioned phone that works without electricity. They are available at Radio Shack or Fry's for under \$10.

**MAIL BOXES:** The office has been receiving complaints on mail boxes that are in need of repair. Please check your mail box (out front of your home) and fix as needed.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU:** We would like to give a big thank you to *Nickie Kettenring, Connie Phillips & Joan Galarneault* for the great job they did organizing our new library shelves for everyone to enjoy.

Also, a huge thanks to *Connie Bentley*, once again for editing our directory, which should be printed in December.

**NEWSLETTER:** Due to the holiday season we need January articles to be in by December 13.

**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.

## LETTER TO THE TIMES

Have you ever wondered why you chose to live in Champagne Village?

**Could it be** that it is the most beautiful place of its kind not only in North San Diego County or anyplace else for that matter?

**Could it be** that it is located where our air is clean and that we're lucky to be associated with caring people from a lost generation whose patriotism and moral values have passed us by?

**Could it be** that we can still go to bed at night and not worry if we left a window open or a door unlocked?

**Could it be** that the majority of our neighbors couldn't be hand picked better if we tried?

**Could it be** that we have comfort in knowing that someone is watching out for our health and well-being?

**Could it be** that if you took advantage of the parties and activities available year round your social life would be more fulfilled?

**Could it be** that your cost of living is far less than the areas outside of our gates?

**Could it be** that you see your glass half empty rather than half full?

I've made more close friends in the two years plus than I did in my life before moving here.

These are only a few thoughts of one resident who believes he found his *SHANGRI-LA*. I hope you have found yours.

Bob Thurlow

## **S**OCIAL ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary

### SAC NOTES:

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP



2008 is quickly approaching and so is the need for volunteers to host one of the Friday Dinner Dances.

Being a host/hostess can be lots of fun. Just gather a few couples or 5-6 single friends to help you out. You can pick a theme if you'd like and then talk with Linda Harper about the menu, as she does all of the shopping. Once Friday evening arrives, you just have to prepare the food and then help dish it out. There will be gals ready to clean up the kitchen when the event is over. Linda can fill you in on all the particulars.

Please sign up in the copy room of the Village Hall.

**Try hosting**, it's almost a guarantee you'll have a great time and even want to do it again.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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.

### DO YOU HAVE AN OVERABUNDANCE OF FRUIT????



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?

### SECOND MONDAY GAME NIGHT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 5:00 PM



Game night is more fun now than it ever has been because so many people have decided to attend. You really should give it a try. Many different games are played like Mexican Train, poker, hearts, pinochle and lots of board games. Just come down to the Village Hall at 5:00 PM and bring your favorite games and some food to share with others. As usual, there is NO charge for this fun evening. Hope to see more of you.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 5:00 PM

**Free Swing Lessons will be given from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.**

### THE DAY OF THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

T'was the day of the Christmas Party,  
And much excitement filled the air.  
The men were all watching football,  
While the women did their hair.

The wonderful Three Sisters,  
Are catering tonight's affair.

Their food is so delicious,  
That we all want to be there.

The Village Hall looks beautiful,  
There are decorations galore.  
And the Vidal's play such great music,  
That we're sure to fill the dance floor.

So, get out your wallets and checkbooks,  
'Cause it's time to celebrate.  
And it's only \$15 dollars per person,  
Pay now - you don't want to be late.

Please pay in the Village Hall Office,  
In the property owner's drop slot.  
All cash goes in an envelope,  
But remember, checks do not!

Come join your friends and neighbors,  
At this magical time of year.  
While we eat, drink and be merry,  
And spread some Holiday Cheer.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL  
AND  
TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT

### **HOLIDAY HOME TOUR**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16  
FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM.

Our 6th Annual Holiday Home Tour will be held on Sunday, December 16 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The tour is free; however, donations will be accepted for The Salvation Army's Fire Relief Fund.

On December 1 or 2 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 so you'll know where to go! Arlene Garich has agreed to be our sponsor again this year. Any questions? If so, call Mimi (751-1032).

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 4:30 PM



Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do! It's time to tune up your pipes for Christmas Caroling around the park.

On Monday, December 17, at 4:30 PM those of us who **can** carry a

tune and those of us who **cannot** are all gathering near the mailboxes to begin our annual caroling sing along.

We need you to drive down in your personal golf carts if you have them. Also, SAC is trying to borrow the large tram from the Lawrence Welk Resort. We usually have enough spaces for all who wish to sing.

After you finish singing for your supper, come back to the Village Hall for some piping hot chili, cornbread, hot apple cider and cookies compliments of your Social Activities Committee.

During this time, you'll be treated to Mark Henderson and Helen Smith putting on a short program of Renaissance Christmas Music for guitars and recorders.

If you are aware of any shut-ins that might like us to stop in front of their homes, please let Karin know. She'll give us a list of those folks who are unable to get out and about.

It's time to share our largesse with those around us that are less fortunate.

### **SQUARE DANCE LESSONS AT THE JOSLYN CENTER**

By Janet LeRossignol



Instead of trying to start a Square Dance Club here at Champagne Village, we are organizing a group of residents to attend the weekly beginning

square dance lessons at the Joslyn Senior Center at 210 Park Ave., Escondido. The first lesson is free and after that it is only \$4 per person per lesson. A new session will start in early February on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. No commitment is required. You can take as many lessons as you want. You can quit when you want. Watch for announcements about this class. For

those who want to do so, you can meet at the Village Hall the night of the lesson and carpool to the Joslyn Senior Center. By the way, you can dress casually. No fancy outfits are needed. Call Janet if you have a question (749-7934).

**COMING ATTRACTIONS  
SAVE THESE DATES**

By Lois Burdick, SAC Recording Secretary



Please note that there will be no Friday Dinner Dance in December, due to the Christmas Party taking place on Saturday, December 15. Also, as of 2008, the First Friday Dinner Dances will be called **FRIDAY DINNER DANCES** as they just might be on the second or third Friday of the month.

Sunday, December 2	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, December 15	Christmas Dinner Dance
Sunday, December 16	The Holiday Home Tour
Monday, December 17	Caroling Around the Park
Saturday, December 22	Chorus Christmas Program
Monday, December 31	New Year's Eve Party

**2008**

Sunday, January 6	Men's Breakfast
Friday, January 18	Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, February 3	Men's Breakfast
Thursday, February 14	Valentine's Dinner Dance
Sunday, March 2	Men's Breakfast
Monday, March 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
Friday, April 4	Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, April 6	Men's Breakfast
Friday, May 2	Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, May 4	Men's Breakfast
Sunday, June 1	Women's Breakfast
Friday, June 6	Friday Dinner Dance

Friday, July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Picnic
Sunday, July 6	Men's Breakfast
Friday, July 11	Friday Dinner Dance
Friday, August 1	Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, August 3	Men's Breakfast
Friday, September 5	Friday Dinner Dance
Sunday, September 7	Men's Breakfast
Friday, October 3	Friday Dinner Dance - Oktoberfest
Sunday, October 5	Men's Breakfast
Friday, October 31	Halloween Party
Sunday, November 2	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, November 15	Veteran's Dinner
Sunday, December 7	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, December 13	Christmas Dinner Dance
Wednesday, December 31	New Year's Eve Party

BE SURE TO CHECK THIS ARTICLE IN EACH MONTH'S CV TIMES, AS WE WILL BE ADDING AND PERHAPS DELETING EVENTS FROM TIME TO TIME.

**YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31  
8:30 PM TO 12:30 AM**

**FEATURING:**

- \* Shared food **buffet**
- \* White elephant prizes for **Bingo & Drawings**
- \* D.J. with Karaoke **guest singers**
- \* Variety of music for **dancing**
- \* "Americana" **sing-a-long**

**Cost:** Please contribute to late buffet with cold **sandwiches** or cold **salad** with bottled **dressings** or **desserts**.

**Cover all above with Saran wrap.**

**Bring attached label** for contents of **sandwiches**. Contribute **six servings** per person or **12 servings** per couple.

\* **Bring your own beverages**, coffee & tea provided.

\* Hosts will provide relish dishes & mustard and mayonnaise for sandwiches.

Remember to **drop off white elephant prizes** to hosts at #212 Camphor.  
We **still need assistance** for setup on day of event and cleanup on day after. To assist,  
**Phone Hosts: Annetta & Richard (751-2772).**

## CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

By Barbara Pittman

If there is anything the Care and Concern Committee can do to help you & your family, please call Cheryl Wright (749-6323). We are a group of concerned residents in Champagne Village who *collectively* support our neighbors in times of loss or illness, and encourage each other as we struggle through the aging process or other issues that might befall us.

Please welcome four new members of this committee: Luzanne (Lu) Grainger, Carol Repas, Arlene Garich and Lauralyn Green. Thank you for joining the C&CC! Together we can make a difference in the lives of others!

### *Remembering ...*

**Elaine Pecaut** passed to her rest November 16, 2007. Our condolences go out to her husband, Jean, and their families.

### *Also please remember to pray for ...*

Our neighbors and their families, especially during their difficult times, and also for those with health issues:

Sandy Broderick	Mike Kapp
Larry Repas	Don More
Jack & Carol Cox	Joan Rabeneau
Norma & Bob Halstead	Eileen McCarthy
Beverly Baker	Tommy Henderson
Paulette & Frank Oswald	Sam Montoya
Jean Wentworth	Doreen Smith
Margaret Koepfel	

### *Happy Birthday! ...*

Congratulations and blessings to Joe Meysner, who turned 101 years old last month on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. May you continue to have a wonderful life. A birthday birdie said that you had a nice dinner with

your “harem”.

Is anyone near or over the centennial milestone? Let us know who you all are. We would love to acknowledge and celebrate your long life!

### *Holiday Wishes ...*

When you are making out your Christmas or Chanukah card list this year, please include the following:

A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

(If you wish, you may pass this on through your e-mail list. These guys & gals need all of the good will and cheers that we can give them.)

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the rest of our U.S. armed forces and also to our veterans. We hope you all had a wonderful Veteran’s Day and a great Thanksgiving last month!

### *Thank you! ...*

The C&CC members want to thank the firefighters who worked so efficiently and diligently during the terrible firestorm in October. You all did such a remarkable job. Thank God we did not lose any of you. We pray for the speedy recovery of those who were injured.

To the Champagne Village marshals and others, who lent a helping hand, donated food or clothing or in any way supported in the fire recovery, or were just being “good Samaritans” during the hardships of others, the C&CC commends you immensely. Sandi Henderson and committee members did a great job collecting baked goods for the firefighters! This committee appreciates all of you caring people. May you all have a **Merry Christmas** and/or a **Happy Chanukah** as 2007 comes to an end; and as 2008 approaches, may you have a safe and **Happy New Year!**

## COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman



The Champagne Computer Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday December 3 at 7:00 PM in the

Card Room of the Village Hall. Any resident of the Village is invited to attend. We discuss computer challenges and help solve individuals' problems.

### **THE CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE INDEPENDENT INVESTOR CLUB**

By Dale Matheny

**SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Our next meeting will be at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 3, before the Computer Club meeting. We will again discuss how world events might impact us in Champagne Village such as prices for food, energy and Real Estate. Everyone is welcome.

### **CHAMPAGNE SINGLES**

By Mary Starkey

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Our next meeting will be on December 14, 2007 at 5:30 PM in the Village Hall. Hostesses for the event will be Mimi Baca, Donna Shaw and Annette Lee. Bring a friend, and enjoy the companionship. There will be no potluck, the Christmas Dinner will be supplied. So, sign up in the Village Hall copy room, or call one of the hostesses. All kinds of games and gifts will be supplied for everyone by the hostesses

### **VILLAGE DRAMA CLUB PRESS RELEASE**

By Jennie Shaw



**WANTED:** A couple of men to join the Village Drama Club. If you are interested in the performing arts, we want you! No experience needed, the rest of us will give you all the help and encouragement you need.

Our spring production of "A Private Affair" is in jeopardy due to lack of men players. Rehearsals begin in January. **CALL ME NOW** - Jennie Shaw (751-8909).

### **CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE CHORUS**

By Joan Van Ingen

Mark your calendars for December 22 and come to the fun Christmas Show being presented by the Champagne Village Chorus. It begins at 2:00 PM in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served.

### **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.**

**NOTE:** I am looking for someone to take over the Travel Group. Mary & I had no experience when we started over three years ago. We've had fun doing it. If you are interested or have any questions give me a call. Thanks, Joe.

**2008**

**HELP! WE NEED PEOPLE FOR THE LAS VEGAS TRIP OR I WILL HAVE TO CANCEL.**

**WE ONLY HAVE 30 AND NEED 40 !!!**

**Las Vegas, NV. Golden Nugget**

**January 14, 15, 16, 2008 (Mon. Tu. Wed.)**

3 days/2nts \$158 per person double, \$246 Single, The Golden Nugget, downtown. **INCLUDES:** Baggage handling, driver's gratuity and deluxe motor coach! Of course we will have movies, bingo and lots more fun! Depart Mon. 8 AM Return Wed. approx. 6:00 PM. **Pay by Dec. 5.** Please book early and pay early, 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:** They no longer include a breakfast. **THIS TRIP NEEDS PEOPLE OR I WILL HAVE TO CANCEL.**

**PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES.**

**SOLD OUT TAKING STANDBY**

### Wednesday, March, 5, 2008 \$73

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, and Driver's Gratuity. Please reserve your seats early. Departs 9:00 AM arrives back 6:30 PM. **Pay by Jan. 5. SOLD OUT BUT I AM TAKING STANDBY NAMES.**

### **CRUISES**

**Linda Harper** is organizing two cruises for 2008. Fourteen days beginning May 3, 2008 to Alaska, \$1,628 P/P also 14 days beginning October 26, 2008 to the Panama Canal. For you people that have asked about cruises this is your chance. Let's get out there and see the world. Please call Linda Harper (751-0075) for more information.

**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 Court. 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.

### **N-ER-GEE**

By Joe Klopp

What's this? It's your ENERGY Committee at work. From time to time I hope to have information on how we can save ENERGY and in the process save money. Some tips will be to save money for the association and some to save money for YOU the resident.

**Synergy Companies** under contract to San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) is offering to help make your mobile home more energy efficient at **ZERO COST** to you. You can receive the following **FREE:** Compact fluorescent light bulbs, fluorescent light fixtures, Air conditioning tune-up, Low flow shower heads & faucet aerators, and much more, see the bulletin board in the copy room or near the office for more info.

### **MEDICAL BASELINE ALLOWANCE:**

SDG&E offers people with special health needs a medical baseline allowance which can help keep energy costs down. All you need is a medical baseline application signed by your doctor. You may qualify if you have a "**condition for which additional heating or cooling is medically necessary to sustain the person's life or prevent deterioration of the person's medical condition,**" This is a pretty broad statement and it may cover a host of conditions including old age. If you think it is important to your health to have air conditioning ask your doctor to sign the form. Available in the office or call me, Joe Klopp (749-1314).

### **SOMETHING WE ALL CAN DO:**

Please remember to cover the spa, this time of the year especially, no matter what time of the day. Please turn off the lights in the hall when you leave. Every little bit helps, Thanks.

## CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Ken Morgan



Our membership is now open to non-residents of Champagne Village. Some of the Fountains Men's Club members had expressed interest in joining our club, but we have not yet had anyone from their club join us. Our Club Championship begins in November and consists of four rounds. The three best rounds constitute the net score to produce a winner. Fountain leaders for Golfer of the Year are Rabeneau, LeRossignol, Tillman and McCue. On the Oaks, the leaders are Webb, Clatworthy, Tillman, and Urbaniak. Our prayers go out to Chuck Talbot and Joe Wagner who are in the hospital and to Jack Cox who is undergoing rehabilitation after surgery and to the family of Clay Pittman, who recently passed on.

As always we welcome new members. We have different handicaps for the Fountains and the Oaks and all handicap levels are welcome. Anyone interested in joining the fun and camaraderie enjoyed by all of us are encouraged to contact Lee Rabeneau, Membership Chairman (751-2544).

## FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Luella Guthrie



President Dottie Moore called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. After regular minutes and treasury reports were completed, she welcomed two ladies from the Pro Shop who presented gifts. Golf club's covers and gloves went to Jane Humphrey, a long time member. Jane and Harvey lost their home in the fires last month. Our members showered them with gift cards to express their concern for the loss of their home and the memories that they lost. Our hearts go out to them. The slate of Officers for 2008, which was presented at the last meeting, voted in by unanimous declaration today were the following: President Betty Service, Vice President Joan Stewart, Secretary Mary Dackerman, Treasurer Marian Ellison. They will be installed at the December 12 meeting.

The President's Cup winners will be awarded their prizes at the December 12 meeting.

Jane Humphrey reminded us to sign up at the Pro Shop for the Christmas Party to be held on December 12, at 12:30 PM at The Escondido Country Club. Remember to bring a dollar gift in a brown paper bag for the gift exchange. \$15 payable to Loretta Pittman, Treasurer.

Betty Ann Tunes is \$8 richer. She won the 50/50 drawing.

## OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Lynn Tobin



With a special Thank You to Sue Kessler for a wonderful luncheon presented after our "Turkey Shoot" game of Golf on November 8.

Leah Kapp called "a short meeting" following the luncheon. We had 22 ladies present.

Sharon Groepper announced the winners of the Turkey Shoot were Doreen Burchett and Sally Olsen. They were presented with special Nutcrackers. Everyone had a great time!

The fundraiser for this year will be at the December 2 Men's Breakfast. Everyone is asked to bring a baked good to sell. Please bring the baked goods to Leah on Saturday, December 1 and plan to help sell on Sunday morning.

Sharon announced the Christmas Party would be on December 6. After a brief discussion it was decided to have the lunch catered at 12:30 PM, the cost to be between \$10 and \$15. Everyone is asked to bring a gift worth \$1 wrapped in a brown paper bag.

Jackie Whaite won the 50/50 for \$9.50.

Leah requested that if you are unable to attend a meeting, please call her or one of the officers for any decisions that were made.

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

It is so nice to see the Social Members during the Holidays.

## LIONS CLUB

By Arlene Garich

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** As we are about to celebrate the Christmas season, we want to remember and THANK all of our LIONS for your faithful love, support and hard work this year. We have weathered many changes together and still have accomplished great things, to help those in need! We should all be proud of our accomplishments and THE FRIENDSHIPS WE ENJOY! HAVE A BLESSED HOLIDAY!



We look forward to seeing our Lions and their guests at our Christmas Party on December 19. It will be a Potluck (with Turkey and Ham and our Lion's special Dishes and Desserts) and we will be giving GIFTS this year to seniors in one of our local Retirement Homes. This will be a great way to end our year together and still help those less fortunate!!

**WHITE CANE DRIVE: WOW!!** With the GENEROUS support from RESIDENTS in our Village responding to our letters and with the help of our MEMBERS manning collection tables at Von's for 2 Saturdays in November, we were able to raise over \$2000 to help the BLIND!!

**CONGRATULATIONS** are in order: **THANK YOU:**

**PAUL FISCHER, CARL NATONI, AL BUNNELL,**

**DAVE YOUNG, BRITA & DICK DAVIS, MARY STARKEY, PAULETTE OSWALD, GLORIA HANS, DUSTY BROWN, PAT MCGUIRE AND ADDIE WILKINS.**

I enjoyed working with all of you there!!

**DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY: DOREEN SMITH** is organizing our dinner plans for our DECEMBER 19 MEETING. BLESS HER HEART for making all the phone calls while she is recovering from foot surgery! This year we are also bringing a wrapped unisex gift, valued at \$10 to \$15 for a senior at one of our local Retirement Homes. We will be delivering the gifts to them personally & offering our love and friendship. Let Gloria know if you would like to be a part of that Outreach. You are welcome to join us for dinner, please let Arlene

know if you're interested, we welcome YOU! We will also be installing **THELMA REICH** as a new member in December!

**NEXT CLUB MEETING:** JANUARY 16, 2008 at 5:30 PM (4:30 PM Board Meeting, all Members are invited). **JAY RUIZ**, Special Assistant to our District Governor, will be presenting the official Lions Orientation Program. This would be a great opportunity to come as our guest to learn all about the AWESOME LIONS CLUB!

### 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.

## 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 Melba Crandall (751-7011). Please call Melba Crandall for reservations if you are a newcomer to the Village.

## 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 Betty Spencer

Wednesday, December 12, 5:00 PM, in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening are Margaret Koeppl (749-5327) and Teresa Stalzer (749-3985).

Make your reservation to play by signing up on the bulletin board in the copy room. You may sign up to bring (service for twelve) 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 the dates will be December 14 and December 28.

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.

## BUBBLY BABES

By Mary Starkey



December 8, 2007 is our Christmas Party in the Multi-Purpose Room at 11:00 AM. Bring a gift of \$10 and yourselves. I hope you all received your RSVP slip and returned it to my mailbox at #128.

Our next outing is in January, and Nickie is planning it, so she will let you know the details.

In February we will be planning to do the Cooking Lessons and to learn how to conduct a traditional tea ceremony. A few of you already paid for the class which was cancelled due to the fire.

More news later,

QM Mary

## **WATER EXERCISE**

Deanna Clatworthy



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

New students are encouraged to contact Jackie prior to attendance.

## **LINE DANCING**

By Nota Morey



Wednesdays and Fridays 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 Janet LeRossignol

Looking for more exercise? Come down to the Village Hall and try the Monday morning beginning line dancing class from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM. Its great exercise and lots of fun! If it's your very first time and you've never danced before, please come

at 8:30 AM so that you can learn a few of the steps before the class starts. If you have questions feel free to call Janet LeRossignol (749-7934).

## **MEMORY KEEPERS SCRAP BOOK CLUB**

By Lois Burdick



**THERE WILL BE NO CLASS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER,. WE'LL BE RESUMING IN JANUARY.**

## **MEN'S POOL PLAYER CLUB**

By Orlie Macioci

If you have played pool, billiards or snooker before, we want you. Our Champagne Village Men's Pool Players Club needs some new blood. Women are welcome too. You will have an eye-opening experience when you see our 105 year old, legally blind, pull off some shots only the professionals have done. We play Monday through Friday starting at 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, subject to change if so desired.



We have four tables and we can barely fill one table of four players. If you're interested, please contact Orlie Macioci (749-6444) or Skip Skillion (749-1811). Thank you.

## **VESPERS**

By Margaret Meadows

All are welcome to a non-denominational service held every Sunday in the card room at 4:00 PM till 5:00 PM in the Village Hall.

## **CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY**

By Jim and Carol Kostick

The Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study will be held every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room behind the Laundromat. This will include Praise and Worship, sharing the Sunday

Readings and time for Prayer of Petitions.  
All are welcome. Please bring your Bible.  
Information? Please call Deacon Jim and/or Carol  
Kostick. (749-8313).

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

By Barbara Pittman

This is a non-denominational study of God's Word held in the Village Hall Card Room every Thursday evening with Pastor Estus Pittman. All are welcome to join from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Bring your Bibles and feast on God's bread!

### CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE RV CLUB

By George Cholaki



There will not be a meeting in December, but mark your calendar for an RV Holiday Party.

When: Saturday, December 29,

2007, 4:00 PM til.....?

Where: Cholaki Home, #350 Ironwood View

What: Holiday Soup Evening

Why? To celebrate the Season with our RV friends

We will have the "Soup-on"; you can bring a little dish of your favorite appetizer or goody to share.

Please RSVP by 12/27/07, (749-9997).

### TO KAΦENION

By George Cholaki

### GREEK WORD FOR MEN'S COFFEE HOUSE



Want to gab with the men? Tell em what's been special in your life. Just call George (749-9997) to find out when we meet again. Life is good and some of the memories even better. Don't keep them to yourself; some other man at CV might want to hear them!

### CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PET LOVER'S CLUB NEWS

By Bob Thurlow



During our meeting on November 20, we discussed a number of exciting new projects that we hope to implement next year, which will affect pet owners and other residents as well. We will advise you in our next article on their progress.

You will be happy to know that just about all lost dogs were returned to their owners through the efforts of our members.

Members who didn't attend the meeting missed out on some very nice goodies provided by Brenda and Steve Webb and Ellen and Ralph Ransom.



To those of you that have pets and have not registered your names, type of pet and unit number are missing out.

### CHAMPAGNE BLVD - TRASH TALK

By Addie Wilkins



We have two new people joining our crew. They are Sam and Ann Reno. Be sure to welcome them in December.

Once again, we will all meet at the mailboxes at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, December 12. Let me know if you can help by calling me. (751-1859).

### FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



If you need a ride to a medical appointment and don't have family or friends to take you there, please call me (749-4255) and I will find a driver for you from my roster of "Friends Helping Friends" volunteers. Please call as far in advance as possible. In this time of unusually high gasoline prices, many people are now insisting on helping out with a donation toward gas, and it has been decided that it's okay to gratefully accept these offers.

## CVPOA ROUNDTABLE GROUP

The Roundtable Group will be an opportunity for homeowners to discuss issues freely about Village operations that affect our property and our monies. Come share your ideas. Until we get established we will be meeting at the Village Hall 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. At our first meeting we will establish a good time and date for everyone. Wayne Clark, #404 Ironwood View, (751-3908). a1anatwo@sbcglobal.net

## ODDS AND ENDS

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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. Once again, we have placed 2 barrels 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.

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 community. 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).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** North County Fair (Westfield's) has asked the Salvation Army to set up a tree to be located on the lower floor in front of Picture People next to the place where you can get a picture with Santa (under the escalators). **We are in urgent need of people to sit at the table to receive the toys/gifts that people donate.** The SA will be starting this project on Friday 11/30/07 and continuing every day until 12/16/07. The shifts are for only two hours, starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 9:00 PM every day except Sunday, when the first shift starts at 1:00 PM thru 8:00 PM. You can sit by yourself, or more pleasant, two people can work together. It's most enjoyable and you only have to explain the toys are for underprivileged children, screened through the Social Service Dept. of the SA in Escondido. The shoppers can pick up a card that has a child's name, sex and age so they can buy something appropriate. There is a toy store nearby. We are in urgent need of people willing to do a 2-hours shift, any time and any day... just let us know when. Call Ruth Royer with any questions, (751-8466) space #357.

### COME USE OUR LIBRARY!



We thank you for all the books donated in the last few months. Now, if anyone has **LARGE PRINT** or audio books to donate or return, we would appreciate them.

We have completely alphabetized the books, hardbacks as well as paperbacks by author. To keep it this way, ***we ask again you return all books and donations to the basket.*** Thank you. Nickie Kettenring and Connie Phillips.

**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 \$10.75. This will give you \$14.50 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. (760-489-1323).*

Where: Champagne Village  
When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
Services: Hearing Aid Cleaning  
Battery Purchase  
Hearing Evaluation Scheduling

### **BOOKMOBILE**

By Betty Mortz



We hope our many readers are visiting the Bookmobile on its twice monthly stops.

The San Diego County Library Bookmobile will be in Champagne Village on December 4 and December 18 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Stops are made near the mail boxes.

### **WELK THEATRE TICKETS**

I will have 80 \$15 tickets for the new Welk show: Music & Memories - Starring Wayland Pickard as Liberace on Friday January 4 at 8:00 PM.

If you would like tickets, please make out your check to Linda Harper and leave in my mailbox at #186 Skyline Dr. Remember....these tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis.

### **TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2007**

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the trash will be delayed one day. Pick up will be on Saturday, December 29.