

The Champagne Village Times



Champagne Village Property Owner's Association

Board Meeting Notes

1. The Board voted to set December 15 as the deadline for return of the Bylaw Ballots. They reserve the right to extend the deadline up to 90 days.

2. By unanimous vote the Board approved contributing up to \$5,000 in addition to the \$2,500 donated by SAC and the Computer Club for the purchase and installation of an overhead projector and a 10 foot automatic screen.

3. After some discussion and clarification the Board voted to approve a proposal from Bruce Tait to continue with the investigation into removing nine of the units in CV from the 100 year flood plain map. This will allow the community to be FHA certified for loans including reverse mortgages.



Correction

In the November CV Times under the heading of Board Actions it was incorrectly reported that the Board took action to discontinue membership in FORCE. The Board only took action to rescind FORCE'S exclusive use of an Association bulletin board.

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

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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

December

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Editors,

Pat & Janet LeRossignol

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Ken Hazzard and
Lois Burdick, A&L

Janet LeRossignol, SAC

Charlie Service and
Ken Hazzard, Disaster

- Next Agenda Workshop is December 11 at 9 am in the Card Room (always held the Friday prior to the Board meeting).
- Next Regular Board of Directors Meeting is December 16 at 1 pm in the Village Hall.
- Board minutes and financial statements are available in the Library for your reading. SAC financials are posted quarterly and may be viewed at this same location.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DONATIONS NEEDED

It's time to clean out your pantry once again! Yes, it's Julie Conner asking you to participate in another food drive for:

INTERFAITH Community Services

When: November 30 to December 10

Drop off: Village Hall across from office

Note: They are asking for many other things besides food, such as:

Blankets, coats, new or gently used back packs and gift cards to Target, local grocery stores or Wal-Mart

Thank you in advance!

Any questions, feel free to call (749-2857).

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

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 1,700 children this Christmas. Anything for little ones on up through the middle school age is 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 it in an envelope and put it 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).

OFFICE NOTES

OFFICE CLOSED

On December 24 and 25 the Office will be closed for Christmas and on December 31 and January 1, 2010 for New Years.

GATE HOLIDAY HOURS:

The gate will be "manned" from 10 am to 2 pm on Christmas Day. And New Years Day.

HOLIDAYS

Due to the Holidays in December, please have your newsletter articles in by the 14th of the month. We will not take any new or changed ads.

TO ALL CLUBS AND USERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Please remember to empty the trash cans, turn lights off and air/heat off after your meetings and functions.

NO TRASH DELAY



For the Christmas Holiday there will be ***no trash delay***. Pickup day is Thursday, December 24.

WATER RATE INCREASE

Effective January 1, 2010, the Valley Center Water District wholesale rates will increase, therefore they must increase their retail rates 2.6% from \$2.5028 to \$2.568/HCF for domestic/commercial; 0.4% from \$2.2541 to \$2.2623 for SAWR; & 4.7% from \$1.93 to \$2.0211 for IAWP. No adjustments to our local rate component are included in these increases.

KIOSK COURTESY

Non-residents are not allowed past the front gate unless a resident has notified the ladies in the kiosk to expect them or the guest is on the "permanent guest list" at the kiosk. Please call the gate if you have visitors coming.



WINTER POOL HOURS

December 1 - March 31

ADULTS - 10 am to 2:30 pm

CHILDREN - 12 pm to 2 pm

Social Activities Bulletin

By Janet LeRossignol

Social Activities Committee

Janet LeRossignol, Linda Harper, Jane & Paul Fischer, Patty Mann, Julie Mathews,
Peggy & Michael Holder ~ posters created by Annetta Citino



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 12
5 pm - \$15 per person

This will be a "dressy" affair catered by Green Oak Ranch with a menu of:

Beef with red wine sauce, Duchess potatoes, carrots vichy, and pecan squares

Tuesday, December 8th is the deadline to pay without incurring a \$5 late fee

The Mike Pritchard Quartet will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure. They are the same group who played at last year's Christmas party.

Bring your own drinks and hors d'oeuvres

Are you a new resident? There will be a greater who will help you find a place to sit.



New Year's Eve Bash

Thursday, Dec. 31st
7 pm to 10 pm +

FREE! - Dress casual

RSVP - Sign up in the Copy Room or call Janet & Pat (749-7934)

Bring a finger food for all to share

Bring your own drinks

~ Mixers - Door Prizes ~



COMING ATTRACTIONS

2009 Schedule of Events

Saturday, December 5	Chorus Program
Saturday, December 12	Christmas Party
Sunday, December 13	Holiday Home Tour
Monday, December 14	Christmas Caroling
Friday, December 18	Sounds Divine
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 31	New Year's Eve Party

Changes are in bold italics



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Monday, Dec. 14 at 4:30 pm
Sign up in the Copy Room

Meet at the Village Hall and we'll go caroling to those residents who cannot get out. After the caroling we'll go back to the Hall for yummy chili, cornbread, and hot apple cider. Game Night will start when caroling is over. Remember to dress warmly.

If you would like the carolers to come to your house, please call Janet (749-7934).



COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED

We need people to bake cookies to be delivered by the Christmas carolers to the home-bound residents here in CV. Please **sign up** in the Copy Room and bring your cookies to the Village Hall kitchen on **Monday, December 14 by 10 am** at the latest so we can put them in the tins to deliver.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 6

8 am to 9 am

\$3/person - pay at the door

Eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, waffles, fruit, juice, coffee

All residents and their guests are welcome!



BRING CASH FOR ANOTHER BAKE SALE

DONATE YOUR EXTRA FRUIT FOR THE MEN'S BREAKFASTS

If you are one of those lucky people with a fruit tree on your property, please drop off any extra fruit at the kitchen, so it can be used at the monthly breakfasts.

MONDAY GAME NIGHT

6 pm every Monday

No Potluck in December



Every Monday night is Game Night in the Village Hall. Villagers get together to play Mexican Train, Mah-Jong, Wii, Sequence, Hearts, Spades, jigsaw puzzles, or they bring a new game to play! There is no sign up. Come to the Village Hall and join us.

GAME NIGHT "TOO"

By Nellie Golden

Due to the small number of players who attend, we no longer will meet for Game Night "Too" at the Village Hall. We will meet at my home December 4 at 7 pm and no other time in December. Nellie Golden, #221.

FOOTLOOSE

The majority of the residents loved the music at the Halloween Dance, but many (including the SAC members) thought it was too loud for our Hall. If we have them back, we'll invite them to play at an outdoor event.

8th ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Sunday, December 13

By Mimi Baca



The 8th annual Holiday Home Tour will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, December 13. The tour is free, however, donations will be accepted for the Care and Concern Committee. A Christmas flyer listing the five homes will be placed in your mailbox in early December. If you have any questions about the tour please call Mimi (751-1032 or 518-4018 cell). Arlene Garich is the Holiday Home Tour sponsor.

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, December 24

4 pm to 5 pm

Celebrate the "Reason for the Season"



Christmas Eve is a wonderful time to celebrate with family and friends. Please join us at the Village Hall from 4 - 5 pm for a non-denominational Christmas Eve Service. We will sing Christmas carols, and have special music by Angela Lepekofker and her young son, Charlton. Angela is a graduate of the Julliard School of music. Derke Bergsma will give a Christmas devotional and refreshments will be served.

Christmas Card Tree



Instead of delivering Christmas cards to all your friends and neighbors here in CV, how about putting one card to everyone on the CV Christmas tree at the Hall? It will save time, money, and trees!

BUBBLY BABES

By Mary Starkey

On October 22 we had a meeting at the Hall and planned next year's fun. We tabled the International Convention for next year. On November 8 three Vice Queens and I went to the "Regional Red hat Round-up". There we learned the Convention was full, so our tabling was undone by the Society. Maybe! All the Queens attending the Regional Roundup were very upset when the International Delegate shared this news with us – but she is working on a solution.

We will hopefully see you all at our "Christmas Party" on December 13 in the Village Hall. An invitation from me was hand delivered to each of your mailboxes.

Hattingly yours in endless Red Hat Mischief, Queen Mother Mary



CHAMPAGNE SINGLES

By Mary Starkey

Our Potluck on the second Friday, November 13, was full of fun and great food! We planned our Christmas Potluck which will be on Friday, Dec. 11. Each of 6 tables will have a hostess who will decorate their table and contact the singles who are assigned to sit at their table. We will supply ham and turkey with our 50/50 funds collected during the year. All we ask is that each table supply vegetables, dessert and drinks.



COMPUTER TALK

By Richard Coffman

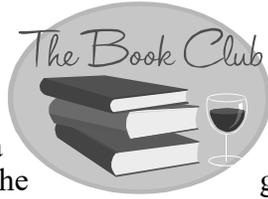
The Champagne Computer Club is suspending its regular monthly meetings until further notice. Residents are invited to take advantage of the two computers in the fireplace room opposite the Village Office. They are connected to the Internet via Orion's broadband service for fast surfing of the Net and are maintained by the Computer Club.



CHAMPAGNE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

By Judy Johnson

The Champagne Women's Book Club did something a little bit different this fall. The group gathered their favorite children's books and donated them to the fourth graders at Vallecitos School in Rainbow. But before they boxed up the treasures, the Book Club members shared cherished memories of the children's books that they loved over the years.



The Champagne Women's Book Club is a lot about sharing...sharing memories, ideas, opinions, family histories, a lot of laughter and also a few tears. The Club was started in 2001 by Connie and Nota Morey and Judy Johnson, each presenting a book, as it turned out, that no one particularly liked. But somehow the Book Club caught on despite these unpopular early titles and has been prospering ever since. It now numbers 16 and will stay at this small number so that everyone can still fit into one another's homes. The group meets the last Wednesday of each month.

An annual planning meeting (always held at Linda Harper's and featuring a fabulous salad luncheon) is held each year to determine the next 12 books. Each member suggests the novel that she will present and the month and time that she will be hostess/presenter.

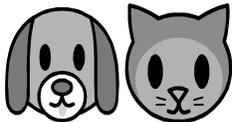
The late Joan Gaumer started the tradition of serving treats that corresponded to the story being discussed. Joan opened her door dressed up as a bumble bee and served peanuts in coca cola bottles in honor of Sue Monk Kidd's "The Secret Life of Bees". Nota Morey was even funnier in her Afro wig for "The First Ladies Detective Agency". Lenore Alvarado has entertained the group with authentic Persian artifacts and middle eastern food for "The Kite Runner" and another time invited friends dressed as western pioneers and served stagecoach grub for "My Antonia". And Judy Johnson had a holiday pajama party for "The Polar Express".

The traditional Christmas Party is held as a high tea at Connie Morey's. There are fabulous morsels

and Connie's famous eggnog. And the group does a gift exchange--all the gifts being, of course, books.

But the best gift of all is the years of personal sharing, woman to woman, that has created among the Champagne Women's Book Club a very close, warm and loving circle of friends.

CV PET LOVER'S CLUB
By Doreen Smith and Doreen Burchett



In November twenty members of the pet club met in the Village Hall to see a presentation by the owners of Windsong Resort for Pets who have opened a grooming and boarding facility on three acres across the freeway from Champagne Village. It is a convenient addition to the other sources in our area.

The group decided to keep our quarterly meeting schedule the same for next year with meetings on February 16, May 18, August 17 and November 16 at 3:00 pm in CV Hall. We have over 60 residents on our call list of pet owners and pet lovers and invite others to join us by calling Doreen Smith (751-3305) or Doreen Burchett (751-4008).

CV OFFICIAL PET REQUEST FORM

Rev. 2/2/1922

By Dale Matheny

Owner Farmer John's Pig Farm, Space 501
Pet's name Porky
Pet's Mom Miss Piggy
Pet's Dad Unknown
Pet's hobbies Line Dancing, Fox Trot
Pet's picture



Pet's languages Pig Latin, Oink
Pet's education BS Agriculture, U. of Arkansas RAZORBACKS
How will you clean your pet Hogwash
What is his favorite food Chicken, NO BACON, he likes to pig out
Pet's final destination Hog Heaven
Where does he keep his \$\$ Piggy Bank
Where will you keep your pet Pig Pen
Why do you want a pig Diversity
Pet's Hobbies I already answered that question
Pet's Hairstyle/Books Read Pig Tails

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?' 'HELLLOOOOOOOO.....,' answered the blonde. 'They're watch dogs'!!!!

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

CV NEWS FLASH!



On behalf of the Social Activities Committee (SAC), the Computer Club, and the CV Board we are pleased to announce that there will soon be a new mounted motorized screen and overhead projection system installed in the Village Hall.

Here are some of the events you can look forward to with the new screen and projection system:

Award winning movies & "Dinner at the Movies"
Exercise classes - Sit to be Fit, Pilates for Beginners
Display of pictures of past events
Karaoke

View film of the origins of Champagne Village, the Flood, the new CV Video
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The World Series
The Super Bowl
Major Golf Tournaments
Olympics
New Year's Eve Celebration
Academy Awards
Travel information seminars



In addition to the above, the projection system will be used for the following:

Computer Club - various projects
Residents' personal travel presentations
Community Service presentations: Disaster, Fire Safety, Highway Safety, Area Development
Memorials
Lions Club Presentations
Election Coverage
Debates
Inaugurations
Local fire coverage

The projection system is available for use by all of the residents in Champagne Village by contacting a member of the Audio Visual Committee. This committee will be fully trained in the use of the system and will be the only ones allowed to operate it. If you would like a member of your club to be on this committee, please contact the Holders or the LeRossignols.

Michael & Peggy Holder - #139 - 760-690-3798
Pat & Janet LeRossignol - #435 - 760-749-7934
Richard Coffman - #212 - 760-751-2772
Jerry Clifford & Linda Harper - #186 - 760-751-0075
Charlie Service - #259 - 760-749-0575

Karin and Tom - Office - 760-749-8008
Jack Cox - #348 - 760-749-1396
Bev Davenport - #136 - 760-751-3025
Keith Andreas - #434 - 760-751-4006
Paul Evans - #277 - 760-751-9065

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?

By Pat and Janet LeRossignol



You're probably wondering who this tyke is. Your editors thought that it would be interesting to occasionally highlight a story about one of our resident neighbors. Since almost everyone knows this guy (now grown up), many of you might wonder what his story is. He's our good friend and one of our neighbors suggested interviewing him. It's Mike Godfrey!!!

Mike was born in Detroit, MI in 1941 to a police officer father and a bookkeeper mother. His birth was a traumatic one. When his mother's water broke, his dad drove her to the hospital where they told her to lie on her side to stop the contractions. He was a breach delivery and the umbilical cord was wrapped around his body, crushing his ribs and knees. He stayed in the hospital 10 days so the doctors could watch over him. When he still couldn't turn over at 3 months, his mother realized that something was wrong and took him to the doctor who diagnosed him with cerebral palsy. At 4 years of age his pediatrician suggested sending him to a special hospital 200 miles away. His parents reluctantly agreed because they knew it would help him, but they could only visit on weekends. According to his parents, he was very lonely and cried every night. During the 9 months he was there, they taught him how to crawl, eat, sit up and how to pull himself up using the couch to hold onto.

Eventually his parents were given a choice to put him in either braces or a wheelchair and they chose the braces. But they also had to put him in a corset with steel rods to straighten out his back...very uncomfortable. While in nursery school he was taught how to stand with his braces (after his parents put them in the oven to warm them on cold days before putting them on him).

At 7 Michael attended a special public school for handicapped kids where he was given physical therapy and speech training 3 times a week. He was also taught how to roll when falling to protect himself from injury. When he saw his baby brother learn to walk, he was determined to do it too. At around 9 years of age he gave up the braces and could walk on his own, although he says he looked like a drunk when he walked. The school wanted him to wear a helmet 24/7, but his mom said, "No way!". Mike agreed!

His special school only went to 8th grade and there was only one high school in the city that admitted handicapped students so he was home schooled by a public school teacher twice a week for a year. When a second school opened up, it was to include 3 handicapped kids in a trial program. One day the fire alarm went off at the school. The elevator automatically shut down as it's programmed to do and although he could walk, Mike couldn't walk down 2 flights of stairs. Six guys from the football team brought a stretcher to carry him, but they couldn't keep it level and he kept sliding off onto the ground. All of them kept breaking into laughter while trying to get him down the stairs. In another story, Mike told us that when he was 14 years old a teenage neighbor girl would take him horseback riding. One day she got a new horse and let Mike ride him. After he got on he thinks he might have kicked it in the side by mistake and the horse just took off. After the horse made a big circle it came back to the barn and just stopped suddenly. Mike went flying off into a pile of horse stuff. He says he'll never forget his mom being white as a sheet watching this. She still let him ride, though!

Mike's teenage years were the toughest. Although he was (and still is) handicapped, he was not (and still isn't) retarded and he had normal hormones just like all the other teenage boys. We can't imagine what that must have been like. When Mike graduated from high school he received a standing ovation when he walked across the stage to get his diploma. Quite a feat!

After high school, the State of Michigan bought Mike a loom to weave rugs to sell at the state store which he did for 3 years...but he was bored to death doing it. When he was around 21 years old he joined a handicapped

basketball team and traveled from Detroit to Toledo, Cleveland and other local cities. His team lost every game because, in Michael's words, they stunk! In 1963 he volunteered to help at the Wheelchair Olympics at Wayne State in Detroit.

At a basketball tournament in 1972 he met his wife to be, Jean, who was a post polio victim and was a member of a wheelchair Square Dancing group that performed at halftime of their basketball games. Jean became the girlfriend of one of Mike's best buddies, but when they broke up, Michael asked her out and they became a couple for the next 36 years. In 1996 Jean and Mike moved to CV at the urging of her son, Sandy. Sadly, as many of you know, Jean died of a heart attack in 2006. Jean's son (Mike's stepson, Sandy Blyth), still lives with Mike here in the Village. Sandy works as a sound engineer at local and not so local concerts/musical events, and works often with Jazz/Pop artist Michael Franks, among others. He also provides CV with much needed expertise on our audio system needs.

Mike has a caregiver who comes to his house twice every day to prepare meals and see to his needs, but as most of you have noticed, he's pretty independent. In addition to supervising Nancy's delivery of our daily mail, he also assists in the office as needed, acts as the official mail box greeter (like Walmart!), delivers mail and packages to some of our residents and even delivers the CV Times to some of you. Mike loves football and baseball. Though his heart belongs to the Detroit Lions and Tigers, he also likes and roots for the Chargers and the Padres. He also loves Rock and Roll, loves to dance, having lots of partners at our monthly dances and can be seen attending press night at almost every show that plays at the Welk Theatre. He's very smart and very funny and if you don't know him and talk to him.....you should.

Below - Mike's high school graduation picture in 1962

Right - Mike with his wife, Jean, in 1976



SPORTS

CV MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Steve Webb

The October meeting was called to order by President Ken Morgan after a great lunch of homemade spaghetti and meatballs with "the works" prepared and served by Bob Olsen, Allan Whaite, and Wayne Tillman. It was super! Bob Olsen gave the Fountain's report and the leading money winners for the month were: Bob Thurlow, Mike Dail, and Billy Smith. No Oaks report.



Membership chairman Lee Rabeneau introduced two new members, Michael Holder and Brian Wright, to the club. Three things to think about before we vote on new business at next month's meeting. First, it looks like we need to raise the dues \$5 more a year to \$55 so we can keep on enjoying our wonderful lunches. Second, we will vote on whether to have earlier starting times on Thursdays. Also, pending Officers for next year to be voted on at the next meeting are: Bob Thurlow for President, and Mike Dail for Vice president, with Bill Cowan and Steve Webb continuing as Treasurer and Secretary.

With a month to go, leaders for Golfer of the year on the Fountains are: Roy McGraw, Bob Olsen and Bob Thurlow. On the Oaks, it's Jay Holle, Bill Cowan and Ray Urbaniak. The Men's Club Championship began on November 17. It's a 3 round tournament, skipping Thanksgiving day, counting your 2 best rounds. Good luck to everyone! See you on the course!

FOUNTAINS LADIES GOLF

By Janet LeRossignol

The new board members who were unanimously voted in are Joan Stewart (President), Donna Andreas (VP), Joni Moreland (Treasurer), and Janet LeRossignol (Secretary). Congratulations!



Turkey Shoot winners were Donna Andreas and Janet LeRossignol in A Flight; and Dottie Moore and Joni Moreland in B Flight. Great golfing!

Our Christmas luncheon will be on December 9 at Alfresco's in San Marcos. All ladies are asked to bring your new blue golf shirts to this event with your name pinned on the shirt indicating whether you want your first name on the shirt, or not. Dianna Frank will have all the logos sewn on the shirts. The cost is \$9 (logo) plus \$4 for your first name. Bring a check payable to Fountains Ladies Golf to cover the cost.

OAKS LADIES GOLF CLUB

By Priscilla De Arman

The Double whammy luncheon was served at the meeting on 11/5. Hope you scarfed up 'cause there'll be none in December. The food was provided by Doreen, Diane, and Joni. Thank you!

After our heavy lunch, Pres. Connie opened the meeting. Reports from the Sec. & Treas. were accepted. Thanks to our Communications Sec. Deanna C. we had a terrific attendance at today's meeting.



Joyce Morgan and Sally Olsen won "closest to" holes at our Turkey Shoot. Great golf, ladies.

There will be no meeting in December due to our Christmas luncheon to be held Thursday Dec. 10 at the Castle Creek Country Club at 11:30 am. Active members \$6. Social members \$12. Carpools will be available so call someone if you need a ride from CV. Menu consists of one of three choices: Soup and 1/2 sandwich; Rueben sandwich or French Dip. All meals include french fries or coleslaw, plus coffee, tea or soft drink. MUST be paid in advance to Doreen S.

A BAKE SALE will be held on Sunday December 6 at the Men's Breakfast. All members are asked to participate; if you don't bake you may give money to one of the members who offered to bake extra for a price so that we may profit from the food sold.

In the spirit of giving and sharing, please bring canned food items to the party! Merry Christmas to all!

TENNIS CLUB

By Naomi Daily

The Tennis Club will have a Christmas Party at 5:30 pm on Thursday, Dec. 10 at the home of Steve & Brenda Webb. Watch for a flyer with more details and hold the date for a great evening.



CARDS & GAMES

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE

By Bob Spencer



Bridge is played every Tuesday afternoon starting at 1 pm in the Card Room. No stress, no pain. Just relax and have fun. Singles welcome. Call Bob Spencer (749-6698).

COUPLES BRIDGE

By Betty Spencer

Our next date is Wednesday, December 9 at 5 pm in the Village Hall. Hosts for the evening will be Betty By-all (751-3413) and All Bunnell (749-3129).



Make your reservation to play by signing up on the bulletin board in the Copy Room. You may sign up to bring dessert or hors d'oeuvres. Please bring your own libations. Three prizes for women and three prizes for men will be 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!

PINOCHLE

By Marion Psota

Are you a pinochle player? If you are new to Champagne Village or have just forgotten, WE DO have a group of pinochle players who meet the first and third Friday of each month. The time is 1 pm in the Card Room. It's a friendly, fun time and the cost is only \$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.

PENNY CANASTA

By Betty Bearman

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

HAND AND FOOT

By Stella Stanek

If you're a card playing nut, join us for an easy canasta card game that you can learn in one hand! We play every Monday at 1 pm in the Multipurpose Room behind the Laundry Room.

BUNCO

By Carolyn White

Bunco is a fun dice game that's 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 pm to 3 pm in the Village Hall. This month we'll play on December 11 only due to the Holidays. 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'll look

forward to seeing you there. BRING A FRIEND OR A NEIGHBOR! The more people who play, the more money you could win.

PUZZLE LOVERS

For all those people who just love to work on jigsaw puzzles, there is a puzzle at one of the tables in the Village Hall to work on at all times. Come in and have fun.



POOL PLAYERS CLUB

By Orlie Macioci

If you have played pool, billiards or snooker before, we want you! Our Champagne Village Pool Players Club needs some new blood. Women are welcome, too. We play Monday through Friday from 1 pm to 3 pm, subject to change if so desired.

We have four tables and can barely fill one table of four players. So, if you're interested, please contact Orlie Macioci (749-6444). Thank you.



EXERCISE

LINE DANCING

By Janet LeRossignol

**Lessons - Mon - 8:30 am
Dancing - MWF - 9 am**

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings men and women dance to all types of music for exercise. Come try it!

Beginners should start with the Monday lesson at 8:30 am to learn the steps to each dance. Once you know the dances you'll be able to dance with the rest of the group at 9 am. Call Janet for questions about the class (749-7934).



WATER EXERCISE

By Deanna Clatworthy

**MWF - 10 am
TTh - 1 pm**

Open to all interested persons and held at the pool on Monday, Wednesday and



Friday at 10 am. **Due to night falling earlier, the Tuesday/Thursday sessions will start at 1:00 pm**, weather permitting.

Come try the 40 minute water aerobic CDs. If you like it and plan to continue, there is a one time charge of \$5 to cover batteries and other expenses when needed.

Call Deanna if you have any questions (751-0204).

STRETCH CLASS

By Jackie Lohrke

**Stretch Through
Conscious Movement**

Tuesdays - 9 am

Jackie Lohrke teaches how to move consciously through movement on Tuesdays at 9 am in 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.



Instruction is 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.

**CV
GYM**



Have you tried it yet?



CRAFTS

MEMORY KEEPERS SCRAP BOOK CLUB

By Janet Hyman

There will be no meeting in December

If you love scrapbooking or would like to learn more about it, please join us in the Village Hall this month.



Just bring your supplies and a light snack and come on down to have some fun. It's also a great way to share our individual creativity. We can always learn new and clever ways of making our memory books even better. Even if you don't have any interest in doing it yourself, drop by and see how great some of them look. If you need supplies or want to ask a question, call Janet Hyman (749-8120).

HAPPY HANDS

By Janina Garvey

Tuesdays - 1 pm to 4 pm



Join us at Happy Hands every Tuesday from 1 pm to 4 pm in the Village Hall. We are a group of "lightly organized" ladies who enjoy crafts, needlework, knitting, crocheting, etc. 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 pm to 4 pm (or join us). For more information call Janina Garvey (749-1730).

VOLUNTEERING

CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

By Bev Davenport

Celebration

This is the time of year when we feel the blessings for all the good the Lord has given us. I am so Thankful for family and relationships and this beautiful Village where we live. It is a time to say "Thank You" and to acknowledge all that has been given to us so you and I can enjoy life to the fullest. We all need to incorporate **Celebration** into our life each day. Taking time to be grateful, serving someone who has a need, giving to the needy in little ways, throwing a party just because! There are so many ways to **Celebrate** life and to give thanks to our creator.

Christmas is coming and there is no better time to **Celebrate** than this time of the year when lights are aglow, decorations are plentiful, cookies and goodies are always baking, and music is in the air. It is a time to remember family and friends who are near and far away. I believe the real meaning of Christmas is that God sent His son, Jesus Christ, to earth to be our savior. Over the years all the different traditions have been added to His birthday to show love and joy to those we love, just like God showed his love to us.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah both are about God giving a gift. **Celebrating** is a wonderful part of life and gives us purpose to get together with others.

It is healthy to gather together and enjoy each other, good food, music and fun. What are you looking forward to this season of **Celebration**? Check the Village calendar and get out and **Celebrate** life, family, and friends. If you need a ride to the concert or party, if you would like carolers to come to your home, or maybe you just would like a visit to cheer you up – give the Care and Concern committee a call. We want to help you **Celebrate** this wonderful season. We are the Care and Concern Committee and we will **Celebrate** this Season. Call Bev Davenport (715-6335).

*Let's celebrate the Season together.
Mark your calendar with the celebrations of this special season and may you stay healthy, enjoy your family and friends, and share the love of God.*



In Memory of...

Bernie Matson passed away Nov. 24, #242

Please remember his family in your prayers. Cards and notes of encouragement are welcomed long after a loved one passes on.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

By Jan Denny



If you need a ride to your medical appointment and have no way of getting there, please call me (749-4255) and I will find a driver for you. We are a group of volunteers who are happy to help fellow Villagers in this way.

At the present time more drivers are needed. Please call me at the above number if you can help or would like more information. Most requests are for trips into Escondido, but occasionally to Rancho Bernardo, Vista, Oceanside or La Jolla. You may request "Escondido Only" if you wish. Please help if you can. Thanks so much.

CHAMPAGNE BLVD TRASH TALK

By Addie Wilkins

We are running out of the orange vests that we wear when picking up trash on Champagne Boulevard and also the tongs used to pick up the trash. If you happen to have either of these items and no longer are picking up trash, please return them to me at #104 or call 751-1859 and I'll pick them up. Thanks!



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you goes to Linda Harper and Jerry Clifford, Ann and Sam Reno, Ann Vaughn, Charlotte Hamilton, Lauralynn Green, Jane Fischer, Doreen Smith, Char Matheny, Peggy Holder, Linda and Jim Sikes, Patty Mann, Jack Mikesell, Pat Hamada, and Janet and Pat LeRossignol for decorating the Village Hall for Christmas. It is beautiful!

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

By Jim and Carol Kostick

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



The Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study is held every Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room behind the Laundry Room. It includes 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).

VESPERS

By Barbara Pittman

Sundays at 4 pm

We have non-denominational worship services just for you, right here in the Village. If you need prayer or have other concerns, the Vespers Service would be a convenient place for you to visit on Sunday afternoons from 4 pm to 5 pm. If you just want information you may call (751-4342).



The service is held in the Village Hall Card Room where Pastor Estus Pittman leads in worship. Every first Sunday is a Communion service where everyone is encouraged to stay afterwards for fellowship. If you feel like bringing a dish to share, please do so on that day. **Everyone is welcome to be a part of this spiritual family!**

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

By Barbara Pittman

Thursdays at 7 pm

You will feel right at home in an informal gathering in the Village Hall Card Room. This study is held in a casual setting on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm. You don't need to know anything about the Bible. You just need to have an interest in it or a spark of curiosity about it!



Questions like: Can the BIBLE offer a solution to a personal problem? Can one get any comfort studying SCRIPTURE? Are there answers in the BIBLE concerning world peace? These and other intriguing issues can be discussed at non-denominational meetings with Pastor Estus Pittman and others in lively exchanges.

On occasion, we do have a little snack afterwards. And of course, if you have a prayer need, we will pray for you. **You will enjoy being a part of this Village family!** For more info call (751-4342).

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE HISTORY ALBUMS

By Peggy Holder

We would like to thank Connie Bentley for her work on the CV History Photo Albums in the Village

ODDS AND ENDS

Hall. Connie is turning the job over to Peggy Holder.

If you have any pictures from CV events that you would like included in the albums that are displayed on one of the tables in the Hall, please leave them with Karin in the office. Also, please write the names of the people in the picture and the date of the event on the back of each picture.

CV CHORUS

By Joan Van Ingen

Tuesdays at 10 am

!! ENCORE !!

On May 2 the CV Chorus presented an afternoon of music by the award winning "Sounds Divine" singers. They have a wonderful repertoire and have performed at many venues, including some "follies". After their last show we had many requests for them to come again and we're proud to say - - - they're back! Start your Christmas season with:



Saturday, December 5
CV Chorus Holiday Program
2 pm - Village Hall

Friday, December 18
"Sounds Divine"
2 pm - Village Hall

As we did last time, we will have donation boxes out for anyone who wants to give a token of appreciation for their performance, even though there will be no charge to attend the show.

Due to the many scheduled (and unscheduled) holiday festivities, there will not be a sing-along in December. Remember, that fun event will be back in January. Joan Van Ingen (749-0932).

CV HEALTH STEWARDS

By George Cholaki



Well it is that time of the year. The Holidays. Besides wonderful gatherings, it offers wonderful food treats. I especially favor the homemade ones. In order to stay in control and not gain back that weight I have worked so hard to keep off during the year, I do the following. Easy on the appetizers - very small portions. Easy on the main meal. There is usually more food than I can eat so I am selective. If I want dessert, then I better take small portions and allow room for it. I absolutely refuse to overeat. I want to enjoy myself, not to feel stuffed! Remember you are in control. Enjoy and choose wisely.

LIBRARY

By Nickie, Joann and Connie

Another month and Thanksgiving is gone already. Here at Champagne Village we have much to be thankful for. Our Library, for one thing! We would especially like to thank all of those who donate books

We have quite a collection of DVDs and they seem to be the popular item right now. Let's not forget to bring them back when you are finished with them so others can enjoy them.

Oh Yes! We want to say thanks to whoever brought back the Harry Potter books. The last time I looked we had five out of the set of seven.

Even with Christmas just around the corner, don't forget to read even a few minutes a day. It's very relaxing.

HAPPY HOLLIDAYS and good reading.

Nickie, Joann, Connie and Liz

BOOKMOBILE

By Betty Mortz

Bookmobile dates are December 1 and December 15. The Bookmobile has a new parking place in front of the laundry room and a new large and roomy vehicle with lovely artwork on the outside panels but the same helpful librarians, Dan Rivera and Gerardo Vargas for your reading needs. Come in and find your reading interests. We are very fortunate to have the services of our North County Mobile unit of the San Diego Public Library.



Those stops made by the units making the most use of their facilities will be kept on their schedule and there is a possibility those less used will no longer be recipients of their service. Invite your friends and neighbors to come when the van is in our area.

VAN TRIPS:

The Village Van goes to the Von's Shopping Center on El Norte Pkwy every Friday at 9 am.

Please call the office to sign up (749-8008). All residents who no longer drive are welcome.



GOLF CART CLINIC:

A-1 Golf Cart clinic is held the second Friday of each month at the car wash area at 9 am.

The Escondido Golf Cart Service

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

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TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2009:

For the Christmas Holiday, there will be ***no trash delay.*** Pickup day is Thursday, December 24.



NEW RESIDENTS:

- #23 Helen Mullen 751-8819
- #170 Yvonne DeHaan 484-6009
- #230 Brian & Becky Wright 751-0154
- #382 John & Mary Politano 749-6070
- #396 Don & Myrlene Densmore 751-8856

Pun Junky

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies "Yes, I'm positive."

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

CARDS & GAMES

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Bridge for Everyone	Tues. 1 pm	Bob Spencer	749-6698
Bridge for Couples	2 nd Wed. 5 pm	Bob Spencer	749-6698
Bunco	2 nd /4 th Fri. 1 pm	Carolyn White	751-1833
Game Night	Mon. 5 pm/6 pm	Linda Harper	751-0075
Hand and Foot	Mon. 1 pm	Addie Wilkins	751-1859
Penny Canasta	Thurs. 1 pm	Betty Bearman	751-0477
Pinochle	1 st /3 rd Fri. 1 pm	Marion Psota	751-3940
Pool	M-F 1 pm	Orlie Macioci	749-6444

CRAFTS, ETC.

Scrap Book Club	4 th Sat. 10 am	Janet Hyman	749-8120
Happy Hands	Tues. 1 pm	Janina Garvey	749-1730

EXERCISE

Line Dance	M/W/F 8:30am/9 am	Janet LeRossignol	749-7934
Stretch Class	Tues. 9 am	Jackie Lohrke	749-2335
Water Exercise	M - F 10 am Tues. / Thurs. 1:00 pm	Deanna Clatworthy	751-0204

RELIGION

Catholic Bible Study	Wed. 6:30 pm	Jim/Carol Kostick	749-8313
Thursday Bible Study	Thurs. 7 pm	Estus Pittman	751-4342
Vespers	Sun. 4 pm	Margaret Meadows	749-7573

SPORTS

CV Men's Golf	Tues./Thurs. am	Lee Rabeneau	751-2544
Fountains Ladies Golf	Wed. am	Loretta Pittman	749-2057
Oaks Ladies Golf	Thurs. am	Priscilla De Arman	749-8972
Tennis	2 nd Thurs. 5:30 pm	Billy Smith	751-3305

VOLUNTEERING

Care & Concern Committee		Bev Davenport	751-3025
Friends Helping Friends		Jan Denny	749-4255
Trash Pick-up	2 nd Wed.	Addie Wilkins	751-1859

MISCELLANEOUS

Bubbly Babes/Red Hats	Various	Mary Starkey	751-0825
Champagne Singles	2 nd Fri. 5:30 pm	Mary Starkey	751-0825
Investment Club	3 rd Mon. 5 pm	Dale Matheny	751-8391
Computer Club	Meetings suspended	Richard Coffman	751-2772
CV Chorus	Tues. 10 am	Joan Van Ingen	749-0932
Lions Club	3 rd Wed. 5:30 pm	Jack Cox	749-9491
Pet Lover's Club	Meets quarterly	Doreen Smith	751-3305
Sing-A Long	Last Tues. each month	Orlie Macioci	749-6444

For changes contact Karin in the Village Office