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Community TV channels:
CHANNEL 26: Club & Event notices
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- **The January General Manager's Report**
- **General Plan Presentation Town Hall**
- **Pickleball Court Town Hall**
- **The Villages Fitness Center**
- **The Channel 27 Weekend Movie**
- **Fire Safety Presentation**

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New round of stormy weather fells more trees on the golf course

Friday, February 17 was the end of the line for this large eucalyptus tree—and five other large trees on the Villages golf course. Heavy wind gusts coupled with rain contributed to the loss of nine trees on the course and more than a dozen in the common area. After the Presidents' Day holiday weekend rainfall accumulation for 2017 was calculated at 198 percent of average (yet still below a 1998 high) at 10.48 inches so far this year. Weekend runoff, mainly from Anderson Reservoir caused numerous incidents of flooding in low-lying areas of San Jose along Coyote Creek. *(More pictures on page 14)* **Photo by S.R. Hinrichs**

Contribute your opinion to the July Fourth celebration survey

The Villages is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Villages has enjoyed 50 wonderful years and is getting ready to look into the next 50. A slate of events has been planned to celebrate this milestone. One of those events is the annual July 4th celebration. The Villages July 4th parade and celebration has experienced a significant decline in parade participation and in the number of spectators over the past few years. As part of the 50th anniversary celebration, maybe it's time to offer an updated event and start new traditions. Please let us know your thoughts by participating in a brief survey available online at http://thevillagesgcc.com/survey/index.php/745871/lang-en or a hard copy is available in building B. Please submit them by March 3.

Amici Brass Quintet to play at Cribari

It's time for serious fun with the fabulous Amici Brass Quintet playing Bb and piccolo trumpets, cornet, flugelhorn, French horn, trombone and tuba. A concert, featuring piano and percussion as well, will be in Cribari Auditorium on Sunday, March 12 at 2:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Villages Music Society.

This dynamic group brings their combination of superlative instrumental talents to every concert. They will be choosing music from their "Serious Fun" album. "The works are truly delightful and full of fun" said Music Society President Ken Carter.

Open seating tickets are $15 and can be purchased from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, March 4 and 11 in the lobby at Cribari Auditorium and one hour before the performance at the door, if available. Excess proceeds from this concert, beyond our honorarium for the quintet, go to support the Villages Music Society Veterans Day program. Don't miss it.

See the Macy's Easter Flower Show at Union Square

On Wednesday, April 5, bring a friend and spend the day shopping at Union Square in San Francisco, the epicenter of Bay Area shopping. A tour will be offered to showcase the beautiful arrangements. This is also the time of year that Macy's has its spectacular 2017 flower show, with more information to follow. Enjoy the day by having breakfast or lunch or both at one of the many wonderful restaurants located in Union Square.

Experience the unique character of San Francisco's Union Square District, where the best names in fashion, dining and theater have resided for more than a century. After the great earthquake of 1906, Union Square became San Francisco's premier shopping district and, by the 1930s, the site of the world's first underground parking structure. It's a great place to meet, enjoy coffee, or just watch the world go by. Featured is a large central plaza with a terraced performance stage.

We will leave from the Cribari Center's east parking lot (hobby room side) at 8:30 a.m. and return no later than 5 p.m. The best part is you don't have to drive, find a parking place and pay for parking, you just need to get on the bus and leave everything else to the Royal Coach driver. The cost is only $36 per person for a great day with your friends.

Community News

PULSE

Dear Readers: The Villager welcomes everyone's voice sharing ideas, opinions and accounts of life in The Villages in the Pulse column. Please follow the guidelines carefully.

Pulse deadline is 11 a.m. on Friday of the week prior to publication.

Pulse letters will be published in complete or abridged form at the discretion of the Publisher and in accordance with the editorial policies and rules established by the Club Board of Directors. (See VGCC Rule 1.30.) Opinions expressed by Pulse letter authors do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Villager Publisher, staff, boards of directors or management.

All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words.

Typed or legibly written letters must include your signature and may be hand delivered to the Pulse mailbox in Administration Building B or by mailing to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the e-mail and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER. Submit to: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

3 Pulse letters received this week.
1 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines.
2 Pulse letters published this week.

The Fast Lane says there may soon be a yearlong pilot of self-driving autos in the Villages, and "...for the first few months... [will be] manned by one of the company's trained driver/engineers to take over in case of unexpected events."

Other companies seem to have so far compiled a good safety record with their self-driving vehicles, but how do we know that this company can do the same? Presumably the software is proprietary, meaning their cars may perform differently.

And who takes responsibility if anyone is injured once the human operator is removed? Even if the company we contract with assumes the financial liability, what about the Board's moral responsibility?

Just speaking personally, my objection is to removing the human operator at any point during the pilot project. If their cars truly are safe to be operating autonomously, then no human intervention will ever be needed, and the company can compile the same data that they would otherwise. But if an emergency does arise, all Villagers will be glad that a human being is there to prevent an accident.

This idea should be voted on by all Villagers before being allowed to proceed.

—Martha Stillman

When is a rain gutter not a rain gutter? In January, the Maintenance Department hired a company to clean the gutters in Cribari. They got up on the roof and cleaned the gutters and then cleaned the porches. The company came back to my house because they hadn't cleaned up the back porch, but when I asked if they were going to clean my rain gutter, I was told that they don't clean the gutters. I'm not sure why they don't, but seeing the Maintenance place a gutter off my back porch, I think someone should come and clean my gutter before the mess of leaves and pine needles drops on my neighbor's patio.

—Jan Coleman

Attention Pulse authors!

When you write your Pulse letters, don't forget to:

• Include your name, address and telephone number at the end of your letter. Your contact information is important in case the Communications Committee members have questions or need to verify your identity.

• Sign your letter if you are bringing a paper copy to the Pulse mailbox in Building B.

• Put the word count of the letter at the end of the letter—Remember, it's 200 words or fewer.

• Put "PULSE" in the subject line of your e-mail if you are sending it in electronically. (E-mail your Pulse letters to: shinrichs@the-villages.com)

Forgetting to follow the Pulse guidelines may result in your letter being delayed.

Note: The Communications Committee is now verifying the authorship of submitted Pulse letters. If a Pulse Letter is dropped off in Building B, we will call the author to make sure that person wrote and submitted the letter. If we cannot reach that person, we will hold the letter until we can reach them. This means we may reject the letter for a week or more if we are unable to verify the authorship.

Missed your Villager?

If you missed delivery of your weekly copy of *The Villager*, please call 223-4655 to report it. (Please do not call before 11:30 a.m.)

You may pick up a replacement copy of your paper at the newsstand at the entrance of Building B or go online to the Villages website—*www.thevillagesgcc.com*—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

IN MEMORIAM

Arlene Spurgeon
December 25, 1919 to January 22, 2017

Paul Monte "Pete" Ryden
August 17, 1927 to February 3, 2017

There will be a memorial service for Pete Ryden at the Clubhouse on Saturday, March 4, at 11 a.m.

(Please see obituary in the Classified Ad section.)

DEADLINES

General Copy: All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, seven days prior to publication. For editorial information call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.

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Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 10 a.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. All classified ads must be in writing. You may fax classified ads to 408-274-2843 or e-mail to: ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.

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Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

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All copy is subject to editing and must be submitted with that understanding. *The Villager* reserves the right to reject or discontinue advertising or articles that are deemed unsuitable.

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee *"To inform and connect Villagers" d*evelops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager,* including Pulse letters, Channel 26, Fast Lane and the web site. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Kathy Beymer 408-238-1697, John Brueck 408-409-2489, Barbara Karayn 202-641-6339, Lou Lively-Singh 408-838-5555, Larry Miller 408-238-1030, Pamela Oliver-Lyons 408-693-9250, and Peggie Romanow 408-528-8732.

HOURS

The Villager editorial and classified advertising hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to to 4:30 p.m. *The Villager* display advertising office hours are by appointment. Call 223-4657 to schedule.

The Villager is the official and legal communication medium for The Villages, a Senior Community. Its mission is to provide residents with timely information about activities, facilities and services at The Villages and to promote a sense of community by documenting and celebrating those common experiences that highlight life at The Villages.

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Boards & Committees

Club Nominating Committee seeks Board of Director candidates

The Club Nominating Committee is actively seeking candidates for election to the Club Board of Directors. The Club governing documents provide that there shall be seven directors, and an election will be held during May and June for two director positions to serve three-year terms. The Club Board is responsible for the management of Club operations. The Club is responsible for all recreational, social, and cultural events in operation at The Villages, maintenance of the streets, the community centers and adjoining swimming pools, the Clubhouse/Pro Shop complex, the two golf courses, and tennis courts.

If you are interested in being a candidate, please contact the Club Nominating Committee: Bill Bing - 408-223-0975; Don Fernandez - 408-223-7835; Nancy Fodor - 408-528-0476; Rick Jiloty - 408-528-8116; and/or Tom McLaughlin - 408-531-8874.

Homeowners' Corporation Directors Election 2017

Want to make a difference in your community? The Homeowners' Corporation (HOC) Board of Directors is looking for you. Serving on the HOC is a rewarding and interesting activity that makes you feel a vital part of the community. You get to know your neighbors and you can make a difference in their enjoyment of Village life.

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation mission statement reads "The Homeowners' Board of Directors manages and regulates the use and enjoyment of the Homeowner Development in accordance with the governing documents and the law, and in a manner that preserves, protects, and enhances homeowner property." The bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors serving on the board. With the terms of Teddy Morse and Burt Lancaster expiring in June (both are eligible to serve again), the Homeowners' Corporation Board will have two director vacancies.

If you would like to find out more about serving on the Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors, please contact any current board member, President Burt Lancaster, 408-270-2470; Vice President Teddy Morse, 408-394-5229; Secretary Julian Rodriguez, 408-532-9070; CFO (Treasurer) Greg Stewart, 408-531-1029; and Assistant CFO and ACC Liaison Mike Kane, 408-455-8448.

Something New for Members of The Villages Association

By Julia Meadows, Assistant General Manager

As you know, The Villages Association is a common interest development (CID) subject to California Civil Code Sections 4000-6150 (also known as the Davis-Stirling Act). Passed in 2016 and effective in 2017, California Senate Bill ("SB") 918 adds a new Civil Code Section 4041(a). This new section requires all CID owners to annually and in writing provide the HOA (The Villages Association), their contact information for sending HOA notices, and to inform the association whether the residence is owner-occupied or rented.

Associations are required to solicit these notices at least 30 days prior to the annual association disclosures. For The Villages Association, that is the Annual Budget Report and Annual Policy Statement sent to all owners in May. If an owner does not annually provide this notification, the association must deem the residence address as the address for notifications. In March, we will include with your monthly statement a form to complete and return that complies with this new law.

Have any Questions?

By Kathleen Beymer, CAC chair

I know it seems early, but we have to think ahead in order to elect our new Board candidates in June. As usual, *The Villager* will introduce the candidates with short biographies and will ask questions to reveal their ideas on life in the Villages. Please help us out by sending us the questions you want answered for all three Boards: Club, Association, and Homeowners. Drop them off in the Communication Committee's slot in the lobby of building B or email them to me at kjbeymer@comcast.net . We don't know who the candidates will be yet but will want to know more about them once they're named.

Recycle your old Villages Directories

The new 2017 Villages Telephone Directories have been delivered. If you would like to recycle your 2016 or older Villages directories, a collection bin is available in the lobby of Building B during regular business hours and outside under the wood drop box in the evening and on weekends. The bins will be available through February 28. The collected directories will be commercially shredded.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5 & 9

MANAGEMENT

FROM THE CORPORATION YARD

Special Report from Maintenance Services Dept.

Interior Plumbing and Water Feeder Line Inspections

By Brad Barncord, FMP, SFP, CCAM, Operations Manager

What is a water feeder line and why should you care? They are located in every home. Water feeder lines service clothes and dish washing machines, refrigerators (icemakers) and toilets. There are also plumbing related lines that service sinks, tubs, and showers. What many Villagers may not realize is that interior water feeder lines and interior plumbing lines servicing a variety of interior utilities are the owner's responsibility to maintain. Additionally, any damage caused by the foregoing is the owner's to bear.

Many plumbing failures, and the resulting damage experienced at the Villages cannot be avoided, especially if the leak occurs within an enclosed or encased area, such as a wall or slab floor. However, failures from water feeder lines and interior plumbing lines servicing the owner's utilities can be significantly reduced if regularly inspected. During these inspections, worn or aged lines should be replaced before a water leak situation occurs.

It may interest you to know if a water leak situation manifests itself unknowingly for a period of time, insurance companies may not cover the repair claim—this situation often leaves members footing the bill, which in some cases can be between $10,000 and $20,000, depending on the amount of damage, cleanup and repair. What can be done?

A licensed contractor can be engaged to conduct an interior inspection. During the inspection process, the contractor will inspect flex lines, angle stops and feeder lines at sinks, toilets, washing machines, dishwashers, refrigerators , water heaters, and other plumbing components for which the unit owner is responsible.

Based on the results of the inspection, completion of the work can be arranged with the Maintenance Service Department as a billable service, or you can hire your own plumbing contractor. The negotiated rate for repairs with Eagle Plumbing is $65, per hour, plus materials.

The Maintenance Services Department has purchased in bulk, and is offering replacement washing machine hoses from "FloodChek" for $45 per set. FloodChek hoses are warrantied for 20 years. Many "off-the-shelf" hoses have a useful life of only five to seven years, and they should be replaced at those intervals (but are often not).

In addition to inspecting and replacing water lines that service owner's utilities, Villagers may consider installing leak detection devices. These passive systems are inexpensive and available to the public. These stand-alone alarms are placed under water heaters, sinks and/or near refrigerators and sound off when moisture is detected. Many run on a simple 9-volt battery, cost less than $25 each and are available at the Maintenance Services Department.

In conclusion, implementing a voluntary inspection program for water feeder lines and other interior plumbing within the owner's parameter of responsibility will not eliminate water intrusion claims, but it will reduce them. If you would like to have a billable inspection of your home, please call the Maintenance Services Department at 408-223-4670.

Question for the General Manager

Do you have a question you would like to pose directly to Villages General Manager Darren Shaw? If so, compose your question (please, one topic per question) in 40 words or fewer and bring it to The Villager office in Building B, Fax it to 408-274-2843 or e-mail it to: Shinrichs@the-villages.com with "Q-4-GM" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Questions will be answered at the discretion of the General Manager. Not all answers will appear in the column. Please give your full name and telephone number in case there are questions about your question.

Get in the Fast Lane!

Fast Lane is the Villages e-mail information blast. To sign up or get more information, contact Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson at 223-4681; kpatterson@the-villages.com, or go to Building B to sign up in person.

Prevent hypertension, get your blood pressure checked

You don't have to go far from home for a blood pressure check. The Villages Medical Auxiliary holds free blood pressure clinics every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Forum Room next to the Boutique in Cribari Center.

According to the American Heart Association, your blood pressure should be below 140/80. Take care of yourself, get your blood pressure checked Wednesday.

Irwin Katzman
Attorney at Law

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Alcohol and Licensed Facilities/Centers

This subject comes up from time to time as residents and groups test the license restrictions' operating parameters imposed by the California's Department of Alcohol Control Board (ABC) on all licensed facilities and centers at The Villages.

Please be informed that *all Club facilities and centers are licensed*, which includes the Bistro Patio, Golf Course, Gazebo Park, Tennis Court Viewing Stand and even the Garden Areas. This means it is not lawful for residents or groups to bring any alcohol onto and subsequently consume at these facilities and centers—all alcohol that is consumed must be sold and supervised by the licensee (the Club). If a resident wants to consume alcohol on Club property, arrangements must be made at the Community Activities Office to suspend the Club's license at that facility or center for the day of the event. The Club will not suspend its license at the Clubhouse (which includes the golf course).

Equally as important is the fact that if a resident or group chooses to have an event at a Club facility or center and completes the necessary paperwork to have the Club's license suspended on that day, the responsibility to ensure that the distribution of the alcohol is consumed responsibly is that of the event organizer or person signing the license suspension form. **There is liability here, which should not be overlooked**. Additionally, the sale of alcohol cannot take place. Alcohol can only be sold by a person or an entity that is licensed to do so.

Finally, there is event insurance that can be purchased to provide the event organizer and participants with coverage, but the cost is generally more than paying the Clubhouse staff to serve and manage the distribution of the alcohol.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Don't feed the 'critters'

One of the many attractions of The Villages is the variety of wildlife encountered on a daily basis. Many Villagers feel that being a good host necessitates feeding our four-legged or winged guests on a routine basis, which can be quite detrimental to our wild friends. Most wild animals naturally fear humans and keep their distance. Problems arise when animals have access to food and garbage left out by residents. They develop an appetite for easy pickings and keep coming back for more. When this happens, they often lose their natural fear of humans and can become aggressive. To prevent that, residents should not leave out any type of food, including canned food, in a manner that may become accessible to our furry friends.

Please comply with Villages Golf & County Club Rule 1.51.4, which states "Feeding of waterfowl and other wild animals on a routine basis is prohibited for the protection of both residents and the animals."

Governance Meetings

THE DACs

Attention DAC publicity chairs:

To get the word out to your membership you may list your DAC meetings in *The Villager*, on Channel 26 and in Fast Lane e-mail blasts.

For two advance notices of your meeting in *The Villager*, please get your notice in at least three weeks prior to the meeting date. You may e-mail your meeting notices to Associate Editor Kory Tran at: ktran@the-villages.com (For questions, call Kory at 408-754-1341).

Channel 26 and Fast Lane notices may be e-mailed to Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson at: kpatterson@the-villages.com (For questions or more information, please call Ken at 408-223-4681.)

You may also submit your articles and electronic notices on The Villages web site: www.thevillagesgcc.com

Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication. If your notice is late, please call Kory at The Villager copy desk at 408-408-754-1341 to arrange for space to be available. You may e-mail your copy to: ktran@the-villages.com

BOARD MEETINGS

(The following are open meetings. All Villagers are invited and encouraged to attend.)

Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

The Villages Association Board of Directors Study Session will be held Tuesday, March 14, at 9:30 a.m. in Foothill Center.

Club

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Study Session will be held Tuesday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center.

Homeowners

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors March Quarterly Meeting will be held Thursday, March 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the Cribari Conference Room.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

After Hours Maintenance Emergencies

The Maintenance Services Department's general work hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you experience a maintenance emergency outside of those hours or during a holiday, please call Public Safety at 408-223-4665. The Public Safety Department will then contact the Maintenance Area Supervisor and/or the appropriate contractor. Together, they will all help to resolve your maintenance emergency.

FOUNDATION FOCUS

By Vivian Brown, EVF President

The Foundation Board is guided by a strong set of core beliefs and guiding principles that guides us in everything that we do. Listed below is a partial list of our values and beliefs.

The Foundation Mission: The Evergreen Villages Foundation supports capital improvement projects to build a better community.

Core Values and Beliefs

We believe that in working with The Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) Board and General Manager that the projects the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) supports and is able to fund through contributions are those that have the general well being of The Villages Community as a priority.

We believe that, by supporting and contributing to VGCC approved capital improvement projects, The Villages Community will increase its viability as a top-rated senior community and at the same time help to balance assessment costs.

We believe that our mission requires us to conduct our activities ethically, with integrity, transparency and accountability as responsible stewards in managing financial resources benefiting all Villagers.

Join our team of Villagers helping Villagers

Everyone needs a helping hand at some point in their life. The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) volunteers lend that hand to fellow Villagers. Whether it's driving a Villager to the doctor, pharmacy or grocery store; delivering a meal from the Clubhouse or Bistro; delivering medical equipment to help a Villager at home; or staffing the VMA office desk, volunteer assistance is critical to the VMA continuing its nearly 40 years of service to Villagers.

Volunteers represent the essence of community service. Each year we serve hundreds of residents with personalized services and you can be a part of this dedicated team. Stop by the VMA office in Cribari Center and sign up. You can choose when you will work and how often. Any help is appreciated. Join our team and help enrich your life and that of your neighbors.

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Calendar of Events

Friday, February 24

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED, SEQ
9 a.m.	Villages Golf Comm.	FC
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Tai Chi	VC
10 a.m.	Zumba	A
10:30 a.m.	Line Dance	MMP
11 a.m.	Crimson Charmers Lunch	MC
11:15 a.m.	Total Body Workout	A
2 p.m.	Senior Acad. Lecture	FC
3 p.m.	Hand Bell Practice	CR
6:15 p.m.	Mex. Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Spring Rehearsal	A

Saturday, February 25

10 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Theater Ticket Sales	A
1 p.m.	Music Society Seminar	FC
2 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal	A
7 p.m.	Joe Sharino Dance	CH
7:15 p.m.	Brandeis Movie Group	RED

Sunday, February 26

7:15 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
8:30 a.m.	Episcopal Services	MC
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir Practice	SEQ
10 a.m.	Comm. Chapel Service	A
10 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
11 a.m.	Chapel Fellowship	CR
6 p.m.	Pickle Ball Potluck	FC
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal	A

Monday, February 27

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Game Day	SEQ
9 a.m.	18 Hole Women Club	P
9:30 a.m.	Camera Club	CR
10 a.m.	Cardio Workout	A
10 a.m.	Line Dance	MMP
11:15 a.m.	Cardio Workout	A
1 p.m.	Stitchery	F
1:30 p.m.	News Junkies	CR
1:30 p.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
2 p.m.	Senior Acad. Osher	FC
2 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Board	AR
6 p.m.	Dance Fusion	MMP
6:30 p.m.	Hiking Club Board	F
6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
6:30 p.m.	Zumba	A
6:45 p.m.	Yoga	MMP
7:30 p.m.	Hiking Club	CR
7:30 p.m.	Table Tennis	MMP

Tuesday, February 28

8 a.m.	EPC Training	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	SEQ
9:30 a.m.	Acrylic and Oil Studio	AR
9:30 a.m.	Assoc. Board Meeting	CH
9:30 a.m.	Line Dance	MMP
10 a.m.	ADL/ Parkinson Class	A
10 a.m.	High Twelve Board	F
10 a.m.	Music Society Comm.	RED
11 a.m.	High Twelve Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	Walking Class	A
1:30 p.m.	Club Board Meeting	CH
2 p.m.	Piano Club Rehearsal	A
2 p.m.	Yoga	MMP
3:30 p.m.	Tennis Club Board	P
4 p.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal	A

Wednesday, March 1

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	VMA Board	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	SEQ
9:30 a.m.	Drawing Studio	AR
9:30 a.m.	Democratic Club	FC
9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	P
10 a.m.	Parkinson's Caregivers	RED
10 a.m.	Tai Chi	VC
10 a.m.	Total Body Fitness	A
10:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic	F
11:15 a.m.	Total Body Fitness	A
11:30 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins	MC
1 p.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
1:30 p.m.	Website Work Group	Bldg. A
2 p.m.	Democratic Club	VC
2 p.m.	Senior Academy	FC
2 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal	A
5 p.m.	Friends of SJS	CH
6 p.m.	Dance Fusion	MMP
6:15 p.m.	Mex. Train Dominoes	MC
6:30 p.m.	Scarlet Sirens	VC
6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Global Village Comm.	SEQ
7 p.m.	Village Voices	FC
7 p.m.	Yoga	MMP

Thursday, March 2

8 a.m.	DAC Budget Meeting	Bdlg. A
8 a.m.	EPC Training	MC
9 a.m.	AC Assoc./Landscape	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	SEQ
9 a.m.	Income Tax Service	RED
9 a.m.	Chapel Music Comm.	P
9:30 a.m.	Watercolor Class	AR
10 a.m.	Genealogy Club	CR
10:30 a.m.	Walking Class	A
12:45 p.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
1 p.m.	Club Nom. Comm.	Bldg. A
1 p.m.	Chapel Prayer	F
2 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal	A
2 p.m.	Yoga	MMP
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Practice	CR
4 p.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
6 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
6:45 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A
7 p.m.	Italian Club Board	P

Friday, March 3

8 a.m.	DAC Budget Meeting	Bdlg. A
8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
8:45 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Club Board Meeting	VC
9 a.m.	Techn. Comm.: Res.	Bldg. A
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	P
10 a.m.	Tai Chi	MC
10 a.m.	Zumba	A
10:30 a.m.	Line Dance	MMP
11:15 p.m.	Total Body Workout	A
1 p.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
3 p.m.	Handbell Practice	CR
4 p.m.	Bocce Bash	BC
5 p.m.	Theater Ticket Sales	L
6:15 p.m.	Mex. Train Dominoes	MC

EVENT LOCATIONS

A	Auditorium	(Cribari)
AR	Art Room	(Cribari)
BC	Bocce Courts	
CER	Ceramics	(Cribari)
CCR	Cribari Club Rm.	
CH	Clubhouse	
CR	Conference Rm.	(Cribari)
CY	Corporation Yard	
F	Forum	(Cribari)
FC	Foothill Center	
GP	Gazebo	
L	Lobby	(Cribari)
SEQ	Sequoia	(Cribari)
MC	Montgomery Center	
MMP	Montgomery MP Room	
RED	Redwood	(Cribari)
P	Patio Room	(Cribari)
TR	Terrace Room	(Cribari)
VC	Vineyard Center	

2017 Look What's Coming

Mark your calendars and watch *The Villager* for details on upcoming events! Register in Building B.

Date	Event	In Villager	Registration
3/15	Hamilton	SOLD OUT	
3/15	Luzia—Cirque du Soleil		
3/17	Bouquet to Art	NOW	
3/27	Carmel	NOW	
4/12	Union Square	2/23	2/27
4/29	Fiesta Time – Car Show	N/A	
4/30	Giants vs San Diego	3/9	3/13
5/14	Giants vs Cincinnati	3/17	3/20
5/18	Monet	3/17	3/20
5/31	Hamilton (Lottery)	3/23	TBD
6/11	Giants vs Minnesota	4/27	5/1
6/16	Dean Martin & Frank Sinatra	4/20	4/24 (at Clubhouse)
6/25	Giants vs NY Mets	5/4	5/8
7/4	4th of July Parade	N/A	
7/23	Giants vs San Diego	5/11	5/15
8/5	50th Anniv. Cake & Champagne	6/15	6/19
8/6	Giants vs Arizona	6/15	6/19
8/18	Danny Coots @ Auditorium	6/22	6/26

NOW PLAYING on Channel 27

* and online at TheVillagesGCC.com/residents

*GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT
Monday-Thursday: 12, 3, 6 & 9 am/pm
Friday: 12, 3, 6 & 9 am, 12, 3 & 6 pm
Saturday: 6 & 9 am, 6 pm
Sunday: 6 & 9 am, 9 pm

*FIRE SAFETY IN THE VILLAGES
Monday-Thursday: 1, 4, 7 & 10 am/pm
Friday: 1, 4, 7 & 10 am, 1, 4 & 7 pm
Saturday: 4, 7 & 10am 4 & 7 pm
Sunday: 4, 7 & 10 am 4 & 10 pm

*VILLAGES FITNESS CENTER
Monday-Thursday: 2, 5, 8 & 11 am/pm
Friday: 2, 5, 8 & 11 am, 2 & 5 pm
Saturday: 5, 8 & 11 am 5 pm
Sunday: 2, 5 & 8 am 8 & 11 pm

WEEKEND MOVIE SERIES
Friday: 8:00 pm
Saturday: 12:00 am/pm & 8:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 am/pm & 4:00 pm

Channel 26 Club events & notices
More information at TheVillagesGCC.com/residents in the Facilities & Amenities section

Complimentary WiFi services is available at the Villages' community centers
Network: Villages Public
Password: villages

THIS WEEKEND
RICHARD THORPE'S

THE KING MURDER & FORGOTTEN

WITH UNDERSEA KINGDOM

CHAPTER 8 INTO THE METAL TOWER
PLUS! CARTOONS TRAILERS & MORE!!!
FRI: 8PM
SAT: MIDNIGHT, NOON & 8PM
SUN: MIDNIGHT, NOON & 4PM
4-HOURS OF FUN on Channel 27

Club Calendars

HIKING CLUB CALENDAR

Unless otherwise indicated, all hikes meet at Cribari Center at 8:30 a.m. and depart at 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, February 25: Richard Bainbridge (408-960-8335) and Wendy Ledamun will lead a medium hike in Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, in the Palo Alto foothills. This is a new destination for the hiking club The trails are mainly old farm roads with some connector trails. The hike is about 5 miles with an elevation gain of about 400-ft and is suitable for both ramblers and long hikers. Afterwards we can to stop at Roberts Market in Portola for coffee and snacks. Dress seasonably and bring lunch or snack and water. Car mileage round trip is about 55 miles. Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, City of Palo Alto, Santa Clara County.

Wednesday, March 1 (Rambler): Bonnie Preston (408-531-1513) will lead a trip to the Stanford Cantor Arts Center for a current "Surrealism: the Conjured Life" exhibit giving greater insight into this power of the subconscious mind, which began in 1920, yet maintains these elements even today. Before seeing the exhibit, however, we'll walk for an hour to see the new Bing Concert Hall. After the exhibit we'll have a bite to eat at the Cantor Café. The mileage round trip is approximately 60 miles. Note: We'll meet at 9 a.m. at Cribari, not 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 4: Wate and Johanna Bakker(408-223-2190) will lead rambler and long hikes in the Almaden Quicksilver County Park. The rambler hike will be 4-5 miles, the long hike 7-8 miles. Elevation difference for the long hike will be about 1000-ft, that of the rambler hike a few hundred feet less. Hopefully the Manzanita will still be blooming, and there should some early wildflowers as well. Views all around. Dress seasonably, bring a light lunch and water. Round trip car mileage about 30. Afterward we plan to have coffee at Peet's on Blossom Hill Road.

Wednesday, March 8 (Rambler): Brad Hinckey (408-274-2616) will lead a hike in Harvey Bear County Park, starting at the west entrance. The terrain is moderately hilly. Please bring a sack lunch, for we will be looking for wildflowers. This hike will be about 4 miles long by Morgan Hill. If it is still very wet and muddy, I will pick another place to hike.

Saturday, March 11: Dan Kato (408-300 0759) will lead the long hikers at Butano State Park. We will take the clockwise direction around the valley, starting at the Jackson Flats trail and continuing on the Canyon, Indian, Doe Ridge and Goat Hill trails. This will be a challenging hike of 10 to 12 miles, with climbs up

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SENIOR ACADEMY

Friday, February 24: Free lecture: Carlo Facchino "Rowing Across The Pacific" 2 p.m. at Foothill Center.

Monday, February 27: News Junkies at 1:30 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room.

Wednesday, March 1: Free lecture: "Eagles of Alaska and Images of the Amazon." Joan Sparks presents on Wednesday, March 1 from 2 p.m. at Foothill Center. Refer to the article in the "Clubs" section for details.

Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30: Four-week "Great Decisions 2017" Course, 7 to 9 p.m. First meeting will be held at Vineyard Center. Refer to the article in the "Clubs" section for details.

VILLAGES AMATEUR THEATRE

Please mark your calendars for our performances of our Tony-award Spring musical "Guys & Dolls." Performance dates are 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31; 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2 in the Cribari Auditorium. Tickets will go on sale in mid-March. Please see the VAT club article in this issue for additional details.

What's Happening in ARTS & CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities.

Website: www.villagesartsandcrafts.org

Contact: President Monita Bowman at monita.bowman@gmail.com

***Registration contact:** Barbara Gottesman at barb.gottesman@gmail.com or 408-531-9402.

****RSVP for Coloring Party:** Wendy Ledamun 408-274-4215

Ceramics Room: open Monday to Saturday. See website for hours.

February 24: Orchid Show Excursion with Karen Honaker.

February 27: Advisory Board Meeting. 3 p.m. Art Room.

March 6: General Membership Meeting and Demo. Guest Artist is Sheila Ryckewaert on Mosaics. Cribari Conf. Rm. 1:45 p.m.

March 8 to April 12: Clay Sculpture with Gene Olsen. Weds. 1 to 1:30 p.m. $75 all materials included.

March 9: Boutique Board Meeting. 10 a.m. Mary's house.

March 14: Art Film at Vineyard Ctr. European High Renaissance and the Pre-Impressionist Collection at the Met. 7 p.m.

March 21: Adult Coloring Party. 7 – 9 p.m.**

March 21 – April 25: Oil and Acrylic Painting with Jane Hink. Tuesday mornings. $60. *

Open studio: Mondays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Mondays with Jane Hink - 408-270-8922. Fridays with Joan Fury - 408-274-8728.

Boutique: Handcrafted items for sale. Showcase: Babies and Children.Open weekdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon in Cribari Center. Contact Director Mary Wollesen at 408-528-8116.

Stitchery: Mondays at 1 p.m., Cribari Forum. Call Roberta at 408-270-0308.

MUSIC SOCIETY: TAKE NOTE

Save the Date:

Opera Lovers – Friday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Vineyard Center. Puccini Opera "Manon Lescaut," starring a young Placido Domingo and the beautiful Kiri Te Kanawa. Join us for this two-hour performance. Questions? Call Bonnie Preston at 408-531-1513.

Amici Brass – Sunday, March 12 at 2:30 p.m. Cribari Auditorium—"Friends and Family Concert," sponsored by the Village Music Society. Come and hear the beautiful sounds as they regale us with their style of mellow music.

Piano Club Spring Recital – Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium.

Rehearsal/Meeting Schedule:

Villages Concert Band: 7:15 p.m. Thursdays in the Auditorium. New players welcome, no auditions required. Call Larry Miller at 408-238-1030 for more information.

Village Handbells: Ongoing Handbell rehearsals at 3 p.m. Fridays in the CCR (Cribari Confernce Room.) For information, call Kathi or Earl Levin at 408-270-5458. Beginning Handbell players please call for information on new classes.

Piano Club: Open Studio, 2 p.m., Tuesdays in the Auditorium. For more information, call Estelle Kabbani at 408-238-7246.

Village Voices: Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Foothill Center. The Voices is a non-auditioned, mixed-voice choral group. For information, contact Membership Chair Chris Leisy at 408-309-2757.

POLE WALKERS CALENDAR

All walks start at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted. For information, call Edith: 408-274-4712

Saturday, February 25: 5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Crab Feed & Auction. St. Clare Catholic Church. Parish Hall.

Monday, February 27: Meet at Club parking lot for a walk in the park.

Wednesday, March 1: Meet at club parking lot and walk/carpool to LaBou. **2 p.m.** Games at Cribari.

Thursday, March 2: 12-noon. Winter Bocce for all players.

Friday, March 3: Meet at Montgomery Center.

Monday, March 6: Meet at club parking lot for a walk in the park.

Wednesday, March 8: Meet at club parking lot to carpool/walk to New Season. **2 p.m.** Games in Cribari.

Thursday, March 9: 12 Noon. Winter Bocce for all players.

Friday, March 10: Meet at Fairway and Hermosa.

Monday, March 13: Meet at Gazebo.

Wednesday, March 15: Meet at club parking lot to carpool/walk to Evergreen Plaza, Farmers Market. **2 p.m.** Games in Cribari.

Thursday, March 16: 12-noon. Winter Bocce for all players.

Friday, March 17: 9 a.m. Look in your email for an Invitation to a St Patrick's Day Coffee and Pastries. Remember "Wearin' of the green"!

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Reservations or Information:
408-223-4687

2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at www.thevillagesgcc.com

WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Happy Hour at the Bistro & Bar: Happy Hour times are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Bistro daily.

Come down and join us for a drink!

Solitary Cellars Winemaker Dinner Wednesday, March 8: Come join us at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 8 for The Solitary Cellars Winemaker Dinner. (For details and menu, please see the ad on the next page.) For reservations call 408-754-1337 or e-mail: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

No Corkage Tuesdays: Bring your favorite bottle of wine and your favorite people any and every Tuesday at the Clubhouse Restaurant. No corkage fee will be charged with a dinner order. There is a one-bottle limit per two guests. Please, standard size bottles only. Program begins on Tuesday, February 7.

Gift Cards available at the Clubhouse and Pro Shop!

CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT

Monday Closed

Tuesday-Thursday Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Dinner:** 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday Brunch: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday & Sunday Brunch:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Sunday Breakfast Buffet:** 9 a.m to 11:30 a.m.
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

LUNCH SPECIALS SERVED ALL WEEK

Lunch Specials Tuesday 2-28 to Sunday 3-5

Caribbean Chicken Salad **$11.50**
Spinach, Mandarin Oranges, Pears, Apples, Strawberries and Marinated Grilled Chicken

California Burger **$10.50**
Angus Patty with Avocado, Pepper Jack Cheese and Bacon

Grilled Sole Dore **$12.50**
Pacific Sole Flour Dusted and Egg Wash with a Beurre Blanc Sauce

DAILY SOUP SPECIALS

Lunch specials are served with choice of soup or salad.

Tuesday, February 28	*Soup:*	*Potato Leek*
Wednesday, March 1	*Soup:*	*Corned Beef and Cabbage*
Thursday, March 2	*Soup:*	*French Onion*
Friday, March 3	*Soup:*	*Clam Chowder*
Saturday, March 4	*Soup:*	*Chef's Choice*
Sunday, March 5	*Soup:*	*Chef's Choice*

DINNER SPECIALS SERVED ALL WEEK

Dinner Specials Tuesday 2-28 to Sunday 3-5

Caprese Salad with Prawns **$17.50**
Roma Tomatoes, Fresh Mozzarella and Grilled Prawns over Greens

Fried Chicken **$17.50**
A Four-Piece Honey Stung and Buttermilk Batter Chicken with Country Gravy

Northern Halibut **Market Price**
Grilled Northern Halibut with a Caper Beurre Blanc Sauce

Dinner specials are served with choice of soup or salad.

ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 27
NO EVENT
Tuesday, February 28
• Association Board Meeting—Oak and Sunset Rooms—9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
• Villages High 12 Luncheon—Fairway Room—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
• Club Board Meeting—Oak and Sunset Rooms—1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 1
• Private Event—Oak and Fairway Rooms—5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Thursday, March 2
• 18 hole Ladies Lunch Gnrl Meeting—Oak and Fairway Rooms—12:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
• Republican Club Dinner—Fairway Dinner—5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday, March 3
• Private Brithday Luncheon—Sunset Room —11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 4
• Private Memorial—Oak and Fairway Rooms—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
• Private Baby Shower—Sunset Room—10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
• Private Dinner—Sunset Room5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
• Private Event—Oak and Fairway Rooms—6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, March 5
NO EVENT

THE BISTRO & BAR

Open Daily: 7a.m. to 9 p.m.
Breakfast: 7:30a.m. to 10:45a.m.
Grill Items: 11a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Casual a la carte dining. No reservations required.

-Breakfast
-Starters
-Appetizers
-Grill Items
-Vegetarian
-Baskets
-Pizzas
-Desserts

Full Bar available with Beers on Tap.

More CLUBHOUSE ITEMS on page 9

Suggestions for the Clubhouse & Bistro

Here are two ways to let us know your suggestions:

1. A Suggestion Box is located in the Clubhouse Foyer
Please fill out a Suggestion Card
Weekly input will be reviewed by the Food and Beverage Director and the Food and Beverage Committee.

2. On the Villages Website (www.thevillagesgcc.com), look under Clubhouse and Dining tab, you will find Clubhouse Suggestions.
Please fill out appropriate comments and send. We will be receiving it via e-mail.

Each comment will be reviewed and a response will be sent back.

SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Note: The Senior Resource Services (SRS) office hours for drop-in assistance are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. The SRS office is located in the Cribari Center across from the Post Office. You may also leave a message at 408-239-5253. The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional adviser about your individual situation.

Donate that old golf cart and help the VMA

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) sells golf carts (working or not) to raise funds for its programs. Golf cart donations qualify as a charitable contribution under Internal Revenue Code 501(c) (3). You'll receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Our preferred customers are Villagers, so if you are in need of a golf cart, call the VMA office at 408-238-4230 and put you name on the waiting list.

SRS Reminder:

Charity value guide for donated property

You may deduct the fair market value of property you donate to charity on your tax return as an itemized deduction. How do you determine fair market value? The best way is to determine what it will sell for in a thrift shop. SRS has a handout titled "Fair Market Value Guide for Used Items." Stop by the office for a copy.

The website for The Salvation Army has a list of the price range for items in its stores. Check out the valuation guide at www.satruck.org; click on Donation Value Guide near the bottom of the first screen.

Villages Medical Auxiliary Since 1976
Office: 408-238-4230
Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029

"A Caring Helpful Neighbor"
The Villages Medical Auxiliary

Rewarding volunteer opportunity

By Sherry Benz

I was driving slowly trying to read the address numbers on the condos on my way to pick up a Villager for her medical appointment. I pulled into a cul-du-sac and saw a woman standing at the curb. I pulled over and inquired. Yes, she was waiting for my transportation and in her hand was a small batch of brownies she had baked just to say "thank you." I have been driving for the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) for about a year and a half, taking fellow Villagers to medical and dental appointments, hearing tests, lab work, physical therapy appointments and, once, I picked someone up who had just been discharged from O'Connor Hospital and brought her home…home sweet home.

The inability to drive is a difficult transition in life for any person and causes untold complications in managing their daily lives. The transportation provided through the VMA helps our fellow Villagers live independent, active and healthy lives as long as possible.

I received brownies only once, but I have been blessed immeasurably more by meeting these folks, learning something about their lives, and by their gratitude for the help VMA can provide. Chief Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was recently in the area, speaking at Stanford. She was asked what makes a meaningful life. Her answer: "Do something outside yourself…something that makes life a little better for people less fortunate than you." If you have a bit of spare time, call the VMA (408-238-4230) and volunteer to be a driver.

The Villages Golf & Country Club
A 55+ Silicon Valley Community

WineMaker Dinner With Solitary Cellars
Wednesday March 8th

Wine Reception 5 to 6
Dinner and Wine Pairing 6 to 8

SOLITARY CELLARS

Meet The Team Behind Solitary Cellars Winery

Prisons and the wine industry don't have a whole lot in common; unless you're Greg Bergersen & Rick Quesada, that is. These two corrections officers at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla, California (Bergersen is recently retired, Quesada is still active) launched their own line of wines in 2014, aptly named Solitary Cellars Wine Company. The tagline for their wine business is, "Solitary Cellars - Wines Without Restraints." Their wine club is called the Chain Gang, with two levels, Minimum and Maximum Custody. You get the picture.

The tasting room, dubbed the North Block Tasting Room, reflects their shared 45 years in law enforcement and corrections, complete mug shots, a replica jail cell, a box of actual prison "shivs" (makeshift knives) and the duo's endless and colorful prison stories.

Solitary Cellars' wines is produced using grapes from several of California's best wine-growing regions, including Sonoma County, Lodi, the Santa Lucia Highlands, Lake County, Santa Barbara County and, of course, the Central Valley. "When people come in, they're shocked at the quality of the wines," adds Bergersen. "We attribute that to great growers in great growing regions."

The Solitary Cellars current portfolio consists of the 2014 Code Three (a red wine blend) (Lodi); 2012 and 2013 Liberty Oak Tempranillo (Lodi); 2014 Solitary Cellars Albariño Lodi ; 2013 Evasion Syrah Rosé (Fresno); 2012 and 2013 Solitary Cellars "East Block" Old Vine Zinfandel (Lodi); 2013 Santa Lucia Highlands Syrah; 2013 Shenandoah Valley Barbera (Amador); 2013 Monterey Pinot Noir.

Reservation Call 408 754 1337
$45 plus tax and service charge

Solitary Cellars Wine Maker Dinner Menu
for
Wednesday, March 8

Wine and Cheese Reception
Solitary Cellars Los Grilletes Red Wine Blend

Starter
Hears of Palm Salad with Avocados, Scallions, Cilantros and Cherry Tomatoes on Butter Lettuce with Lime Dressing
Paired with Solitary Cellars 2016 Lodi Albarino

Main Course
Argentinian Filet Mignon Kebabs with Chimichurri Sauce
Couscous Salad with Cilantro and Tomatoes
Paired with Solitary Cellars 2014 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir

Dessert
Assorted Chocolate and Cheese Truffles with Berries
Paired with 2014 Shenandoah Valley Barbera

To reserve, call
Events Hot Line 754 1337
e-mail:
Clubhousemanagers@the-villages.com
$45 plus tax and service charge

NO CORKAGE TUESDAYS

Bring your favorite bottle of wine and your favorite people any and every Tuesday at The Clubhouse Restaurant. No Corkage will be charged with a dinner order. 1 bottle limit per 2 guests. Standard size bottles only. Program begins on Tuesday February 7th.

Clubhouse Restaurant Only

Community Activities

The following events are sponsored by the Community Activities Department. Please telephone 223-4643 for additional information.

Board and Committee Meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Place
2/24	Villages Golf Comm.	9 a.m.	Foothill Cntr.
2/28	EPC Training	8 a.m.	Conf. Room
2/28	Assoc. Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Clubhouse
2/28	Club Board Meeting	1:30 p.m.	Clubhouse
3/2	DAC Budget Meeting	8 a.m.	Building A
3/2	EPC Training	8 a.m.	Montg. Cntr.
3/2	AC/Assoc. Landscape	9 a.m.	Foothill Cntr.
3/2	Club Nominating Comm.	1 p.m.	Building A
3/3	DAC Budget Meeting	8 a.m.	Building A
3/3	Club Board Meeting	9 a.m.	Vineyard Cntr.
3/3	Tech. Comm. – Residents	9 a.m.	Building A

Community Events

Date	Event	Time	Place
2/25	Joe Sharino Dance	7 p.m.	Clubhouse
2/26	Pickle Ball Potluck	6 p.m.	Foothill Ctr
2/28	High Twelve Lunch	11 a.m.	Clubhouse
3/2	Income Tax Service	9 a.m.	Redwood Rm
3/2	18 Hole Women Lunch	12:45 p.m.	Clubhouse
3/3	Bocce Bash	4 p.m.	Bocce Courts

Golden Gate Fields—'A Day at the Races'

The Turf Room has been reserved for the Villages' day at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, April 8. The Turf Room provides expansive viewing of the track so we can catch all the action. TV monitors are also available for close-up viewing while you sit with your friends at your dining table. The dress code is smart-casual. Moderate walking is required with some stairs; an elevator is available. If stairs are a problem for you, please let us know when you register, so you may be seated on the top landing of the Turf Room.

The cost is $68 per person, and this price includes a wonderful buffet lunch, transportation and entrance to the track with a racing program. Coffee, tea and decaf are included in the price. Beer, wine or cocktails can be purchased from your servers. It is important that you sit at tables reserved for the Villages! Departure from the Villages will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, and we will return at approximately 6:30 p.m.

This outing is open to guests, so bring your family or friends and enjoy the day! Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B starting Tuesday, February 21.

Going on this particular trip is a great way to meet other Villagers! We all sit together and cheer for our pick of winning horse and jockey together! Don't miss this trip!

30-Minute Restorative Yoga with Mwezo and Jane

30-minute Restorative Yoga is the *fountain of youth* and is the best tool that you can use to counter the negative impact of aging. Research shows that yoga reduces stiffness, tightness, aches and pains and provides tools for handling memory and emotional challenges like stress, depression, anxiety and other physiological disturbances. Moreover, it improves your mood, attitude and self-image to help you feel good about yourself. It improves balance, concentration, flexibility and strength—all functions to help you avoid falling. Yoga works for every… *body* because every…*body* is trying to get old, weak and stiff! Aging is part of being alive, and the best thing we can do is to keep ourselves fit, so we can live independently our whole life. Modifications are made to accommodate all levels. Work at your own pace. Classes are held Mondays at 6:45 to 7:15 and Wednesdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Please wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing and bring a mat and a pillow to class. *Location: See Calendar of Events in The Villager.* The cost is $56 for an eight class card, punched in class. Start anytime! Sign up in class! For more information, call Jane at 408-315-1179. This class is sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

Find out more about Informal Social Groups

The Villages has many resident activities. Many of them are through Board Recognized Organizations – formally organized clubs approved by the Club Board of Directors. There are also informal social groups that are active but prefer less formality, or do not have sufficient numbers to meet the requirements of a Board Recognized Organization.

The Community Activities office would like to offer a way for residents to find out about these informal groups. If you are interested in having your group on a list of social groups available to interested residents, please contact Mary Tatum at 408-223-4643 or mtatum@the-villages.com.

Vendors needed for Fiesta Time

The Villages Fiesta Time event on Saturday, April 29 is in need of vendors. Fee-based vendor display space is available in the Auditorium, Conference Room and Cribari Lobby. Home improvement, lifestyle, health, financial and special interest vendors are welcome. If interested, please contact Mary Tatum at 408-223-4643.

Join The Villages' 50th Anniversary Celebrations

The next upcoming anniversary related events include the **Volunteer Recognition** and **Fiesta Time.** The annual Volunteer Recognition will be held on Friday, April 7 at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse. This year's theme is "The Art of Giving Back." The event will feature a country western atmosphere. More information will be published at a later date.

Fiesta Time is another celebration of community on Saturday, April 29. This event will include Art in the Park, a classic car show, lifestyle, health, and home improvement vendors, live mariachi music, The Villages' famous margaritas and a taco bar and more. The event will take place at Cribari Center and Gazebo Park.

For additional information on anniversary events, please contact the Community Activities office at 408-223-4643.

Learn to play Bridge

To many people bridge is one of the great American pastimes. This game is a wonderful way to meet people and to spend time with your friends. Not only that, but it's a good way to keep your mind sharp and to challenge yourself.

If you are interested in learning or reviewing this wonderful game, you may want to sign up for the upcoming class being offered at the Villages. The classes include lectures, discussions and play of pre-dealt hands. Classes will be offered from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 through Tuesday, April 11 in the Redwood Room, Cribari Center. The fee is $89 per person.

Sign up in Activity Office, Building B or with instructor Louann Partridge at 408-489-0262 or louannpartridge@comcast.net

The reference text book for the class is "Introduction to Bridge" by Audrey Grant. Copies can be purchased from instructor or on Amazon.

Resident Excursion Participation Guidelines

The Community Activities office offers a wide variety of activities for the enjoyment of the Villages residents. As an active adult community, many meetings, events and appointments vie for your time. *Please check your personal calendars prior to committing to an event, class or trip. Once registered for an activity, you are responsible for the cost of the activity.* ***All sales are final.***

Management assumes residents and guests are able to participate in our sponsored activities independently. We reserve the right to evaluate the participant's ability to participate based on each individual's physical abilities and/or demonstrated behaviors. You may always take a caregiver with you to help with your needs.

Employees are not permitted to provide physical assistance to participants. If personal assistance or a wheelchair is needed, the participant must arrange for a caregiver with paid reservation to accompany him/her.

Employees, residents and their guests represent the Villages Golf and Country Club off site. It is expected that all participants will conduct themselves in a dignified, cooperative and congenial manner.

Take Zumba Gold in March

What is Zumba Gold? Zumba is a dance fitness program involving dance and aerobic movements performed to energetic music. Over the years the cardio-centric Zumba classes have grown to also include specific programming, such as for children (Zumbatomic) and for seniors (Zumba Gold).

Zumba Gold is truly for anyone who can stand up and who likes to dance. And "dance" is a very liberal term here because no dance experience or skills are necessary. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome and encouraged to attend classes. Zumba Gold classes are specifically designed to include both men and women. If you want some exercise and like fun music, this class is for you. Our Zumba Gold class focuses on aerobics, while improving balance, stability, coordination and endurance.

The cost for the March classes—Mondays, March 6 through 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium—is $36.

Sign up in class or Building B. For more information call Ruth DePonzi in the Community Activities Office at 408-223-4644.

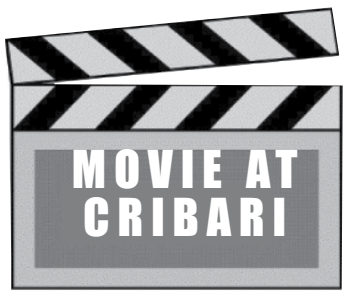
30-Minute Dance Fusion with Mwezo and Jane

Come join the fun! For more than 40 years we helped thousands of people regain and maintain fitness with great success. Our *new* 30-minute Dance Fusion class will help you build balance, coordination, flexibility and strength for a healthier future life. The class features all genres of music and dance formats including, but not limited, to Latin, Afro-Caribbean, Bollywood, soul, country line dance and jazz. Dance at your own pace! So come re-shape and tighten your body! Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Location: See the Calendar of Events in *The Villager***.** The cost is $56 for an eight class card, punched in class. Start anytime! Sign up in class! For more information, call Jane at 408-315-1179.

Tai Chi for healthy aging

Our mission is to help older adults maintain a quality of life as they age, and Tai Chi is the perfect exercise to help us achieve this mission. Tai chi can be performed for exercise, relaxation, healing and spiritual development by anyone regardless of age or physical condition. Tai Chi strengthens the body, quiets and calms the mind and emotions, and improves overall health and well-being. Daily Tai Chi practice is extremely helpful to people with circulatory, respiratory, immune system, digestive, asthma, arthritis, mental, emotional and other health challenges. We offer Tai Chi classes two days per week here at The Villages. The fees are $9 per class for two classes per week, and those attending one class per week will purchase a drop-in card. Get details in class. Classes are held on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Vineyard Center.

Upcoming Afternoon Movies



The following movies are shown free of charge in the **Cribari Conference Room at 1:30 p.m.** on the dates designated. For additional information, please contact the Community Activities office.

Wednesday, March 8 – "Ghostbusters": Starring Melissa McCarthy and Kristen Wiig. In this reboot of the 1984 classic, it's the ladies doing the ghost-busting. After writing a book suggesting that ghosts are real, Erin Gilbert and Abby Yates are called upon to lead the fight when spooks overrun Manhattan.

Wednesday, March 22 – "Money Monster": Starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts. Landing in dire financial straits after following a stock tip from bombastic TV persona Lee Gates, fuming Kyle Budwell takes the lout hostage on live television and threatens to kill him unless he turns the stock price around before the closing bell.

Upcoming Evening Movie

The following movie is shown free of charge at **Vineyard Center at 7 p.m.** on the date and time designated. For additional information, please contact the Community Activities office.

Monday, March. 20 – "Spectre": Starring Daniel Craig. A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organization. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind SPECTRE.

Report broken Fitness Center equipment

Fitness Center users are asked to contact the Community Activities office, 408-223-4643, when a piece of equipment is found broken. A contracted commercial fitness equipment maintenance and repair vendor conducts monthly preventative maintenance on the equipment, but occasionally equipment fails between visits. By contacting the Community Activities office when a problem is found, a work order can be placed promptly.

A Day Trip to Carmel

The Community Activities office has planned a trip to Carmel on Monday, March 27. Your guests are also welcome for this enjoyable outing.

We will depart for downtown Carmel from the Villages' Cribari East parking lot at 8.30 a.m. for the day, with the return time to the Villages estimated at 5:30 p.m. Wear comfortable walking shoes and enjoy a walk down to the beach! There are a number of wonderful places to shop and eat or just look around.

The cost for this change of scenery and a relaxing day to shop and sightsee is $35 per person. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B, beginning Monday, February 6.

Walk your way to health

Walking for Better Balance class is designed to help participants improve their balance, strength and quality of life. It improves standing and walking skills, so you can regain the confidence to move safely. Walking works on your body from head to toe. It reduces stress, decreases risk of heart attack, improves mental function and increases energy. Whether you are on a walker, in a wheelchair or just want to get some serious exercise this class is for you. The cost is $9 per class, billed monthly. This ongoing class is held Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Cribari Auditiorium. Register in Class! For information, call Jane at 408-315-1179. This Class is sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

Living with Parkinson's

Once a person is diagnosed with the disease, it is their attitude, lifestyle, medication management and things they do to contribute that determine the direction their life takes. Research shows that a person living with PD can slow the progression of the disease when they exercise three times per week. The Villages Parkinson's Exercise Program offers three classes per week: Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m. ADL Class in the Auditorium, Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. Tai Chi in the Vineyard Center, and Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Walking for Better Balance class in the Auditorium. Register in Class! For information call Jane at (408) 315-1179. Sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

See Bouquet to Art at DeYoung Museum

Get some of your friends together and go to the city to see one of the most beautiful shows of art and flowers on Friday, March 17. The bus departs from Cribari east parking lot at 8:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 5 p.m. The cost is only $60 per person. Following the exhibit at DeYoung, you will re-board the bus and go to Pier 39 for lunch and a bit of shopping. Your escort will give you the times and any other information you will need for the day.

The most in-demand floral designers from the Bay Area and beyond draw inspiration from the art in De Young's collection to create arrangements from the strikingly simple to the elaborately intricate. Whispers of subtle charm, gasps of beauty—art is in lively conversation with nature during Bouquets to Art. Wander galleries awash with colorful flowers, it is beautiful…don't miss out on this one!

Clubs & Events

VAT: 'Guys & Dolls'—Meet the guys who make the music

"Guys & Dolls" will brighten your Spring! If you love musicals and sang along with the music of our last sellout "My Fair Lady," then you will love the songs of "Guys & Dolls." The music will be provided to you by two very experienced and talented members of the "Guys & Dolls" team—Musical Director Larry Miller and Pianist Tom Stocky. Let's get to know them.

Pianist Tom Stocky and Music Director Larry Miller

Larry Miller, past chair of the VAT, has been the Director for 40 plays, including Readers Theatre. He has been the music director for seven musicals, including "Guys and Dolls Jr.," "Fiddler on the Roof Jr.," "The Music Man Jr.," "Finian's Rainbow," "Brigadoon," "My Fair Lady," and the upcoming "Guys and Dolls."

"All my life I have loved music, making music, directing music, and look forward to it again," Larry said. "'Guys and Dolls' is a wonderful show which we did as a Junior version in 2010. I look forward to this version with great interest."

The last time Tom Stocky played the piano for "Guys and Dolls" was while he was in college. This time around, he has a deeper appreciation for the genius of Frank Loesser, writer of the music and lyrics. Loesser's use of frequent harmonic changes always makes the piano sound fuller than the listener might expect. Also, Loesser constantly varies his rhythms, so that the listener is not easily bored. "It certainly keeps him on his toes while accompanying the dancers," Tom said.

Your Villages Amateur Theatre will again do two matinee performances and one evening performance. Please calendar these performance dates starting at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31; 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 1; and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 2 in the Cribari Auditorium.

Tickets are $15 each and will go on sale in mid-March. "Guys & Dolls" is rated as one of the best musicals in history. Plan on enjoying a lighted hearted, upbeat evening out with friends. You will be glad you did.

Democratic Club to host Sylvia Arenas

New City Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

On Wednesday, March 1, the Democratic Club will hear a presentation from newly elected City Councilmember Sylvia Arenas. She will discuss how her experience on the Evergreen School Board has helped her transition to her new position. She will also inform us as to the new priorities for the city for 2017.

All Villagers are welcome at the Vineyard Center on March 1. The schedule is as follows: 2 p.m. Discussion Group; 3 p.m. Social time; 3:30 p.m. Sylvia Arenas guest speaker—bring your questions.

Villages Hiking Club, Riding Club to hold joint Meeting

By Sy Gelman, Hiking Club President

The Villages Hiking and Riding Club will host a meeting on Monday, February 27 in the Conference Room in Cribari Center starting at 7 p.m. The meeting will discuss proposed trail improvements to the Villages hiking and riding trails based on our understanding that $25,000-$30,000 has been earmarked for trail upgrades/maintenance in the Villages Golf and Country Club ("VGCC") 2017/2018 budget.

Wate Bakker, Vice President of Trails for the Hiking Club, first will discuss the continuation of the five-year project for improvements to the Bay and Meadow trails plus other work that would make travel from the lower garden up to the upper one much easier.

Next, Carrie Woods, Trail Master of the Villages Riding Club has taken many videos of our beautiful hills on horseback and will give a presentation of the best video clips—from the ridiculous to the sublime—and describe them. She also will describe a favorite area a former picnic area closed off for several years due to a downed tree and brush accumulation. Her vision is a secure area so that horses can graze while riders and hikers enjoy picnicking during trail rides and hikes.

All Villagers are welcome to this informative and interactive meeting. If you plan to attend, let us know. We may need to change venues based on attendance!

Friends of SJSU: Meet University President

Make your reservations now to meet and have dinner with Mary Papazian, San Jose State University's 30th president, on March 1 in the Fairway Room.

President Papazian, most recently President of Southern Connecticut State University was appointed SJSU President on July 1, 2016 and has hit the ground in her running shoes. She will be telling us of her visions for the University and exciting plans.

Mary Papazian, SJSU President

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the no-host bar will begin at 5 p.m. Dinner selections are Lemon Pepper Tri-tip, Grilled Pacific Salmon, or Eggplant Parmigiana. Please contact John Mueller at 408-223-0205 for reservations. Dinners are $40 per person and may be charged to your home account. Non-Villager guests are asked to mail their check to John Mueller at 8614 Vineyard Ridge Place, San Jose, CA 95135.

Senior Academy: 'Modern China and The Silk Road'

A Santa Clara University Osher course will be presented at The Villages on February 27 and March 6 in Foothill Center, sponsored by Senior Academy. "Modern China and The Silk Road," an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Course course, will focus on the progress of China from an agrarian third-world country to a highly urbanized society. The course will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. The presenter, Dr. Vincent Yip, will provide information on the culture, customs, language and cuisine of the different regions and cities in China. He will also discuss the history, culture and people of the Silk Road, as well as share his professional photos.

Dr. Vincent Yip

Dr. Yip is a China consultant, professional photographer and university lecturer. He has written three books on China, including Ethnic Groups of China. In the past three decades he has consulted on many different China projects.

To attend this course you must be a member of the Santa Clara University Osher Program. To register for this course (and to join Osher if necessary) visit the website www.scu.edu/osher. You cannot register for this course through Senior Academy. Contact Rita Karlsten at rrkarlsten@sbcglobal.net with questions or concerns.

Jim Colton to speak at SIRs #114 Luncheon

What it's like to be stranded on an island with Fidel Castro? Jim Colton will answer that as the speaker at the SIR luncheon on Tuesday, March 7 at the Clubhouse. Jim took up photography at the age of 13 in his home state of Minnesota when he inherited a Voightlander 120 film camera with a leaky bellows. He taped up the bellows and set up a darkroom in the only bathroom in his family's home of seven. He's been taking pictures ever since. After graduating with mechanical engineering degrees from the University of Minnesota and Stanford, Jim worked at SRI International for 45 years where he performed research on the effects of explosions on structures. After retirement from SRI, he joined the Palo Alto Camera Club where he has learned advanced photography skills that he has used to capture the people and culture of other countries including Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Guatemala, Argentina, Chile and Cuba.

One of Jim's photos taken in Cuba.

In February of 2015, he was a visiting artist to Cuba. As such, he had none of the usual restrictions tourists have on where he could go and whom he could talk to. He quickly gravitated to learning how average Cubans have lived under the Castro regime. Jim and some fellow photographers engaged with numerous Cuban citizens and visited several of them in their homes. He is still processing what he learned about the disadvantages, as well as some advantages, of being a Cuban citizen. Jim's presentation will focus on the lives of common Cuban citizens before and after the Cuban Revolution. Some of his photos can be viewed at jimcolton.zenfolio.com

Jim Colton

Opera Lovers: Puccini's 'Manon Lescaut'

Opera Lovers will present Puccini's "Manon Lescaut" starring a young Placido Domingo and the beautiful Kiri Te Kanawa. It is the story of the young girl (Manon) on her way to join a convent, who escapes a kidnapping planned by an old nobleman. With the help of her ambitious brother, she runs away with a young poet (Des Griyex). After a while, however, she becomes the lover of that old aristocrat until her poet lover appears once again. In revenge, she is imprisoned and sent to the French colony of Florida and Des Grieux. Her lover follows her, and she dies tragically in the swamplands in Florida.

Domingo uses his strong emotions and powerful voice to portray her helpless lover, and Kiri Te Kanawa's gorgeous voice and breathtaking acting ability makes her one of the greatest Manons, throwing in every emotion—sadness, despair, laughter, mockery—all to perfection. They sing a brilliant love duet in Act 2, and the way the orchestra plays the beautiful introduction to Act 3 is memorable. This is an earlier work by Puccini leading to his future perfection in the style that he would achieve with Tosca or Turandot. It was performed by The Royal Opera, Covent Gardens.

Please join us on Friday, March 10 at 1:30 in Vineyard Center. Come and bring a friend to enjoy this 2 hour performance. Questions: Bonnie Preston (408-531-1513)

Note: A committee is currently working on the new scholarship program.

Stay safe, stay active with Jazzercise

By Barbara Tommaney

As we age we are at increased risk for falling because of lower limb weakness, poor balance, and/or slow reaction time. Unlike young people, seniors are not able to recover from the trauma of a fall quickly. Often those falls result in lacerations, fractures, and head injury. For me and for many others, the antidote to the falling dilemma is Jazzercise.

Each class begins with a warm-up period that includes stretching of the major muscle groups. The class then proceeds to aerobic exercise, coordination and balance, all accompanied by up-to-date music. The next part of the class includes resistance training with free weights, stretching, range of motion routines, and, finally, cool-down. Our one hour class is held three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and is led by an accredited Jazzercise instructor. Jazzercise meets in Cribari Auditorium, and we invite you to try out a complimentary lesson. If you like it, the cost is reasonable. The full month of March (14 classes) costs $42. If you have questions, please call Herito at 408-238-7511 or Kay at 408-223-7948. Hope to see you soon.

Riding Club receives donated patio set

The Villages Riding Club would like to thank Rosaly King for her generous donation of a beautiful patio set to use in our "barn patio." It is greatly appreciated, and will be used by many Villagers.

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FROM THE BOOKSHELF

By Wate Bakker

"The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen: This novel won the 2015 Pulitzer prize as well as numerous other awards. It describes the story of Vietnamese refugees fleeing to the U.S. after the fall of Saigon, but there is a twist: the narrator is a spy for the Viet Cong, while serving as a trusted aide to a general in the South Vietnamese army. When the general has to select a limited number of his staff to board a plane for the U.S. in the final days before the fall of Saigon, his name is on the list. Once in the U.S. he is again contacted by his communist handlers. He also falls in love. How will he find his place in his new life and how will he resolve his conflicting loyalties? Fiction 2015, regular and large print.

"Faithful" by Alice Hoffman: "Faithful" is the story of a survivor, a moving portrait of a young woman, filled with emotion-from dark suffering to delirious happiness. A fan of Chinese food, dogs, bookstores and men she should stay away from, she has to fight her way back to her own future, finding her way in the modern world. In New York city she finds a circle of lost and found souls, including a guardian angel, to help her succeed. if you are intrigued by this premise, please read the novel to hear the rest of the story. Fiction 2016.

"Violent Crimes" by Philip Margolin: This is a lawyer's story. Dale Masterton is a wealthy lawyer, who has built a career representing coal and oil companies. His son Brandon is an eco-warrior. When Dale is found beaten to death in his home, his son Brandon is seen leaving/fleeing the home. Open and shut case? Veteran attorney Amanda Jaffe decides to dig deeper. Weeks before Dale's death a colleague at his law firm was also murdered. A junior employee is accused, but troubling irregularities are discovered. Brandon may not be telling the truth when he confesses to the murder of his dad. What Amanda finds will force her to make the hardest decision in her professional life. Mystery, 2016.

"First Star I See Tonight" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips: Piper Dove is a woman who dreams of becoming the best detective in Chicago. First job? Trail former Chicago Stars quarterback, Cooper Graham. The problem? Graham spots her. Her excuse: I am a stalker, but only mildly unhinged. Piper soon finds herself working for Graham, not as the bodyguard, which he desperately needs, but to keep an eye on the employees in his exclusive nightclub. Since she feels his life may be in danger she decides to keep an eye on him anyway. You can figure out how all this will end up, when two people who can't stand to lose, will test themselves and each other to discover what matters most. Fiction 2016.

Saturday Sing-Along in Sequoia Room

By Tom Zades

There is a Sing-Along at 9 a.m. every Saturday morning—in the Sequoia Room at the Cribari Center, until the weather allows us to return to the Bistro fire pit area. We have a few ukulele players to support the singing, and we just added a wonderful harmonica! But the focus is on singing or humming or listening; remembering and enjoying; visiting, sharing and reminiscing. A major aim is to reach out to Villagers who do not get out much and who may find our time together on Saturday mornings to be just the thing they are looking for. Song books are available for all.

Join the Villages Ukulele Club

The Villages Ukulele Club meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. every Thursday at the Vineyard Center. Beginners and advanced alike are encouraged to visit and see if this is something you would enjoy. We sing and play from a songbook of over 130 songs, led by Bill Rodman. Help is available for beginners. We are a social and fun group, as well.

Friday wind storm makes a mess on the golf course

In addition to the toppled trees, the heavy winds broke numerous branches and scattered debris over the golf course.

Winds and the soggy ground ended the life of this large, old tree on Friday, February 17.

Three in a row: These eucalyptus trees on the 17th fairway were blown over.

Genealogy Club to discuss Ancestry.com

The Genealogy Club will meet Thursday, March 2, 10 a.m. in the Cribari Conference Room. This month we will have an update on the website Ancestry.com, searching tips, and family trees. Please join us to share the family lines you are searching, and learn new research techniques and sources. For more information about the Club, please call Linda McMullen at 510-507-1400, or e-mail mcmullens2@sbcglobal.net

Sheila Ryckewaert to demonstrate mosaics

Some say that the Arts & Crafts Association pays too much attention to art and not enough to crafts. On March 6, our Guest Artist will be Sheila Ryckewaert demonstrating her mosaics. Sheila and her husband moved to The Villages in October, but have always lived in San Jose. She originally worked in stained glass from her small home studio and also designed sidelights. She makes mosaics and gazing stones as well as address plaques.

Sheila Ryckewaert

Please join us for Sheila's demonstration at 1:30 pm in Cribari Conference Room on Monday, March 6. Artists, do remember to bring your small art work to display for "Artist of the Month." Diane Finley won the certificate as "Artist of the Month" for February.

Villages Dog Club to meet March 4

The Villages Dog Club with dogs and doggies will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 4 at the Gazebo, weather permitting. We will socialize the dogs and doggies (and ourselves) and talk about upcoming programs. Come join us whether you are a member or not and get to know each other better. We welcome all Villagers. We usually meet with dogs and doggies, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. at the Gazebo the first Saturday of each month. Questions? Contact Larry Miller at 408-238-1030 or larry.wm.miller@sbcglobal.net

VMA receives donation from Arts & Crafts Bake Sale

Wendy Ledamun, co-chair of the Holiday Bake Sale held in conjunction with The Villages Arts and Crafts Association's (VACA) Winter Holiday Faire, presented a check for $1,247.96 to Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) President, Mattie Alesi, on behalf of VACA. The donation represents the net proceeds from the bake sale.

Mattie Alessi (center) accepts a donation from Wendy Ledamun (right), co-chair of the 2016 Holiday Faire Bake Sale, as Monita Bowman (left), current VACA president and co-chair of the 2016 Holiday Faire looks on.

Photo by Sy Gelman

"As first-time chairs of the bake sale Kathy Tanaka and I were pleasantly surprised to see how many people came by to donate and to help package the goodies," Wendy said.

Mattie graciously accepted the donation on behalf of VMA's Board of Directors. "We are very appreciative of VACA's willingness to organize and staff the bake sale for the benefit of VMA each year. We also wish to thank all the Villagers who came on Saturday to purchase the cakes, cookies, candy, breads, jams and more," Mattie said. "Because of your generosity, this donation was made possible."

VACA provides classes, workshops, excursions, quarterly exhibits in Cribari Center, and annual events such as Art in the Park, Sidewalk Arts & Crafts Sale, Open Studios, and our Annual Holiday Faire. Membership is open to All Villagers, artists and supporters.

Help the VMA—donate your vehicle

Perhaps you are unable to support the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) through a monetary donation, but you want to help. There is another way through the VMA's vehicle donation program.

Are you replacing your old golf cart with a new one? Perhaps you no longer use a golf cart. The VMA will take your cart off your hands, working or not.

Do you have a car you no longer use? The VMA will sell it for you. The VMA will handle all the details including arranging to have your vehicle towed and sold at auction.

Accepting vehicle donations would not be possible without the help of Villagers Gary Walden, Dick Frey, and Noel and Betty Lanctot. These dedicated VMA volunteers spend countless hours preparing the vehicles for sale. If you've got a golf cart to donate contact Gary Walden (408-270-3492). For car donations contact Walden or Dick Frey (408-532-6031).

Golf cart and car donations qualify as a charitable contribution under Internal Revenue Code 501(c) (3). When your vehicle is picked up you'll receive a receipt for tax purposes.
Thank you to all those participating in this program supporting our VMA.

Hiking Club Special Program: Pole Walking & Pole Hiking

The Hiking Club will present a special program on March 9 at 1:30 p.m. at Foothill Center. Open your door—and take a Pole Walk or a Pole Hike! Walking is great for the legs, but walking with poles engages the entire body so that you're using your arms and torso as well as your legs. Why poles? Our natural walking pattern is a diagonal pattern of opposite arm and leg, which enables spinal rotation. As we age, spine function diminishes, gravity acts, the spine compresses, and we get shorter. Using poles for exercise can enable and encourage spinal elongation because you engage muscles that support the spine—you'll feel taller! Engaging our upper as well as lower body muscles helps preserve our joints and staves off age-related shrinking! Imagine being able to WD-40 your spine. Optimal use of poles is key to achieving their many benefits. Non-optimal use can involve repetitive movement of the joints, which can cause stress, strain or injury in the hands, wrists, elbows, shoulders, even the neck. Optimal use of poles means achieving all the of many benefits of using poles *without* creating stress or strain or injury.

Who benefits from using poles? Hikers: Poles improve stability, confidence and performance on the trail. You feel more power and endurance on uphill, and preserve joints on the downhill—your knees will *love* poles. **Walkers:** Add energy, stability and improved whole body movement to regular walking. **People with Mobility Challenges and Concerns:** Poles provide bilateral stability and will help you move. It is a great way to reduce risk of falling, strengthen muscles and improve bone density. Circulation is integral to maintaining mental acuity. Walking with your whole body is a terrific circulation exercise. Walking with poles helps you maintain *and* improve your strength.

The Hiking Club is offering a special session with an expert in pole use. Our speaker, Jayah Faye Paley, has been teaching people about poles for about 20 years. She teaches for both local and national organizations. During this session, Jayah will show a variety of top quality hiking and walking pole models and tips, including special balance tips. Learn why finding poles that fit you best will help you to achieve your goals—whether they are hiking or walking or even maintaining your mobility and balance.

All Villagers are welcome to this special and important presentation on March 9 at 1:30 p.m. at Foothill Center.

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Global Village to discuss Meditation

The next Global Village meeting will take place on Wednesday March 1 in the Sequoia Room at 7 p.m. Dr. Judith London is a renowned author of many books and would lead this dialogue session. Surendra Bhagi will facilitate the meeting.

The benefits of meditation are well-documented. It is associated with physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. The program will consist of different types of meditation practices, learning the basics of how to meditate, and actually meditating. It all starts with the basis for living: the process of breathing.

Dr. Judith London is a licensed psychologist with over 25 years of experience. Her latest booklet, "How to Keep the Brain in Tip-Top Shape," provides 33 helpful tips on how to stay sharp as people age. Meditation is included as one of the practices to reduce stress and the wear and tear on our bodies. Leader of caregiver support groups and presenter at numerous conferences, Dr. London leads a mediation group here at the Villages for the local chapter of the Brandeis National Committee. All of her books are available at the Villages Boutique.

She is also the author of the popular book, "Connecting the Dots: Breakthroughs in Communication as Alzheimer's Advances" (2009) and "Support for Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Givers: The Unsung Heroes" (2013).

This will be very interesting and informative dialogue. There is no fee, all are welcomed to attend and share views.

Highland & Glen Ardenites to celebrate 'Wearing of the Green'

Highland/Glen Ardenites will celebrate the "Wearing of the Green" on Thursday, March 9. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Fairway Room. Join your neighbors for a special dinner. Menu choices:

1. Corn beef and cabbage with red potatoes/carrots
2. Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, vegetables
3. Roast loin pork, apple cinnamon complete with mashed potatoes and vegetables

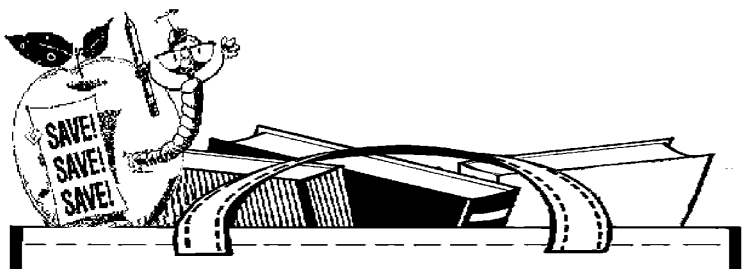
The inclusive price of $30 for all entrees includes Caesar salad.

Regular attendees will receive a call between February 20 and March 2. Remember: No-shows will be charged.

Bring your lucky Irish charm to Game Night!

If you are looking for a reason to celebrate, please join the Hiking Club on Monday evening, March 13 for Game Night at Vineyard Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. Members and guests are asked to bring their favorite board or card game(s) to play with their tablemates.

The games will begin after our potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite place settings, and, if you wish, an "adult" beverage of your choice. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided. If your last name begins with A-F, you should bring a main dish to share. Last names beginning with G-L should bring an appetizer. Last names beginning with M-R should bring a salad or side dish. Names beginning with S-Z should bring dessert. Keep in mind your dish should serve 8-10 persons, and couples should "double up" on their dishes!



Library Book Sale REMINDER

The Villages Library Book Sale is open for business all year long on Wednesdays and first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. to noon.

All are welcome!

Exclusive solar program for The Villages

SolarCity has created a pilot program that provides a limited number of customers in Northern California access to an exclusive solar power service with battery backup.

The Villages is one of a handful of communities that are eligible to participate in the program. Homeowners in The Villages who choose to use solar power under the program receive a Tesla Powerwall at no extra cost, along with a $300 Visa gift card.

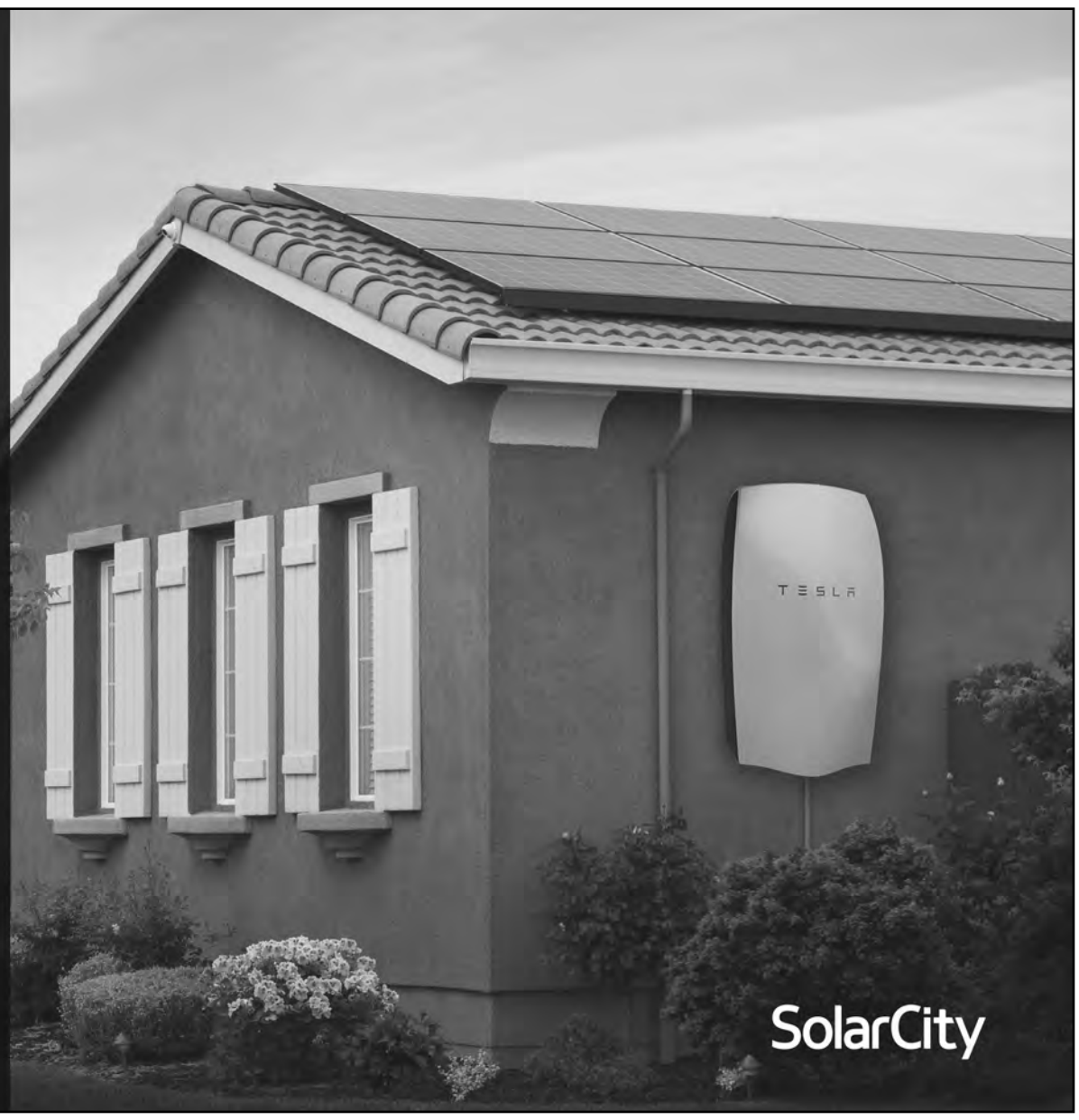
We've invited a SolarCity representative to explain the program in an exclusive event for the residents of The Villages.

THE DETAILS

When: Tuesday, February 28 at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Where: Foothill Center

If you plan on attending, please RSVP by emailing **sanjosepilot@solarcity.com.**



Senior Academy to present Pacific 'Cruise'

Join us for a "cruise" across the Pacific Ocean on Friday February 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Foothill Center! This is a *free* lecture, open to all Villagers. Actually, Carlo Facchino will take us on a record-breaking rowing trip across the Pacific. He'll share stories of his Pacific Ocean experience of last June when he and his three teammates rowed their 24-ft boat "Danielle" from Monterey to Honolulu. Along the 2,600-plus mile journey, the crew faced 30 foot waves, multiple storms, and out-rowed three hurricanes.

Carlo's team, "Team Uniting Nations," had a crew of four members from four different nations. They provisionally achieved the Guinness World Record for the fastest boat to row the Mid-Pacific route, east to west, land to land. The crew rowed for one and a half hours on and off for 39 days—no sail or motor was allowed. More men have walked on the moon than have won this race!

Carlo, who lives in Santa Cruz, has competed in numerous types of endurance and ultra-events including rowing, running, cycling and swimming. He rowed in college where he was named the Most Valuable Oarsman during his senior year. Carlo started racing in triathlons and quickly got hooked on endurance events. Carlo is the founder and owner of a women's triathlon, running and cycling series in California.

The free event, "Rowing the Pacific," will be presented at 2 p.m. at Foothill Center— we hope you will join us to hear about Carlo's exciting adventure!

Hiking Schedule...

(Continued from page 7)

and down. Wate Bakker will lead the Ramblers on a shorter and flatter hike at the same location. Bring a lunch, water and dress in layers as it can be chilly near the coast in early March. Heavy rain will cancel. There will be an optional food stop afterwards in Davenport at a location to be determined by those so inclined. This will be a full day and a round trip of about 130 miles so we will meet at Cribari at 8 a.m. instead of the usual 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 15 (Rambler): Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to New Seasons. This is a favorite neighborhood 4-5 mile hike where participants have an opportunity to catch up during a coffee break at either New Seasons or Starbucks.

Saturday, March 18: Gary and Terry Holmquist will lead a hike along the coastal hiking/biking trail in Monterey. The hike will start from the Fisherman's Wharf Parking lot in Monterey and head west on the Coastal Trail to Lovers Point before returning. This is about a 5-mile round trip. The long hikers will continue on to Point Pinos before returning for an 8-mile hike. This is one of the most beautiful stretches of the California Coast with dramatic scenery and the chance to see seals, otters, sea lions and perhaps whales and dolphins. After the hike we will have lunch at one of the restaurants on the Wharf before heading home. In case of bad weather the hike can be shortened and the new Dali Museum toured instead. The entire trail is either paved or graveled for good footing even in wet weather. Round trip driving is approximately 130 miles. Bring water, a snack and dress for coastal conditions. Wate Bakker will organize carpools at Cribari and provide driving and parking directions. Gary and Terry will meet us at the Fisherman's Wharf at about 10 a.m.

Gift Shop at Home!
Villages' Boutique
at Cribari Center
Mon. to Fri.: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Pay by cash, check or house account

Save the Date: Art in the Park is April 29

By Claudia Welch

The annual Art in the Park event, sponsored by the Villages Arts and Crafts Association, is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 in Gazebo Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on all the fun.

Art in the Park Chairperson Diane Goodrich

"Art in the Park has always been a very popular event where over 40 vendors exhibit beautiful handmade works of art and offer them for sale," said Diane Goodrich, 2017 Art in the Park Chairperson. "Friends, neighbors, and families gather to enjoy the fresh spring air, the music, and the arts & crafts. All villagers are invited to attend."

Availability of vendor contracts will be announced soon for Villages crafters and artisans who wish to present their works for sale at Art in the Park.

News Junkies to meet February 27

Last month News Junkies enjoyed its greatest attendance ever and is anticipating another good turnout on Monday, February 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room where we hope to welcome more conservatives.

Possible topics to discuss: "Fake News & Alternative Facts."; 75th Anniversary of Japanese Internment in U.S.; latest Russia/U.S. issues; potential California November election propositions, including single payer health for all; immigration enforcement and sanctuary state; gun-free schools; affordable housing; road repair, etc.

Also Villages news: pickleball; driverless cars; solar power, etc.

Sponsored by Senior Academy for Education, News Junkies is free and welcomes all Villagers. Come and bring a guest.

Remember someone with a memorial gift

Honor the life of your friend or loved one by funding the services to extend the quality of life for other Villagers. A memorial gift to the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) honors the loved one lost and promotes the work of the VMA. If you have any questions on how to give, call the VMA office at 408-238-4230. All donations to the VMA are tax deductible.

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Religion

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

This Sunday we will be passing out the **Little Black Prayer books for Lent** at the end of mass. If you are new to the villages, this is a wonderful collection of daily six minute reflections that guide us through the Lenten season. Be sure to get one (one per family) from the greeters.

Looking for Volunteers to help with the **St. Francis Blood Drive** on March 25. If you can help, please contact Linda at LindaYap@msn.com

We have an 8:15 a.m. Mass every Sunday in the Cribari Auditorium. All are welcome.

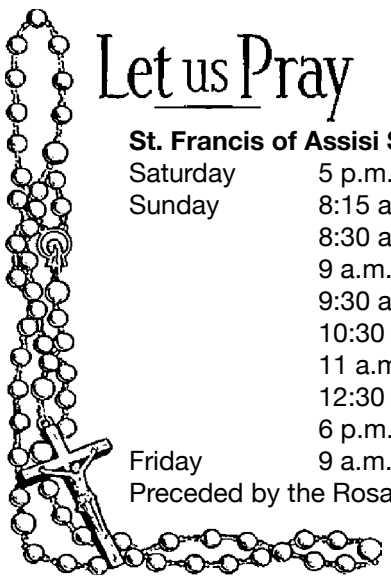
If you are new to the Villages and would like to find out more about our Ecclesial Community, contact Karen Kosmala at 408-223-2620.

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone contact Jean Ghiossi at 408-844-3461.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is every Saturday in the Chapel Narthex from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

9 a.m. Friday morning Mass is preceded by the Rosary at 8:30 a.m. in the Cribari Conference Room across from the Auditorium the first three Fridays of each month.

Home Communion: For home communion, call Shirley Roberts at 408-238-1543, and we would like you to know that if you are homebound, a priest is available to come to you for home Reconciliation. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.



Let us Pray

St. Francis of Assisi Sunday Mass times:

Saturday	5 p.m.	Chapel
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	The Villages
	8:30 a.m.	Chapel
	9 a.m.	Gathering Space Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Grange Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Chapel
	11 a.m.	Gathering Space Hall
	12:30 p.m.	Chapel
	6 p.m.	Youth Mass Chapel
Friday	9 a.m.	Cribari Conf. Room

Preceded by the Rosary at 8:30 a.m.

Spirituality of Aging workshop

There will be a Spirituality of Aging workshop at St. Francis of Assisi in the Fireside Room on Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. Come explore the spirituality of aging by reflecting on elder-folk tales and stories embedded in the Scriptures. In this workshop, we will identify specific challenges that point to the qualities of healthy and soulful aging. We will observe what happens when these tasks are developed or avoided. Finally, we will notice how these efforts apply to our own life stories.

The presenter will be Suzanne Young, MA, spiritual director, teacher and guide to the issues around aging well and bereavement. She has a Master's degree in Transpersonal Psychology and has taught in both Catholic and public schools, directed parish religious education programs and taught courses for St. Mary's College.

This event is sponsored by the Memorial Garden and Ministry of Consolation. Please RSVP to Frances Leyerle 408-223-1770 ext. 326 or fleyerle@dsj.org

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search The Scriptures class will meet Monday, March 6 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Foothill Center. We continue our study in Daniel and invite all Villagers and guests to join us. It's not too late start the New Year right, so come join us!

Need a Bible or have questions? Please call Patt at 408-532-8685.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

By Pastor Bill Hayden

It's a good day, even if it's raining! I awakened the other morning with somewhat of a clear mind after getting my balance. I moved from one room to the other with a little limp until my muscles caught up to my brain. The sun was brightly shining and the birds were singing their Hallelujah Song again. The hills were glistening with the majestic green colors as designed by our creator.

I finished my wife's request from the previous evening, prepared a little something to eat and off to the office I went. I heard in the distance the sound of thunder that only a Harley Davidson makes. I thought, it would be wonderful to be riding, but with all the commitments I have today it's not possible.

I try to plan my day so that everything falls into place, without any hiccups but that is a rare occurrence because I'm not in control. It can be very difficult for some of us who thrive on controlling the events of our day. If we can't control the events of the day, sometimes it opens the door to frustration and anger; then there goes the blood pressure!

I find there are days that manage you. There can be disruptions at every turn and I realize that the best thing for me to do is to dance with it. Some people would refer to this as going with the flow, the best mental disposition to have.

In spite of what comes your way today, **It's A Good Day!** After all, "This is the day that the Lord has made, so **rejoice and be glad in it**." Always keep in mind the alternatives and make a conscious decision to be grateful and hopeful. Today may you be swept up and overtaken by the blessings of our Loving Father.

Meet us at the Cribari Auditorium at 10 a.m. this Sunday and join us on the road that leads to heaven as we look at the life of Paul this month.

As always, we will open a door for you and have a dessert or two for you after service with a cup of coffee. See you this Sunday! If you would like to make an appointment with Pastor Bill please call the office at 408-238-3079.

To learn more about the Villages Community Chapel visit our website at http://www.villagescommunitychapel.org/

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church Services on Sunday, February 26

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

at The Villages – Montgomery Center at 8:30 a.m.

Come worship with us as The Rev. Gerad Flynn celebrates the Holy Eucharist in the Anglican tradition and we transform a club room into a house of God. Join us after the service for fellowship and breakfast in the Clubhouse.

at Trinity Cathedral – 81 North Second Street, San Jose at 10:30 a.m. The Very Rev. David Bird will officiate as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist with full choir and organ accompaniment. There is a place at God's table for everyone.

In Memoriam and Obituary notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

Notices include name of deceased, date of birth and date of passing. Brief notices of memorial gatherings may be included with the notice, providing event is held in a Villages' facility.

Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please call Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655.

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Sports News

SHONIS

By Marge McCandless

Our first sweeps day in February was on Valentine's Day and 21 ladies had a good time playing in the sunshine! Nancy Chesterton not only won the Captain's Trophy, she had a birdie on Hole #5. New member Linda McCarley had a birdie on Hole #9. Those are the first birdies for the group in 2017. Hopefully we will have lots more during the coming months.

Nancy Chesterton the Shonis Captain's Trophy winner for February!
Photo by Vivian Wilczak

One member said, "it was like a summer day." Another, who shall remain anonymous, said she thinks more trees have been planted on the course. Why? because she kept hitting them!

When you read this, we will have already had our first Bag Lunch of the year. I hope we had a good crowd that day. Although our annual Eclectic Tournament does not begin until late April, it is one of my favorite events of the year. If you are one of our new members, start asking the "old" members what I am talking about.

SWINGERS

By Nancy Carson

Finally, a beautiful day for golf. 29 Swingers celebrated Valentine's Day in the sunshine. Joyce Mukuno really celebrated with a chip-in and a birdie on hole #4.

Laura Swenson, Swingers Captain's Trophy for February

Congratulations to Laura Swenson for winning the Captain's Trophy for February.

The rest of us were just happy to be out there playing again. We were getting a bit rusty.

"So you had a bad day!" There are times when nothing is going right on the course for me, and I have just picked up my ball and taken myself out of the sweeps. Does it happen to you? But I have found some confusion with other players a couple of times. If you do pick up, you are to use Equitable Stroke Limit (ESC) on that hole, and you will be disqualified from sweeps. You still must post your score. If your handicap is 0-4, your maximum score for any hole is 6, 5-9, your max is 7, 10 – 14, max is 8, 15 – 19, max is 9, and 20 – 24+, your max is 10. You must turn in your card or post your score every time you play, no matter how miserable the score (or how amazing)! On sweeps day, put a "DQ" on the card, and you are not eligible for chip-ins. A hole in one will still get you a big party .

Speaking of parties, March 14 is our General Meeting and Luncheon, so put that in your calendar.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Rosemary Kelley

And the beat goes on or is it the rain goes on? Yes, once again for the third Thursday in a row the ladies' play day was canceled. Fortunately, some of our ladies are vacationing in Mexico and hopefully are enjoying the sunshine and the warmth south of the border.

2017 Villages Women's 18 Hole Golf Board of Directors.
Photo by Phyllis Mueller

What to do when it rains and you can't play golf? Of course, you can read your 18 hole golf association handbook and become very knowledgeable on etiquette and how to prevent slow play. Additionally, don't forget the important Code of Conduct on page 12 .

Equally important, take a look at Play Day procedures. For example, If you fail to check in by 8:10 a.m., you may play but will be ineligible for competition. Do you know that your scorecard must be in the Pro Shop by 1:15 p.m. or you will be disqualified?

If you are lucky enough to get a chip-in or birdie, be sure to sign the book in the posting room by 1:20 p.m. Any late chip-ins or birdies may be announced, but those chip-ins will not be paid. I feel really sad when some members forget to sign the book and receive no money. Who knows when their next chip-in will occur? It could be months or years later…so sad, no money. Well, once again no golf, no sun but just hope that we will soon be singing, "Here Comes the Sun."

VILLAGES GOLF COMMITTEE - TEE TALK

Get up-to-date golf information at VGC meeting

Get the latest news and plans for the golf course and golf programs at the Villages Golf Committee meeting on Friday, February 24 starting at 9 a.m. at Foothill Community Center.

On the agenda for the February 24 meeting:

- Report on golf course condition and projects from Golf Course Superintendent Mike Scully
- Report on golf programs and plans from Head Pro Scott Steele

Other key topics:

- Irrigation system status
- Forward tee improvements
- Cart path repairs
- Restroom update
- Current and FY 18 budget status: golf rounds, revenue, costs and projects
- Reports on key plans/issues from the Golf Clubs Committee and other Committee chairs

The Villages Golf Committee meets the fourth Friday of each month at 9 a.m. at Foothill Center. *All* golfers are always welcome to attend and ask questions or provide recommendations.

PICKLEBALL

Get ready for Pickleball Potluck!

By Anahid Gregg

It's great to see with the weather improving, we're getting a big turnout on the Pickleball courts! Drop-in lessons are still being given Wednesday and Friday on Courts 5 and 6 at 1:30 p.m. Stop by and learn about the fastest growing sport in the country—and have a blast while getting some exercise! Mike Walias will be on hand to teach the ins and outs. All you need are non-marking court shoes; we provide paddles for you to play with and pickleballs!

Members of the Pickleball Club are invited to the first Pickleball Potluck! It will be held on Sunday, February 26, at 5:30 p.m. Come up to the Foothill Center prepared to socialize, share food and have fun!

Please bring an appetizer, main course, side dish or dessert to share with the Club, and make sure to bring any necessary serving utensils.

RSVP to Gail Keck (gail_keck@yahoo.com) and make sure to include your food choice no later than February 19! We'll be providing wine, beer and water. We all look forward to seeing you there!

Mark your calendar for April 2—that is when we'll have our annual meeting. More information will be forthcoming!

MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By David Bacigalupi

President's Day Tournament: Postponed until this Saturday, February 25. Be careful what you wish for—The first tournament of the 2017 season was postponed until this coming Saturday due to the wind and rain playing havoc with the course. Although we really needed the rain, it is getting old for all the golfers going through withdrawals (except your Publicity Chairman who is playing in sunny, 82 degree weather! Aloha). It is not too late to sign up if you couldn't play last week but are available this Saturday. Otherwise, same teams, same format. Contact the Pro Shop if you haven't signed up already.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Cribari Patio Room. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 7. The meetings are open to all members.

Reminder!: Our Handicap Chairman, David Gonzalez reports that after auditing over 100 scorecards, that he had to issue 10 Penalty Post letters for members not posting their scores. We are all Villagers and prone to some mental errors, but remember that he audits scorecards and tee sheets to protect all of us. Post your scores as soon as possible after your round so you don't forget.

Proposed By-laws Amendment: The Executive Committee proposes to amend the Bylaws as follows:

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Permanent resident men having a Villages handicap from the Northern California Golf Association are eligible to be members of the Villages Men's Golf Club. Membership shall be terminated by resignation, loss of handicap, or by termination of Villages residency.

Section B. Permanent resident men who wish to support the Men's Golf Club, but no longer play golf are eligible to be Associate members of the Men's Golf Club. Associate members will pay the same dues as members, but do not have to have a handicap, nor pay NCGA dues. Associate members are eligible for all activities of the Men's Club except golf events and the Hole-in-One Insurance program. Associate membership shall be terminated by resignation or by termination of Villages residency.

(Changes are underlined and italicized)

Purpose: The Executive Committee has repeatedly heard from former members who wish to continue to support the Men's Golf Club, despite retiring from golf due to age or injury, without having to pay the needless cost of NCGA Membership. By creating Associate members, Villages men can participate in all social functions of the Men's Golf Club, but do not participate in any golf activities.

TENNIS TALK

Tennis Court Reminders

By Melinda Dobbs

Now that the weather is looking a little brighter and the courts a little dryer, and the weather a little warmer, we are all looking forward to being on the courts more often. This seems like a good time to remind ourselves of court etiquette.

Often, we are so anxious to get to our court that we don't think of those already in play and how our walking on the sidewalk between Courts 1 and 4 and next to the wall on court 6 creates a real distraction to their game. **Common courtesy says to wait until between points to scoot by.**

As your players arrive and greet one another on the court, be aware of how your voices may affect those playing next to you. Likewise, cell phones beeping. **Common courtesy says lower your voices and turn off your cell phones.**

Those of us in the viewing stands are there to enjoy the games being played, and should not let our enjoyment of games and friends get too boisterous—the court players may decide to join you sooner, especially if behind in the match, preferring your frivolity. **Common courtesy says cheer your teams, enjoy your friends and hold the partying until the players can join you.**

When there are visitors from outside The Villages, remember your actions will leave an impression of our club. We are a friendly and welcoming group but sometimes something or someone bothers us and we may express ourselves a little too loudly. We want our guests (and members) to leave our courts knowing the Villages Tennis Club is first class in every way. **Common courtesy says best to bite our tongue.**

Tournaments, Interclubs and USTA are beginning and/or underway. Once our Viewing Area is complete, entertaining will be easier so the enjoyment of our tennis courts will really become a habit. Common sense says we have a great future within our Tennis Club. **Common courtesy says respect of our members and facilities makes for a club even non-tennis players will want to belong.**

IRONMEN

By Jim Cramer

Once again the weathermen can't be trusted. Their forecast of heavy rains and winds kept most of our players bundled up at home. But a few of our brave players showed up to find a break in the storm and experienced a very nice bit of weather for their round of play. As mentioned last week some rust has set in and no one scored a birdie. It is really too bad that we can't postpone or reschedule a few of these storms for the upcoming fire season.

Now in place of the usual puns, here are a few logical questions. The answers are found at the bottom.

1. When ducks and geese fly in a "V", one leg of the "V" is always longer than the other. Why is this?
2. Why are dashed lines used on roads and freeways?
3. And a simple math problem - Point A and B are one mile apart. If you drive from A to B at 30 mph, how fast will you have to drive back from B to A to average 60 mph for the entire course?

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Answers: 1. It has more birds in it. 2. To save paint. 3. 90 mph is not the correct answer. You have used up all of your time driving the first mile, so it is impossible to average 60 mph over the course.

PINSEEKERS

By John Eige

This Valentine's Day was one to love, fair and warm. The sweeps winners all had net scores better than par, namely:

1. Ron Speer was first with a great net 31 .
2. Bob Iacopi almost matched him with a 32.
3. Chet Purcell and John Eige tied for third with 34s.
4. David Cook took fourth with a 35.

Many Pinseekers' handicaps are up against the maximum allowed in our new GHIN system. That means that those who previously had higher handicaps than this max, in our old system, now have less of a chance of getting a low net score. We have not found a way around this difficulty.

Remember that we base our annual Club Championship ratings on the total winnings in our weekly sweeps competitions. Each dollar won is one point. So a First gets 4 points, a Second gets 3, a Third gets 2, and a Fourth gets 1 point. Ties each get fully rewarded. This system favors the frequent player, whom we want to encourage. The points are accumulated from the day of our annual meeting (usually in May) until the week before our next annual meeting, so that we can present the winner at the meeting. The Champion gets his picture up in the row of clubs' champions in the Posting room, and gets a name plate added to our plaque on the Sports Wall between the Clubhouse Restaurant entryway and the Bistro.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF INSTRUCTION

By Tim Flanagan, PGA

There is a **free beginners golf clinic** on the first Saturday of every month at noon. The clinic is for beginners who have never played golf, or those who have not played in quite some time. The next clinic will be on Saturday, March 4, at noon. Clubs will be provided for you; if you have clubs, feel free to bring them. Our first clinic in February was a big success, so please sign up early to reserve your spot. Please contact Tim to join the clinic: 408-209-4653.

The first dates for the **junior golf camps** are Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23. The second camp is July 10 through July 14. The camps are designed to allow children of all ages and skill levels to learn the wonderful game of golf in a fun and informative environment. For more information or to sign up a child please contact Tim Flanagan by e-mail or phone at flanagolf@aol.com or 408-209-4653.

SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE

Monday, February 13:
1. Marilyn Ribardo/Maureen Waltho 2. LouAnn Partridge/Marie Chong 3. Margaret McNelly/Sylvia Rozewicz

Wednesday, February 15:
1. Jonna Robinson/Roy Tsai 2. LouAnn Partridge/Marie Chong 3. Lorrie Scott/Art Lind

Thursday, February 16:
1. Steve Bosma/Billie Mechanic 2. Ed Logg/Jonna Robinson 3. Sumiye Minami/Jan Kiernan

PINOCHLE

Wednesday, February 15
Bob Goodwin
Donna Vivoli
Harvey Gogol
Sam Rotner
Shara Ferrara

Friday, February 17
Duane Sagen
Mike Cox
Donna Vivoli
Shirley Bellavance

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, February 15

Sylvia Rozewicz	175
Kit Hultquist	222
Theresa Meditch	293
Barbara Varner	301

Friday, February 17

Kit Hultquist	212
Sylvia Rozewicz	216
Barbara Varner	230
Remy Pessah	350

SWINGERS

Tuesday, February 14

Flight One:

Renee Woolard	55	15.6	38
Marlyn Unger	58	17.7	39
Susan Sunzeri	58	17.4	40
Cynthia I Jackson	57	16.2	40

Flight Two:

Laura Swenson	54	20.5	32
Wendy Ledamun	57	20.1	36
Flo Southland	60	20.6	38
Linda Lamanno	63	22.4	39

Flight Three:

Sandi Detata	64	28.6	34
Doreen Senior	67	28	37
Charlotte Waugh	62	23.6	37
Kathy Warren	66	25.9	38

SHONIS

Tuesday, February 14

Flight One:

Nancy Chesterton	39	14	25
Meg Rogers	46	16	30
Betty Stednitz	41	10	31
Judy Volm	46	15	31

Flight Two:

Jonna Robinson	43	17	26
Linda McCarley	44	18	26
Johanna Bakker	47	17	30
Geri Zeri	49	19	30

Flight Three:

Jeanie Kane	52	24	28
Bonnie Evans	54	23	31
Kacy Walden	58	24	34

BOCCE BEAT

Want to learn to play Bocce?

Want to play bocce? If so, you have three opportunities coming up soon. Attend one, two or all three.

Boot camps:
Monday, February 27, from 11 a.m. to noon

Bocce Training:
Wednesday, March 8, from 3 to 4 pm. Training also every third Wednesday of the month through October.

Referee Training:
March 1 at 11 a.m.: Bocce Courts

After these sessions there will be a six-week long Mixer Tournament. A Mixer is where new Bocce players are teamed with seasoned players who coach you through the process. At the end of the six weeks you'll be well on your way to becoming a "pro" and can sign up for further tournaments. To play in tournaments you have to be a member of the Bocce Club—$10 per year. However, membership is not required for the lessons. Come check it out next Monday. So far, the weather has held.

Last Saturday, the Bocce Club had its celebratory Annual Installation Dinner/Dance. Hosted by Candy Stonehouse and Elaine Murphy. This event was held at the Clubhouse, and was very well attended. Everyone looked like they were having a wonderful time and enjoyed dinner and dancing along with the introductions of all Board members, incoming and outgoing. The outgoing board members had served for many years and were presented with certificates to commemorate the appreciation of the club.

Pictures were taken by our wonderful photographer Conway Chan and will be in next week's Villager.

On another note, the Bocce Club is in need of benches for players to sit on while awaiting their turn to throw the ball. More spectator benches will be added by The Villages at the same time as the workers will be upgrading the area around the Gazebo, however *we* need to find funding for the players benches. The EVF may be able to match any monies we are able to raise ourselves, and the Bocce Club will be making a donation itself. If anyone is interested in helping this cause, donations can be made by check payable to the EVF with the notation stating "Bocce Seating." Any donation would be appreciated. No donation is too small. Thank you in advance. Hope to see you at the courts.

From the Golf Pro

By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, March 11 - Men's Club St. Pat's Tournament. 8 a.m. shotgun start. Four-man teams. Best ball format. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

What's New in the Pro Shop:
Titleist Prov1 Blowout Sale $39/dozen!
Titleist DT Blowout Sale $15/dozen!
New Villages hoodie sweatshirts for men and women
Golf Buddy Watch and Voice GPS Units…pre-programmed for The Villages!

Reminders:

Daylight Savings starts Sunday, March 12 so remember to set your clocks back one hour. Those of you who like to play at the crack of dawn, remember that for a couple weeks after Daylight Savings starts, sunrise will be a bit later.

Greens Aerification will be done March 20 and 21. Only 9-holes will be available on March 20th. The long course and Golf Shop will be *closed* on Tuesday, March 21. The Par-3 Course will be open for play on Tuesday, March 21.

Mark Your Calendars: 2017 promises to be a banner year at The Villages! Here are some of the major golf events that you won't want to miss…

Memorial Day Mixed Couples Tournament – Sunday and Monday, March 28 and 29
Swingers 9-Hole Invitational – Tuesday, June 13
Men's Special Guest Day – Wednesday, June 21
Men's Evergreen Invitational – Thursday through Saturday, July 13 – 15
18-Hole Ladies Invitational – Thursday and Friday, August 10 and 11
Villages 50th Anniversary Golf Celebration – Sunday, August 27
Labor Day Mixed Couples Tournament – Sunday and Monday, September 3 and 4

2016 Century Club: On behalf of the Villages VGC and the Golf Programs Committee, we would like to thank and recognize those golfers who played over 100 rounds in 2016. Your valued patronage did not go unnoticed. Ladies and gentlemen, here is the **2016 Century Club**…and in parentheses is the number of rounds played last year:

Mickey Adelman (109), Larry Angel (116), David Bacigalupi (102), Dale Baird (139), Winston Bannister (149), Richard Barnnan (114), Jim Brigham (125), Ted Briscoe (101), Ron Burke (154), Gary Chappell (133), David Cook (100), Nick Corsello (106), Jim Crampsey (116), Richard Crosslin (236), Willie Crosslin (152), Matt Gallaway (110), Chon Gallegos (133), Geoff Gault (129), Rob Howe (132), Robert Iacopi (103), Richard Jiloty (102), Allen Jones (103), Young Kim (115), Ray Leisy (155), Bob Maass (122), Lin Maltbie (116), Gary Mitome (173), Tom Morse (115), John Murphy (119), Tom Nedney (145), Larry Peterson (127), Frances Petit (106), Ernest Robles (102), Michael Schwerin (104), John Seeger (100), Joseph Spada (143), John Steel (102), Gary Swenson (107), Mickey Wagle (111), Clay Wahlgren (139).

Tips from the Pro: Use your sand wedge…*a lot*!

Do you think your sand wedge is just supposed to be used from the sand? Well it is *not*. The sand wedge is a useful club on 90 percent of pitch shots, as well as bunker shots. The design of the sand wedge makes it a very viable option for pitching, and usually a better choice over the pitching wedge. First, there is more built-in loft, so it will go higher naturally. Sand wedges range from 54-58 degrees. Second, the sole has bounce, which means that the trail edge of the sole is lower than the leading edge…this helps the club skid through impact and not dig, a very useful attribute when pitching. So be sure to use your sand wedge from more locations, and you will be pleasantly surprised with the results. See you at the course!

Landscape & Maintenance

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari
5364-5399 and 5447-5488—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
5001-5058 and 5433-5446—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
5528—Interior repairs in progress.
5433-5440—Power wash, prep and paint to follow, in progress, weather permitting.
Cribari Green, Painting carports in progress.
5215, 5225, 5226, 5454 and 5523—Utility room roof repairs in planning.

Del Lago
3327-3348—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
3349-3366 and 3414-3419—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
Pump replacements at all lakes in progress.

Estates
8885-8897—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
8809-8821—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
Water Feature—Repairs in progress.

Fairways
4001, 4003 and 4005—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
4013 and 4015—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
4008—Roof repairs in planning.

Glen Arden
7815-7837—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
7839-7867—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
Turf reduction in progress.
Siding and trim evaluations by Norris Consulting throughout the Villages, including weekends, through February.

Heights
8468-8475—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
8476-8481—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
Deck coating evaluations by Norris Consulting throughout the Villages, including weekends, through February.

Hermosa
8350-8387—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
8406-8437—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
8438-8441—Roof replacement in progress, gutter installation to follow.
8418-8421—Roof replacement scheduled for 2/27, weather permitting.
8114—Privacy wall replacement in progress.
Deck coating evaluations by Norris Consulting throughout the Villages, including weekends, through February.
8438 and 8439—Roof repairs to start on the week of 2/21, weather permitting.

Highland
Falkirk Dr.—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
7661-7679, 7692-7696, 7699 and 7701—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
Helmsdale Dr.—Dry rot repairs in progress.
7605—Deck work in progress, with paint to follow.
Gutter cleaning in progress.

Montgomery
6184-6234—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
6204-6213 and 6246-6281—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
Turf irrigation upgrades in progress.
Montgomery Lane—Fountain repairs in progress.
6278 and 6352—Driveway, patio concrete repairs in progress.

Olivas
8640-8654 and 8668-8679—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
8665-8667, 8680-8690 and 8701-8712—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
Siding and trim evaluations by Norris Consulting throughout the Villages, including weekends, through February.

Sonata
2077-2081 and 2088-2094—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
2060-2064 and 2082-2087—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.

Valle Vista
9046-9052 and 9067-9069—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
9037-9045 and 9070-9072—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
Dry rot repairs throughout the district in planning.

Verano
7001-7021—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.
7227-7251—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/27 to 3/2.
North Verano – Turf irrigation coverage upgrade in progress.

Centers/General Information

Spot turf weed and shrub bed spraying application throughout the Villages, in progress.
Tree pruning at various locations throughout the Villages, in progress.
Bark installation and small planting projects at various districts, in progress.
Montgomery, Cribari and Foothill Pool—Closed for winter.
Monitoring of lake levels in progress.
Cribari Center—Fire sprinkler system repairs in progress.
Mowing in progress throughout the Villages, weather permitting.
Building A—Window replacement in progress.
Vineyard spa—Repairs in planning.
Montgomery Center—Renovations in progress.
Storm clean up throughout the Villages, in progress.
Trees and shrub bed fertilization throughout trhe Villages, in progress.
Pre-emergent herbicide weed control throughout the Villages, in progress.
Roof evaluations by Norris Consulting throughout the Villages, including weekends, through February.
Paint evaluations by Norris Consulting throughout the Villages, including weekends, through February.
Plum tree fruit control spraying throughout the Villages, in progress.

What do I do with this?

Do you have an item you want to get rid of but you are not quite sure what to do with it? Often wonder if it should it be donated, recycled or thrown away and how or where to do that? Each week we will highlight a particular item and give you suggestions for the best way of recycling or disposal.

If you have any questions about what to do with an item, please call Maintenance Services at 408-223-4670.

Polystyrene and Styrofoam

Cups, plates, egg cartons, foam packaging, meat and fruit trays, packing peanuts (tied securely in a plastic bag), take out and food containers, etc.

All Of The Above Are Not Recyclable. These items are considered garbage and must be placed in the garbage bin.

Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2016/2017

The maintenance service department will be working with J&M Gutter Service to complete the 2016/2017 gutter and downspout cleaning in preparation for winter months. Below is a tentative schedule that will be followed, weather permitting. Please contact maintenance services with any questions at 408-223-4670.

Village	Start Date	Completion Date
Highland	2/20/2017	3/4/2017
Glen Arden	3/6/2017	3/11/2017
Heights	3/13/2017	3/18/2017
Club Properties	3/20/2017	3/24/2017

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

The Maintenance Services Department's general work hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you experience a maintenance emergency during those hours, please call the office right away at 408-223-4670. Even if you are certain the emergency is your responsibility, Maintenance Services can provide a list of contractors familiar with The Villages, who may be helpful for the repair.

If a maintenance emergency occurs outside of the general work hours or during a holiday, please call Public Safety at 408-223-4665. The Public Safety Department will contact the Maintenance Area Supervisor and/or the appropriate contractor. Together, they will all help to resolve your maintenance emergency.

Bridge Hand

By J.M.K.

NORTH
♠ J 10 9 8 5 3
❤ 6
♦ A Q 9 7
♣ K 3

WEST
♠ Q 7 6 4
❤ 10
♦ 5 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 8 6

EAST
♠ A K 2
❤ K 8 5 2
♦ K 10 6
♣ J 7 5

SOUTH
♠ —
❤ A Q J 9 7 4 3
♦ J 8 3
♣ A 4 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerability: East/West

Bidding: North	East	South	West
Pass	1 Club	1 Heart	3 Clubs*
3 Spades	Pass	4 Hearts	All Pass

Contract: 4 Hearts by South
Opening Lead: 4 of spades

Dealer has 1 Heart loser, at least a Diamond loser, and maybe a Club loser.

Strategy: Before taking out trumps, play the Ace and King of Clubs, next trump a Club on the board, then play a Spade, trump it, and proceed with taking out the Hearts.

West leads the 4 of Spades, East, the King, South trumps, switches to Clubs to the King on the board; returns a Club to the Ace, and then plays his last Club and trumps it on the board. South then leads a Spade, trumps it in his hand, follows with the Ace of Hearts, then the Queen, East covers with the King, shifts to a Diamond, and South wins with the Jack. He now plays the Jack and 9 of Hearts to take out the rest of the trumps He leads a Diamond to the Ace on the board, switches to the Jack of Spades, East, the Ace, South trumps, and plays his last card, a Diamond, and East wins with the King. Great. The contract is made with an overtrick. If West had not bid, then North would probably bid Spades twice and South, having a good seven-card suit in Hearts, would bid game.

** West's jump bid in Clubs shows 5 or more Clubs with few HCP and making it more difficult for the opponents to find the right contract.*

The Cormier family dressed in kimonos

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE VILLAGER?

Here's how it works: *Take along a copy of The Villager on your next vacation—it's not heavy—and have your picture taken holding up the paper with a well-known landmark or celebrity. Just tell them it's for the folks back home. (And be sure to get your camera back!) Then after you unpack and process your pictures from your vacation, e-mail your Villager picture (in Jpeg format) and perhaps a couple of "zingers" from your vacation and e-mail the files to shinrichs@the-villages.com. We'll publish your smiling face with your favorite local paper for all to see.*

Darleen and Larry waiting to board the Bullet Train at Osaka.

(At left) Mt. Fuji

(Below) The Bullet Train

Larry and Darleen Cormier of Village Highlands took a trip to Japan with their family last spring. They were accompanied by their son, daughter-in-law, Darleen's sister and friend. They met their grandson, in the Marine Corps and stationed in Okinawa. The grandson was very helpful with his Japanese language skills as they visited Osaka, Hiroshima, Kyoto, Takayama, Mt. Fuji and Tokyo.

(At right) The iconic bombed out building at the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Memorial Park

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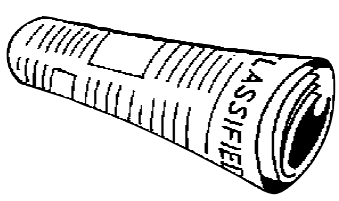

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Obituary

Paul Monte "Pete" Ryden

August 17, 1927 — February 3, 2017

Paul Monte "Pete" Ryden of San Jose peacefully left this world to be with his Savior early on the morning of February 3, 2017. He was 89 years old.

Pete was born in Minneapolis, MN on August 17, 1927 to Paul and Ebba Ryden. A true patriot, he longed to contribute to the war effort in WWII but was too young in the early days of the war. So at age 15, he and a couple friends concocted a scheme to help the Royal Canadian Air Force with reconnaissance missions over Germany. It didn't work. He eventually served his own country in the U.S. Navy before pursuing a career in aviation.

Pete enjoyed a lifelong love affair with flying and loved every day of his career as a flight engineer for Pan American World Airways, for whom he traveled the world for almost forty years. He was also active in the leadership of the flight engineers union.

Pete was an avid golfer and late in life spent Sunday afternoons in the fall glued to whatever NFL games were on TV. His world travels brought him in touch with a wide variety of international cuisine, most of which he could replicate with uncanny accuracy and flair. His clam chowder, which he freely shared with others, has been a favorite of friends and family for years. As Pete himself said, "There is none better anywhere in the world. False modesty doesn't become me!" He was a man of sharp wit and never took himself too seriously.

Pete was predeceased by his sisters Genevieve Thompson and Phyllis Crone, daughter Elizabeth Farrell and granddaughter Holly MacKenzie.

He is survived by his wife, Lura, with whom he celebrated 65 years of marriage a week before he passed. They were active members of Blossom Valley Christian Church. He is also survived by his son, Paul Ryden (Vicky) of Duluth, GA, two granddaughters, Jennifer MacKenzie of Mendon, MA and Lindsay Ryden of Atlanta, GA, and one great grandson, David John Cannon of Mendon, MA.

A memorial service for friends and family will be held at the Villages Clubhouse on Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Villages Medical Auxiliary, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

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