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- **Fire Safety Presentation**
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- **Aerial Views of The Villages**
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**Happy New Year!**  
**2018**



## Hiking Club celebrates the New Year



The Ramblers component of the Villages Hiking Club celebrate the New Year with a hike into the Hill Lands overlooking The Villages—a very healthy and appropriate thing to do to get 2018 off on the right foot! (See more about the club's celebration on page 15.)

## Super Bowl 2018 Tail Gate Party

It's party time at the Villages, the Clubhouse and Community Activities have partnered up to bring you a fun time with tailgate party and Super Bowl on big screen on Sunday, February 4. The party starts 2 p.m. with the Super Bowl starting at 3:15 p.m.

The NFL's Super Bowl LII (52), which will pit the AFC champion against the NFC champion for the league championship, will be held at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The game will mark the second Super Bowl in Minneapolis, which also hosted in 1992. The Super Bowl will be the sixth in a cold weather city. So we can be glad we are here in San Jose!

Here is what the tailgate has to offer: big screen capability, keg draft beers (first one free with ticket at check-in) popcorn, potato salad, corn on the cobb, chili station, burgers, barbecue tri-tip, hot dogs, veggie burgers, cakes, brownies, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee—all for \$49 inclusive. Come on, let's get ready to party!

Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B. If you want to reserve a table of eight, please make sure you have all of your party's names and house numbers. We have not done this for a few years so let's make a showing! Are you ready to rumble?!



## The Choral Project and The King's Singers concert

Back by popular demand, for one night only! The Choral Project will join again with the internationally renowned vocal ensemble The King's Singers, now celebrating 50 years of music-making. The concert will feature a myriad of musical styles from around the world, as well as charming arrangements of popular standards. The repertoire includes: John Tavener's heavenly motet "As One Who Has Slept" and Francis Poulenc's rarely performed mammoth composition "Liberte" for two six-part choirs.

The combined repertoire will include selections written specifically for The King's Singers anniversary tour. This will truly be a life-affirming program, as the two ensembles once again meld their magnificent voices together.

The Villages will have wonderful seats as usual for this not to be missed concert on Tuesday, April 10. Tickets are \$71 per person that will be well spent as you leave the concert in awe. Please arrive at Cribari Center's Patio Room at 6:15 p.m. for tickets. After receiving your tickets, board the Royal Coach bus for a concert you are not soon to forget. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Cathedral Basilica of San Jose, with return time to The Villages at approximately 10 p.m.

# 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.

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

## 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.

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends and Neighbors, please accept my sincere "Thank You" for your kindnesses and thoughtful communications following Glenn's passing. Your cards, emails, telephone calls, and visits were greatly appreciated. Your messages were unique; they expressed respect for various aspects of Glenn's character, as well as concern for my well-being. The wonderful desserts and dinners nourished my body while your caring nourished my soul. Thank you.

—Dolores Escobar-Hamilton

## ABOVE & BEYOND

A big Thank You to Dave Gonzales, Maintenance Supervisor for his assistance in our two recent floods. He was quick, attentive to details, got the right vendors out to solve/fix the problems. Excellent Customer Service and even after hours. Thank you Dave

—Mike & Robin Bussolini

## Comcast Store in San Jose has relocated

Attention Villagers! Comcast's San Jose retail store on 10th Street has moved location. The new address is only two blocks away! Comcast is now located at 1566 Monterey Road San Jose, CA 95112. Stop by and check out the beautiful new store and speak with a store representative to get more information on the latest and greatest XFINITY has to offer."

## A New site for a New Year!

See page 21 for a tour of the new Resident Portal on The Villages web site: [www.thevillagesgcc.com](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com)



## IN MEMORIAM

**H. James Paradis**  
May 3, 1924 — December 21, 2017  
(Funeral arrangements pending.)

**Elizabeth Divinia**  
28 March 1942 — 9 December 2017

There will be a Celebration of Life for Elizabeth Divinia Sunday, 14 January, from 1300 hours to 1600 hours in Vineyard Center.

(Please see obituary in Classified Advertising 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.

**Sports:** Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 223-4655.

**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.

**Display Ads:** Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by calling Mario at 223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages web site at: [www.thevillagesgcc.com](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com).

**Delivery:** The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are usually available in The Villager office and in the Library. Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

### POLICIES

Publication of advertising in The Villager does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in The Villager are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.

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" develops 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: Larry Miller at 408-238-1030, Diane Carr at 408-528-8456, Barbara Karayn 202-641-6339, Lou Lively-Singh 408-838-5555, Tom Moore 408-262-8467, 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 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 highlighting life at The Villages.

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## Association/Homeowners documents available via e-mail

By Julia Meadows

Per an amendment to California Civil Code, homeowner associations are permitted, with owner's written consent, to distribute annual disclosures, (like the pro forma budget summary) and other specified association documents to owners via electronic mail, facsimile, or other electronic means (such as posting on the association's website) instead of sending those documents out by regular mail or personal delivery. This has the potential to provide cost savings to The Villages. Delivery and postage costs for the Villages' annual distribution of the pro forma budget summary alone are close to \$1,000, not to mention the paper and printing costs that run about \$8,000.

In order to transmit association documents via e-mail or by posting on the homeowners association's website, 1) the homeowners association must first receive the owner's written consent, and 2) the homeowners association sends a separate notice to the owner that the documents have been posted and are available for viewing.

Consent forms for owners to request delivery of documents have been developed for both The Villages Association and Homeowners Corporations. These forms provide an owner's consent to delivery electronically, of documents that are capable, under current laws, of being distributed electronically. Owners have the right to revoke this request and receive "hard copies" of the documents by sending a written revocation signed by the owner, to the applicable corporation.

Forms of owner's written consent are available in Business Administration Buildings A and B, and on The Villages web site, <http://www.thevillagesgcc.com> (Click on *Resident Info* and then Click on *Resource Files*.)

For more information, call Julia Meadows at 223-4634.

## Pulse Letter Writing Tips

By the Communications Advisory Committee

From time to time, Pulse letters become contentious over various issues. Please keep in mind that the Pulse column benefits greatly from positive letters as well as expressions of concerns. We encourage residents also to submit appreciative letters about your experiences here at The Villages. Please consider that Pulse letters are often viewed by those considering moving to the Villages, so excessively negative letters may lead to the impression that our wonderful community is an undesirable one.

We recognize that some community-related complaints should be aired to a wider audience. If you feel a negative or critical letter would benefit the community, here are some tips for making it more effective.

- First think about whether direct action would serve your cause better than an angry letter. Dealing directly and diplomatically with the source of your discontent may solve the problem without having to publicly air it. Use Pulse as a backup if you don't get satisfaction.

- If you go ahead with a letter, give yourself a chance to cool off. Letters written in the heat of anger often come off as comical later.

- Regardless of how upset you are, read the instructions provided. The Pulse letter section has guidelines; Follow them carefully.

- If you are responding to an event, meeting, article or letter, say so right away. Name the source of your discontent in the first sentence of the body of your letter.

- Introduce your problem and sum up your objection and include a few sentences to support your view. Suggest alternatives or solutions to the problem.

- Keep the letter as constructive as possible. Don't appear to be overly emotional. Limit your exclamation points. Don't be rude or threatening. Be polite. Regardless of your letter's topic, be respectful to the publication, its staff, to those you disagree with, and to the readers. Do not resort to personal attacks or use insulting language. Staff members are more likely to rectify or accede to your complaint or concern if they are not put in defensive mode.

- Proofread your letter. Readers tend to discount authors who write letters that contain bad grammar and are poorly-written.

- Finally, be concise and focused. Remember, there is a 200-word limit.

## When it rocks, EPC will roll

Next time there's an earthquake that breaks glass or knocks things off the shelves, the Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) will roll out fully. This means that Area Reps will check their assigned homes and Sector Chiefs will go to the Aid Stations and activate the EPC Radios. The Medical and Emotional Support Teams will open the Medical Center at Cribari Auditorium. EPC Leaders, Communications, Engineering and Security Teams will go the Emergency Operations Center at the Corporation Yard, and we will take a sector roll call.

This decision was made by EPC leadership after our response to the October 30, 2008 Calaveras Fault 5.6 tremor. EPC only partly activated that night because power remained on, land and phone lines were working, and Public Safety reported all was well. EPC leaders feel that we should test ourselves in an unannounced drill. We feel that even in a mild quake there is the possibility of people being hurt or frightened, some infrastructure broken (water or gas pipes) or hazards created (fallen trees or broken glass). Also a mild quake could be a foreshock with a large quake coming soon afterward.

We request all Villagers to keep their OK Signs handy—use them to signal that you do not need help. If your sign is not showing after a quake, your Area Reps will knock on your door and check on you (even in the middle of the night). Once two hours have passed, please take the OK sign down. This way EPC will check on you again should there be a sizeable aftershock. Remember to keep shoes and a flashlight under your bed, replenish your stock of emergency food and water, and let your neighbors know when you travel. If you need a new OK Sign, they are available at the Public Safety Office.

## FOUNDATION FOCUS

### A Delicious 2018 Resolution

By Diana Hallock, EVF Board Member

2017 brought many changes to the Clubhouse, Bistro and the entire Food/Beverage Department. A huge thank you to John Yu and his staff for an excellent year of food, fun and great events. Through a joint effort by several groups including the Club Board, the Evergreen Villages Foundation, the Facilities Department, and the Food/Beverage Department, the Clubhouse, Bistro and Banquet facilities have been updated, upgraded and renovated! We hope your New Year's Resolution will be to visit the Clubhouse often, enjoy the new look, feast on the new menu items, and share this beautiful facility with family and friends.



More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 12 & 21

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# MANAGEMENT

## ***New Resident Orientation meeting***

The next New Resident Orientation will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, January 10.

New residents must attend the orientation. Be sure to sign in at the meeting with your name and address in order to confirm your attendance.

For more information, call the Public Safety Administration office at 408-239-5246, option 2.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### ***Holiday Decorations notice***

Holiday spirit is encouraged at The Villages. It seems each year residents become more and more creative. This is just a reminder that residents must remove lights (colored, plain, icicle, or flashing) and other decorations by Monday, January 15.

### ***Aluminum can receptacles***

Recently the HI-12 club has noticed the aluminum cans are being removed from their containers, which are located within the trash enclosures. The HI-12 club utilizes the money from the cans to purchase American flags and California flags, which fly at the Plaza and the Clubhouse.

Please report to Public Safety if you observe anyone removing the cans from these receptacles.

### ***Vehicle Parking***

Public Safety has received numerous inquiries regarding residents parking in common parking areas. Per Villages Association Rule 2.17, "No vehicle that is incapable of being parked within the entire boundary of the garage, carport or driveway may be parked within the Condominium Development." This applies for all resident vehicles.

### ***Vial of Life***

Recently Public Safety has responded to medical calls and has been asked by the Fire Department if there is a Vial of Life. Many times there is but sometimes there is not. Many people think that they are too young or too health to worry about such things as a Vial of Life. When you have a medical emergency, such as a stroke, you are unable to speak for yourself. The Vial of Life can speak for you. It lists your medical conditions and any medications you take. This will assist the Fire Department/EMS in the administration of medical care to include possible medications. Vial of Life containers are available from VMA and Public Safety.

### ***House Keys***

The Villages Association Rule #2.15, "Keys and Lock" requires, "Every resident must provide a villa key to Public Safety for the protection and convenience of occupants." If Public Safety does not have a key to your unit, we may have to break open the door or window. If this is the case, damage repair will be at the owner's expense. Recently the Fire Department had to break open a door due to Public Safety not having a key to the unit. This is normally the last resort and, unfortunately, very costly.

### ***The VMA wants your used golf cart!***

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) takes donations of gas or electric golf carts (working or not). They are sold and the proceeds used to support the VMA's mission to assist residents to live independent, active and healthy lives.

Your golf cart donation qualifies as a charitable contribution under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). You'll receive a receipt that you can use when completing your taxes.

**Need a golf cart?** The VMA's donated golf carts are available for Villagers to purchase. Contact the VMA office (408-238-4230) to add your name to the waiting list.



## ***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](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com)—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

## ***Villages 2018 Telephone***

### ***Directory distribution***

The 2018 Villages Telephone Directory is being published and is projected to be delivered during early January (weather permitting).

If you do not receive your telephone directory, or you find that it is damaged, you may get a replacement at the Community Resource Center in the Building B lobby.

Missed or damaged books may be replaced without charge until Friday, February 9. After that date, Villages residents may purchase a telephone directory (or extra directories) for \$10 each.

To make changes to your directory listing, call or drop by the Public Safety Administration office in Building C. Telephone number is 408-239-5246.

## ***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](mailto:kpatterson@the-villages.com), or go to Building B to sign up in person.

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on pages 12 & 21

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## ***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.

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### *Cribari DAC to meet January 8*

The next Cribari DAC meeting will, as usual, be on the second Monday of the month. So this month we will meet Monday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room.

### *Estates DAC Town Hall is January 18*

The Estates DAC Town Hall Meeting will be held Thursday, January 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Montgomery Center (new venue).

Discussion topics include: Financials and Fences Ballot Results  
All residents are invited.

**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](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com)**

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

## SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

### *Free tax return preparation*

By Alan Waltho

IRS, FTB and AARP certified volunteers will be ready to prepare your 2017 Federal and State income tax returns every Thursday morning from February 1 to April 12, 2018 in the Redwood Room at Cribari Center. This is a free service available to Villages residents. Please note we are not allowed to do returns involving complex real estate or business expenses.

The service is available by appointment only at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12-noon. You can make your appointment by calling the Evergreen Community Center at 408-270-2220.

When you come for your appointment, please remember to bring your photo ID and all pertinent tax papers, i.e. forms 1099, 1098, W-2, social security income statements, medical and charitable donation receipts, etc. and your last year's tax return. Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time so that our greeters can check that you have all the required information.

For those Villagers who are unable to get out for any reason, please call Alan at 408-238-3435 to arrange a free in-home service.

*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.*

**SRS announcement:**

### *IRS mileage rates for 2018*

Do you use your automobile for business use? The standard mileage rate for business is 54.5 cents-a-mile for 2018. This is an increase of 1 cent from the 2017 rate. The new mileage rate for deductible medical mileage expense is 18 cents-a-mile rather than 17 cents. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at 14 cents a mile.

### *Have your hearing screened for free*

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) is sponsoring a free hearing screening, conducted by the San Jose office of Hearwell Audiology, Inc. on Thursday, January 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Montgomery Center. Pre-registration is required. Please contact VMA Social Service Coordinator Cristina Freyer at 408-238-4029 or [cfreyer@ncphs.org](mailto:cfreyer@ncphs.org).

Hearing loss that occurs gradually as you age is common, per the staff at the Mayo Clinic. About 25 percent of people in the United States between the ages of 55 and 64 have some degree of hearing loss. For those older than 65, the number of people with some hearing loss is almost 1 in 2.

One of the biggest telltale signs of hearing loss is having to put the TV volume higher than you used to. You may find that your family members are complaining that the TV is too loud, but it doesn't sound any louder than usual to you. Another sign is having the volume on your cell phone set to its maximum. Or you may have trouble blocking out background noise, or with hearing sounds at higher frequencies. You may be finding that you are getting annoyed or frustrated with people because you can't hear them well. This is also completely normal for people dealing with hearing loss for the first time.

"Hearing well is living well," Hearwell Audiology reminds us. The San Jose office emphasizes quality education and training in audiology, years of experience in patient care, and the latest hearing device technology.

The VMA urges you to take the time to have your hearing screened, either at the January 18 free screening or with your own doctor.

## BOARD MEETINGS

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

### Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Study Session will be held Tuesday, January 16, at 9:30 a.m. in Foothill Center

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

### Club

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board Workshop Re.: FY '19 Budget will be held Tuesday, January 9, at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center.

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Study Session will be held Tuesday, January 16, at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center.

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

### Three Boards

Three Board Meeting Re.: Annual Stewardship Report for the Insurance Master Package of Policies will be held Tuesday, January 9, at 10 a.m. in Foothill Center.

### Homeowners

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting will be held Thursday, January 11, at 9 a.m. in the Cribari Conference Room.

### *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 help to resolve your maintenance emergency.

### *Blood pressure clinic to be offered on monthly basis*

The Villages Auxiliary Medical (VMA) has been offering free weekly blood pressure clinics for many years. With the availability of inexpensive and accurate home devices we've seen a substantial decrease in the number of people who come to our weekly clinics. As a result, effective January 1, 2018, a blood pressure clinic will be offered once a month on the first Wednesday of the month in the Cribari Center Forum Room, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

VMA will continue to expand its offering of blood pressure clinics at Villages events, such as regular organizational meetings, so that more people can be tested in a more efficient manner. We are available for most large Villages gatherings. Please contact the VMA office for more information at 408-238-4230.

**HENRY S. CHANG, D.D.S.**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Friday, January 5

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 8:45 a.m. Catholic Mass CR  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Open Studio AR  
 10 a.m. Quilters P  
 10 a.m. Brandeis Broadway  
 Musical FC  
 10 a.m. Tai Chi VC  
 10:30 a.m. Line Dance MMP  
 1 p.m. Ceramics CER  
 2 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 3 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal CR  
 6 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC  
 7 p.m. Theater Rehearsals A

## Saturday, January 6

9 a.m. Villages Ukulele Club SEQ  
 9 a.m. Yoga VC  
 10 a.m. Dog Club GP  
 10 a.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 2 p.m. Theater Rehearsal A

## Sunday, January 7

7:15 a.m. Catholic Choir Practice CR  
 8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass A  
 8:30 a.m. Episcopal Service MC  
 9 a.m. Chapel Choir Practice SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Chapel Worship F  
 10 a.m. Community Chapel Services A  
 10 a.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 11 a.m. Chapel fellowship CR  
 5 p.m. Catholic Choir Party RED  
 7 p.m. Theater Rehearsal A

## Monday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. 9 Hole Women Board VC  
 9 a.m. Game Day SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Open Studio AR  
 10 a.m. Jewish Group Board P  
 10 a.m. Republican Club Board CR  
 10 a.m. Cardio Class A  
 10 a.m. Line Dance MMP  
 10 a.m. Fitness Center Advisory Committee F  
 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group RED  
 11 a.m. Brandeis on Wheels Lecture CH

1 p.m. Ceramics CER  
 1 p.m. Olivas DAC BGA  
 1 p.m. Stitchery P  
 1 p.m. Technology Advisory Committee VC  
 1:30 p.m. Theater Rehearsals A  
 2 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 6 p.m. Dance Fusion MMP  
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED  
 6:45 p.m. Yoga MMP  
 7 p.m. Cribari DAC CR  
 7:30 p.m. Table Tennis MMP

## Tuesday, January 9

9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 9 a.m. Villages Golf Comm. BGA  
 9:30 a.m. Acrylics & Oil Studio AR  
 9:30 a.m. Line Dance MMP  
 9:30 a.m. SIR 114 Lunch CH  
 10 a.m. ADL/Parkinson A  
 10 a.m. VMA – Hypertension VC  
 10 a.m. Music Society Sort Music CR  
 10 a.m. Boards of Directors Joint Meeting FC  
 11:30 a.m. Walking Class A  
 1 p.m. Bocce Club Board P  
 1 p.m. Ceramics CER  
 1:30 p.m. Club Board Budget Meeting FC  
 2 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 4 p.m. Villages Voices Board MC  
 5 p.m. Music Society Board F  
 6:45 p.m. Band Rehearsal A  
 7 p.m. Art Movie VC  
 7 p.m. Theater Rehearsal CR  
 7:30 p.m. Amateur Radio Club FC

## Wednesday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Game Day SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Collage Critique Studio AR  
 9:30 a.m. Chapel Prayer & Bible Study P  
 10 a.m. Hadassah RED  
 10 a.m. Tai Chi VC  
 10 a.m. Total Body Fitness A  
 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic F  
 1:30 p.m. Movie – Lion CR  
 1:30 p.m. Theater Rehearsal A  
 2 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 3:30 p.m. Association Nominating Committee F  
 3:30 p.m. EVF Board P

3:30 p.m. New Resident Orientation CH  
 6 p.m. Dance Fusion MMP  
 6 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC  
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED  
 7 p.m. Global Village Community CR  
 7 p.m. Village Voices Rehearsal FC

## Thursday, January 11

9 a.m. Finance Committee BGA  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED  
 9 a.m. Game Day SEQ  
 9 a.m. Swimming Pool Comm. BGA  
 9 a.m. Homeowners Board Quarterly Meeting CR  
 9:30 a.m. Association Rules Committee P  
 9:30 a.m. Watercolor Classes AR  
 9:45 a.m. Line Dance MMP  
 10 a.m. Communications Committee F  
 10:30 a.m. VMA-Managing Stress MC  
 10:30 a.m. Walking Class A  
 12:30 p.m. 18Hole Women Golf Lunch CH  
 1 p.m. Ukulele Club VC  
 2 p.m. Ceramics CER  
 2 p.m. Theater Rehearsal A  
 2 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 2 p.m. Bible Study MC  
 3 p.m. Villages Golf Committee BGA  
 3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR  
 5:30 p.m. Hiking Club White Elephant/Soup FC  
 6 p.m. Bridge Club RED  
 7 p.m. Folksters CR

## Friday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 8:45 a.m. Catholic Mass CR  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Open Studio AR  
 10 a.m. Quilters P  
 10 a.m. Tai Chi VC  
 10:30 a.m. Line Dance MMP  
 12 p.m. Senior Academy Lunch CH  
 1 p.m. Ceramics CER  
 1:30 p.m. Opera Movie VC  
 2 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 3 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal CRF  
 6 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC  
 7 p.m. Theater Rehearsal A  
 7:15 p.m. Brandeis Dis. Group SEQ

**NOW PLAYING** on Channel **27**

and online at [TheVillagesGCC.com/residents](http://TheVillagesGCC.com/residents)  
**\* FIRE SAFETY IN THE VILLAGES**  
 Mon-Thurs: 12, 3, 6 & 9 am/pm  
 Fri: 12, 3, 6 & 9 am 12, 3 & 6 pm  
 Sat: 6 & 9 am, 6 pm  
 Sun: 6 & 9 am, 10 pm

**\* VILLAGES FITNESS CENTER**  
 Mon-Thurs: 1, 4, 7 & 10 am/pm  
 Fri: 1, 4, 7 & 10 am 1, 4 & 7 pm  
 Sat: 4, 7 & 10 am, 4 & 7 pm  
 Sun: 4, 7 & 10 am, 8 & 11 pm

**\* SCAMS & OTHER CONSUMER PITFALLS**  
 Mon-Thurs: 1:55, 4:55, 7:55 & 10:55 am/pm  
 Fri: 1:55, 4:55, 7:55 & 10:55 am 1:55 & 4:55 pm  
 Sat: 4:55, 7:55 & 10:55 am 4:55 pm  
 Sun: 4:55, 7:55 & 10:55 am 8:55 pm

**\* AERIAL VIEWS OF THE VILLAGES**  
 Mon-Thurs: 2:30, 5:30, 8:30 & 11:30 am/pm  
 Fri: 2:30, 5:30, 8:30 & 11:30 am 2:30 & 5:30 pm  
 Sat: 5:30, 8:30 & 11:30 am 5:30 pm  
 Sun: 5:30, 8:30 & 11:30 am 9:30 pm

Channel **26** Club events & notices  
 More information at [TheVillagesGCC.com/residents](http://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**  
*George Reeves*  
 in  
**Special Agent & Buckskin Frontier**  
 with **HEART OF GOLD & MEET THE FLEET**



plus **CHAPTER ONE OF ACE DRUMMOND**  
**WHERE EAST MEETS WEST**  
**SUPERMAN**  
 The Mad Scientist & **BETTY BOOP**



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**Friday 8pm**  
**Saturday 12a/pm & 8pm**  
**Sunday 12a/pm & 4pm**

EVENT LOCATIONS		
A	Auditorium	(Cribari)
AR	Art Room	(Cribari)
BC	Bocce Courts	
BGA	Building A	
CER	Ceramics	(Cribari)
CCR	Cribari Club Rm.	
CH	Clubhouse	
CR	Conference Rm.	(Cribari)
CY	Corporation Yard	
F	Forum	(Cribari)
FC	Foothill Center	
FHP	Foothill Pool	
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	

## 2018 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
2/4	Super Bowl		NOW
2/16	Mimi at Clubhouse		NOW
2/24	King & I - Broadway SJ		NOW
3/3	Book of Mormon: Orpheum		NOW
3/16	Love Never Dies: Broadway SJ	1/11	1/15
4/1	Cirque du Soleil: Crystal		NOW
4/10	King's Singers & Choral Project		NOW
4/14	Rain – Broadway San Jose	2/8	2/12
5/12	Color Purple: Orpheum	2/1	2/5
6/9	Jersey Boys: Broadway SJ	2/22	2/26
9/15	On Your Feet: Gldn. Gate Theatre	2/22	2/26
6/9	Waitress: Golden Gate Theatre	2/22	2/26

# CLUB CALENDARS



## HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

**Saturday, January 6:** Rich Bainbridge & Wendy Ledamun will lead a hike in Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park near Niles, CA. The hike will be about 5 miles long with an elevation gain of about 900 ft. Bring water, a snack and poles. Travel distance of 33 miles one way. Lunch after the hike can be in Niles.

**Wednesday, January 10 (Rambler):** Wate and Johanna Bakker (408-223-2190) will lead a hike in the Shoreline Park of Mountain View. We expect to see many migratory and other shoreline birds. Thus bring your binoculars and cameras. Johanna will lead a 2-3 mile hike emphasizing bird watching. Wate will lead a longer hike along the levies toward Palo Alto. Afterward we will have lunch in the Shoreline cafe. To avoid excessive traffic we will gather at Cribari at 9:30 a.m. for a 9:45 a.m. departure. Bring water and a snack. Dress seasonably. Round trip car mileage about 35 miles.

**Saturday, January 13:** Nancy Rumble at 408-238-7535 will lead the long hikers on a 9 mile hike in Alum Rock Park with 1200 ft. elevation gain on the North Rim, Todd Quick and Baccardo Loop trails up to the overlook and back. Bring lunch, water and sticks. Wear boots and layers. Susan Brown will lead a Rambler hike on some of the many other trails in the park. It is about a 20 mile round trip drive.

**Wednesday, January 17 (Rambler):** Al Girolami (209-531-6553) will lead a hike in our own open space. We will meet and start at Foothill Center at 8:30 a.m. and do the following trails: Past the Stables to Rawhide, up to Ohlone (Indian), crossover to Skyway and visit the Indian Grinding Rock. Then down on Skyway and up on Bay and down on Richter and then taking Joe Marsh to the Upper Gardens and passing through Valle Vista and back to Foothill Center. Hike will take less than three hours and be less than 3.5 miles with an elevation gain of about 700 ft. There will be an option to take Turkey off of Rawhide, eliminating a half mile and with 300 ft. less elevation gain, but also missing out on seeing our historic Indian Rock. Bring water, and poles are recommended. Following the hike we can meet and relax at the Bistro.

**Saturday, January 20:** Pleasanton Ridge. Wate and Johanna Bakker will lead long and rambler hikes in Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park near Sunol. The hikes are mainly along the ridge-line with beautiful views of the East Bay Hills. To reach the ridge there is an ~600-800-ft climb. The trails are mainly old farm roads with some well-groomed connector trails. Ramblers will hike 3+ miles. Long hikers will do 6-8 miles. Afterwards we can stop in Sunol for coffee and snacks. Dress seasonably and bring lunch and water. Car mileage round trip is about 70 miles. Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park, 9895 Foothill Road, Sunol, CA 94586.

**Wednesday, January 24 (Rambler):** Sy Gelman (408-532-1239) will lead a rambler hike along Los Alamitos Creek Trail. Starting from Almaden Lake the trail follows Los Alamitos Creek on mostly level ground. Hike mileage is 3-4 miles. Auto mileage is about 30 miles round trip. Lunch nearby is an option.

## CAMERA CLUB

**Monday, January 15:** Don Smith, a member of the Sony Artisan of Imagery Team of Professional Photographers, presents a program on landscape workflow from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Cribari conference Room. All Villagers welcome to this event.

**Friday, January 19:** February photo competition opens for entries. Categories for both projected images and prints: Pictorial (Color), Pictorial (Monochrome), Travel, Journalism.

**Sunday, February 4:** December competition closes 2 p.m. Click the Competition Entry tab at [www.villagescameraclub.com](http://www.villagescameraclub.com)

**Monday, February 5:** Competition Night from 7 to 9 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room.

## What's Happening in ARTS & CRAFTS?

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

**Website:** [www.villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://www.villagesartsandcrafts.org)

**Contact:** President Monita Bowman at [monita.bowman@gmail.com](mailto:monita.bowman@gmail.com)

**\*Registration contact:** Barbara Gottesman at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com) or 408-531-9402.

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

**Ceramics Room:** Open Studio Monday to Saturday. See website.

**January 4 – 25:** Beginning Ceramics with Diane Finley. Four Thursdays. 10 a.m. – noon. \$75. All clay and supplies furnished. \*

**January 4 – February 8:** Experimental Watercolor with Linda Sieker. Thursdays 9:30 – noon. \$60. \*

**January 9:** Art Film. 7 p.m. Vineyard. Hosted by Pamela Oliver Lyons.

**January 9 – 30:** Continuing Ceramics w/Diane Finley. Four Tuesdays at 10 a.m. – noon. \$65. All supplies furnished. \*

**January 22 – February 12:** Watercolor from the Very Beginning w/Ciel Duke. Four Mondays at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$75. All materials included. \* Register soon.

**January 24:** Collage for Relaxation with Barbara Gottesman. Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$25. All materials furnished. \*

**January 29:** Advisory Board Meeting. 3 p.m. Art Room.

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

**Stitchery:** Mondays at 1 p.m. Cribari Forum. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372.

## VILLAGES AMATEUR THEATRE

Please mark your calendar for the performances of "Anything Goes," the Tony Award-winning musical comedy with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. It has music that is ever popular, a plot that is full of laughs and an overall experience that you will long remember. There will be three performances—Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 7 at 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. Please see our Club article for additional information.

## POLE WALKERS CALENDAR

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

**Monday, January 8:** Meet at club parking lot for a walk in the park.

**Wednesday, January 10:** Meet at club parking lot and walk/carpool to McDonald's. 2 p.m. Games at Cribari.

**Thursday, January 11:** Noon to 1:30 p.m. Open Bocce with Tony Orlando.

**Friday, January 12:** Meet at Solero.

**Monday, January 15:** Meet at Gazebo for a walk in the neighborhood.

**Wednesday, January 17:** Meet club parking lot to carpool/walk to New Seasons. 2 p.m. Games at Cribari.

**Thursday, January 18:** 12 to 1:30 p.m. Open Bocce with Tony Orlando.

**Friday, January 19:** Meet at Fairway and Hermosa.

**Friday, January 19: Important Notice:** Reservations for the January 26 Breakfast is due by **noon today**. Refer to separate email for further information.

**Monday, January 22:** Meet at club parking lot for a walk in the park.

**Wednesday, January 24:** Meet at club parking lot to carpool/walk to Evergreen Plaza and Farmers Market. 2 p.m. Games at Cribari.



## MUSIC SOCIETY: TAKE NOTE

**Save the Date:** All events \$15 and in Cribari Auditorium unless otherwise noted. Ticket sales in Cribari Lobby from 10 a.m. to noon on the Saturday stated below except as noted.

**Friday, January 12:** Opera Lovers presents a DVD of Donizetti's "The Daughter of the Regiment" at 1:30 p.m. in Vineyard Center. No charge. All welcome. Bonnie Preston 408-531-1513.

**Wednesday, January 17:** Open house for enrollment in Village Voices, a senior choral group. From 7 to 9 p.m. in Foothill Center. Come sing with us at rehearsals and consider becoming a member. Open enrollment goes through February 15. Call Chris Leisy at 408-309-2757.

**Rehearsal/Meeting Schedule:**

**Villages Concert Band:** Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Larry Miller at 408-238-1030.

**Village Handbell Ensemble:** Fridays at 3 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. Kathi or Earl Levin at 408-270-5458.

**Opera Lovers:** Second Fridays of the month at 1:30 p.m. in Vineyard Center. Bonnie Preston at 408-531-1513.

**Piano Club Open Studio:** Tuesday, January 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Estelle Kabanni at 408-238-7246 or [marchstar@comcast](mailto:marchstar@comcast).

**Village Voices:** Wednesdays starting January 10 from 6:50 p.m. (for warm-ups) to 9 p.m. at Foothill Center. Open enrollment through February 15. Call Chris Leisy at 408-309-2757.

Gift Cards available  
at the  
Clubhouse and Pro Shop!

# 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.thevillagesqcc.com](http://www.thevillagesqcc.com)

## WHAT'S COOKING?

[theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto: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!

**New Clubhouse Hours:** The Clubhouse Restaurant is now open for Dinner from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

**Early Bird Specials:** Get a 10-percent discount on entrées\* from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

\*Must be from Dinner Entrées Section or Weekly Specials. Does Not Include Prime Rib.

Offer good only in Clubhouse Restaurant.

**Please see our ads on page 9 for more information on:**

- No Corkage Tuesdays
- Single Diners' Night at The Clubhouse
- Date Night Thursdays
- Prime Rib Friday and Saturday Nights

**Jazz singer Stacy Carter to perform at Clubhouse:**

Starting on January 11 and running until February 8, Jazz Singer Stacy Carter will be performing in The Clubhouse Restaurant on Thursday evenings. Performances will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Stacy will also be performing on the evening of February 14 in The Clubhouse Restaurant. Reservations are suggested.

## CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT

Monday Closed

**Breakfast:** Saturday & Sunday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Lunch:** Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Dinner:** Tuesday through Sunday 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday Breakfast Buffet:** 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Appetizer Menu:** Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(Not available in Restaurant 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

**Music Entertainment on Sunday Nights!**

### LUNCH SPECIALS SERVED ALL WEEK

#### Lunch Specials Tuesday 1-9

(Clubhouse reopens)

to

#### Sunday 1-14

Lunch specials are served with choice of soup or salad.

#### Turkey Melt

\$10.95

Sliced Turkey, Ortega Peppers and Provolone on Grilled Sourdough, served with a Choice of Side Dish

#### Stuffed Avocado Salad

\$12.95

Half Avocado stuffed with Tuna Salad with Tomato, Cucumber and Boiled Egg over Greens, served with a Cup of Soup

#### Blue Cheese Burger

\$11.25

Charbroiled Angus Patty topped with Grilled Onion and Blue Cheese, served with a Choice of Side Dish

### DAILY SOUP SPECIALS

Tuesday, January 9

Soup: Potato Leek

Wednesday, January 10

Soup: Beef Vegetable and Rice

Thursday, January 11

Soup: Chicken Tortellini

Friday, January 12

Soup: Fisherman Stew

Saturday, January 13

Soup: Chef's Choice

Sunday, January 14

Soup: Chef's Choice

### DINNER SPECIALS SERVED ALL WEEK

#### Dinner Specials Tuesday 1-9

(Clubhouse reopens)

to

#### Sunday 1-14

Dinner specials are served with choice of soup or salad.

#### Chicken Saltimbocca

\$20.50

Sautéed Chicken Breast with Prosciutto, Artichoke Hearts, Swiss Cheese and a Dash of Cream—with Soup or Salad

#### Lemon Pepper Tri-Tip

\$22.95

Charbroiled Tri-Tip seasoned with Lemon and Pepper served with Au Jus—with Soup or Salad

#### Antipasto Salad with Prawns

\$20.50

Zucchini, Portabella, Peppers, Red Onions, Capicola and Provolone over Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette—with a Cup of Soup

## ACTIVITIES

### Monday, January 8

• Brandeis University on Wheels Lecture—Fairway Room—11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 9

• SIR #114 Luncheon—Sunset, Oak and Fairway Rooms—11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 10

• New Resident Orientation—Oak and Fairway Rooms—3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### Thursday, January 11

• 18 Hole Ladies Luncheon & Cards—Oak and Sunset Rooms—12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Friday, January 12

• Senior Academy Luncheon—Sunset Room—noon to 2 p.m.

### Saturday, January 13

• Valle Vista New Year's Brunch—Fairway Room—11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Red Hat Luncheon—Sunset Room—11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

• Private Event—Sunset Room—5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Private Event—Fairway Room—6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### Sunday, January 14

• Private Event—Oak and Fairway Rooms—5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## THE BISTRO & BAR

Open Daily: 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Breakfast:** Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**Lunch:** Monday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Appetizer Menu:** 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Dinner:** Monday through Sunday 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Casual a la carte dining. No reservations required.

-Breakfast

-Vegetarian

-Starters

-Baskets

-Appetizers

-Pizzas

-Grill Items

-Desserts

Full Bar available with Beers on Tap.

More CLUBHOUSE ITEMS on page 9





**New Clubhouse Hours**  
Clubhouse Restaurant  
5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday

**Early Bird Specials**  
5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
10% Discount on Entrées\*

\*Must be from Dinner Entrees Section or Weekly Specials. Does Not Include Prime Rib. Good Only in Clubhouse Restaurant.





**Please note:  
Remodeling  
closures**

The Bistro and the Clubhouse Restaurant will be closed for remodeling through Monday, January 8, opening for regular hours of business on Tuesday, January 9.

On Sunday, January 7, we will be open for breakfast only from 8 a.m. to noon. We will be featuring a full breakfast buffet only.

Join us for the Smooth Jazz Sounds of  
**Stacy Carter**  
at The Clubhouse Restaurant

Performing **Thursdays**

Starting January 11 until February 8  
Also Performing Valentine's Eve, February 14

5:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m.  
Reservations Suggested

*Stacey Performs All Around The Bay Area and has also Performed in Japan and Dubai*



**Date Night Thursdays**  
Clubhouse Restaurant



**Dinner For Two**  
COMPLIMENTARY  
SPLIT OF CHAMPAGNE AND AMUSE BOUCHE FOR 2  
(GOOD WITH DINNER ONLY)

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATION AND NOTE  
"THURSDAY DATE NIGHT RESERVATION"

LIMITED TO 1 COUPLE PER TABLE

**Need to  
go grocery  
shopping?  
Call the VMA**

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) offers grocery and pharmacy shopping trips to Lucky and CVS the first and third Wednesdays of each month for those Villagers unable to drive. The process for getting on the list is:

- 1) Call the VMA (408-238-4230) by noon on or before the first and third Tuesday.
- 2) Your driver will call you to schedule pickup time for Wednesday morning.

**Single Diners' Night**  
Lets Dine Together!  
Every Wednesday at The Clubhouse



Shared Table, Complimentary Glass of Wine included with your Dinner and Great Conversations.  
Please make reservations and note "Single Diners' Reservation"

Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

 **The Clubhouse**   
408-223-4687  
theclubhouse@the-villages.com  
Menus at www.thevillagesgcc.com

**Prime Rib**  
Served at The Clubhouse  
Every Friday and Saturday Nights



**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.

  
**NO CORKAGE FEE**

Clubhouse Restaurant Only

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# 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
1/8	Fitness Center Committee	10 a.m.	Forum
1/8	Olivas DAC	1 p.m.	Building A
1/8	Technology Advisory Meeting	1 p.m.	Vineyard Center
1/8	Cribari DAC	7 p.m.	Conference Room
1/9	Villages Golf Committee	9 a.m.	Building A
1/9	Three Board Meeting	10 a.m.	Foothill Center
1/9	Club Board Budget Meeting	1:30 p.m.	Foothill Center
1/10	Association Nominating Committee	3:30 p.m.	Forum
1/11	Finance Committee	9 a.m.	Building A
1/11	Swimming Pool Committee	9 a.m.	Building A
1/11	Homeowners Board Quarterly Mtg.	9 a.m.	Conference Room
1/11	Association Rules Committee	9:30 a.m.	Patio Room
1/11	Communications Committee	10 a.m.	Forum
1/11	Villages Golf Committee	3 p.m.	Building A

## Community Events

Date	Event	Time	Place
1/8	Brandeis Univ. on Wheels	11 a.m.	Clubhouse
1/9	SIR 114 Lunch	9:30 a.m.	Clubhouse
1/9	Art Movie	7 p.m.	Vineyard
1/10	Movie – Lion	1:30 p.m.	Conf. Rm
1/10	New Resident Orientation	3:30 p.m.	Clubhouse
1/11	18 Hole Wmn Golf Lunch	12:30 p.m.	Clubhouse
1/11	Hiking Club Party	5:30 p.m.	Foothill
1/12	Senior Academy Lunch	12 p.m.	Clubhouse

## See Broadway's 'The King and I'!

The multi-Tony winning "The King and I" dances its way out of New York for a much anticipated national tour in 2018. The latest revival of Rogers and Hammerstein's classic musical captures all the old-school Broadway magic of the original, while draping it in a whole new level of opulent finery. We have tickets for marvelous seats at a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, February 24 at Broadway San Jose. Also, John Yu is offering residents a 10 percent discount if you make reservations for dinner and show your ticket stub.

The cost for the musical and transportation is \$124 per person. Please arrive at the Patio Room in Cribari Center at 12:15 p.m. to get your tickets for the musical prior to boarding the bus. Bus will depart at 12:45 p.m. with an estimated return time of 5:30 p.m. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B.

Based on a true story, "The King and I" traces the blossoming romance between an English governess and the King of 19th Century Siam. Part love story and part culture clash comedy, the show contains some of musical theatre's greatest numbers, from "Shall We Dance" to "Getting to Know You" to "I Whistle A Happy Tune."

The musical was an immediate hit, winning Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Actress (for Gertrude Lawrence) and Best Featured Actor (for Yul Brynner). Lawrence died unexpectedly of cancer a year and a half after the opening, and the role of Anna was played by several actresses during the remainder of the Broadway run of 1,246 performances. A hit London run and U.S. national tour followed, together with a 1956 film for which Brynner won an Academy Award, and the musical was recorded several times. In later revivals, Brynner came to dominate his role and the musical, starring in a four-year national tour culminating in a 1985 Broadway run shortly before his death.

## Take Popular Bridge Conventions Class

This class will cover such popular bridge conventions as:

- Stayman and Jacoby Transfers over No Trump. Have you ever wondered how to bid Stayman when you hold 4 Hearts and 5 Spades? Ever wondered how to tell the No Trump opener that you have a long suit?
- Opening bids such as 2Clubs or 2NT will help you in bidding hands with 20 and 22 points or more. Learn how to respond to such bids by partner as well.
- Blackwood and Gerber conventions are used when bidding a slam. When are Ace asking conventions useful? How to stop if you don't have enough Aces? How to handle a void?
- Bidding controls in lieu of Blackwood and Gerber will also be taught.

This class is appropriate for players who have a good basic knowledge of bridge. The book, "Popular Bridge Conventions" by Audrey Grant will be used as a reference book in this class and it is included in the cost of the class. The last 45 minutes of each class will be devoted to playing premade hands.

The class will take place Wednesdays, January 17 through February 14, from 2:30 to 8 p.m. in Foothill Center. The fee is \$85. Sign up in the Community Activities Office, Building B, or by contacting the instructor, Louann Partridge at 408-489-0262 or louannpartridge@comcast.net.

## Be healthy—start walking!

Research has proven that regardless of age, health or physical condition, whether you have difficulty standing or walking or have other health problems, you still need to exercise! Statistics show that by not exercising, you have more to lose than just your physical ability to move and enjoy the things you like to do. By participating in our Walking for Better Balance class, you will reduce the risk of your becoming ill, falling, becoming disabled and/or losing your independence. By joining our class, you will take the first step toward achieving and maintaining good health and a high quality of life as you age. Whether you are on a walker, in a wheelchair, need post-surgery re-habilitation (get your health care providers approval) or just want to get some serious exercise, this class is for you! Want to have fun? Make new friends? The cost is \$90 per class card, issued and punched in class. This ongoing class is held Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays 10 a.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. Register in Class! For information call Jane at 408-315-1179. This class is sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

## Cardio Workout class—Jan. thru Mar.

OK, time to get fit after the holidays! Here is a fun, energetic workout that combines low impact aerobic exercise and strength training with light weights and rubber band resistance to give you a great full body workout. End each workout with stretching for all of your major muscle groups. Please bring weights of 1 or 2-pound weight with you to class.

Join instructor Shu-Mei for this class, which runs January to March on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost is \$68 for 12 classes; you must sign up for all 12. Classes are held in the Cribari Auditorium. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B.

## Yoga with Harini Madhavan

This class is taught by Kujiweza Instructor Harini Madhavan. She is a certified, registered yoga teacher who has been teaching Yoga for more than five years. She uses the overall wellness approach that combines breathing, relaxation and asanas (postures) that relax and improve posture, strength, flexibility, endurance, energy and coordination simultaneously focusing on integrating the mind and body. Her aim is to give everyone a fun, safe and accessible yoga experience. The cost is \$9 per class for full-time enrollment, billed monthly. The classes are held Tuesday and Thursday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Montgomery Multi Purpose Room. Register in class! For more information, call Jane at 408-315-1179. This class is sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

## 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.

## See 'Book of Mormon'!

"The Book of Mormon" will return to the Orpheum this spring in San Francisco. This outing will be on Saturday, March 3—a 2 p.m. matinee. The price includes orchestra seating, dinner and transportation. Please arrive at 11:45 a.m. at the Cribari Patio Room to get your tickets. Departure from the Villages east parking lot at Cribari Center will be at 12 p.m. The cost for this outing is only \$208 per person. The cost includes theatre, transportation and dinner at Swiss Louis at Pier 39. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B. Dinner choices are Grilled Salmon, Petite NY Steak, Shrimp & Scallop Combo or Spaghetti with Crab.


"The Book of Mormon" follows two young missionaries who are sent to Uganda to try to convert citizens to the Mormon religion. One missionary, Elder Price, is an enthusiastic go-getter with a strong dedication to his faith, while his partner, Elder Cunningham, is a socially awkward but well-meaning nerd whose tendency to embroider the truth soon lands him in trouble. Upon their arrival in Africa, Elders Price and Cunningham learn that in a society plagued by AIDS, poverty and violence, a successful mission may not be as easy as they expected.

Composed by South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone and Avenue Q's Robert Lopez, "The Book Of Mormon" is an old-style musical with a modern sensibility. This blockbuster show features several big song-and-dance numbers accompanied by some old-fashioned Broadway belting. An equal opportunity offender, the show playfully pokes fun at religion, sexuality, poverty and race, while inspiring an after-the-show discussion of religion in general.

## Chair Yoga/Standard Yoga

We will be offering both Standard Yoga and Chair Yoga 30-minute classes. Exercising while seated allows each person to better control the level of effort expended on each pose thereby, minimizing the possibility of injury. Yoga is the best way for you to maintain a youthful body, improve balance and stability and get rid of chronic aches and pain. It restores youthful vitality and energy while at the same time strengthening the body and slowing the aging process. Chair yoga is highly effective especially for beginners and those with physical stiffness and weakness or who lack mobility and/or unable to get up and down from the floor. Modifications are made to accommodate all fitness levels. Work at your own pace. Classes are held Mondays 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. and Wednesdays 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Multi Purpose Room. Please wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing and bring a mat and a pillow to class. The cost is \$56 for an eight-class card, which is punched in class. Start anytime! Sign up in class! For information call Jane at 408-315-1179. This class is sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

### Don't miss...

<p><b>LION</b>  <b>Cribari Conference Room</b>  <b>Wednesday, January 10</b>  <b>1:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>Starring Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman. A 5-year-old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia. 25 years later, he sets out to find his lost family.</p>	
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## Upcoming Evening Movies

The following movies are shown free of charge at **Vineyard Center at 7 p.m.** on the dates and times designated. For additional information, please contact the Community Activities office.

**Monday, January 15 – "An American in Paris":** Starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. Three friends struggle to find work in Paris. Things become more complicated when two of them fall in love with the same woman.

**Reminder:** Fitness classes with Jane and Mwezo will resume **Tuesday, January 9, 2018.**

## Join Mimi for Ragtime concert and dinner!

Mimi Blais has been awesome in her previous concerts here at the Villages, so the Community Activities office is extending an invitation for her 10th visit. Mimi promises us another wonderful evening of Ragtime; I can't wait for this year. This venue will be at the Clubhouse on Friday, February 16.

Register in the Community Resource Center, building B, \$54 per person. No-host bar begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. We will be enjoying a South of the Border buffet. Book a table for 8. Mimi was born in Quebec City, Quebec, and makes her home in Montreal. She had her first piano recital at age 8, after one year of lessons. She studied at Le Conservatoire de Musique de Quebec, entering at age 14, then at McGill University where she earned a Licentiate, a Bachelor's degree in music performance and a concert diploma. She then toured Canada and Europe as a soloist, chamber musician and accompanist.

In 1990, she "discovered" ragtime music and began to devote all her time and effort to its study. She gave her first ragtime performance in 1990 in Montreal followed by Sedalia, MO where she thrilled festival-goers with her dynamic interpretations of ragtime. She has gone on to captivate audiences at concerts in Canada, Europe and the United States and continues to be a headliner at the major ragtime festivals. She has been dubbed "The New Queen of Ragtime" by Ed Berlin, author of several books on ragtime including a definitive biography of Scott Joplin's life.

Mimi performs as a comedienne and actress as well as pianist and has also been called the female "Victor Borge of Ragtime." For two years, she acted, sang and played the piano for a play written by the co-founder of the "Cirque du Soleil" at the Montreal Casino. She has played piano in a Tango quartet that toured Texas and Nevada. Mimi represented Ragtime in a concert at the Olympics in Atlanta. Always versatile and full of surprises, Mimi plays both solo and in ensemble and in one concert may include music of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart, Gershwin, Brubeck, Joplin and Eubie Blake.

Mimi's performances have been described as masterful, energetic, colorful, romantic, and poetic. This talented performer adds a variety of classical and jazz elements to her ragtime arrangements that gives them a unique sound. Mimi's charming personality, her sensitivity and love for music blends with her extensive classical training and expertise at the keyboard to always bring her audiences an unforgettable concert.

## Practice Tai Chi for healthy aging

Our mission is to help older adults maintain a quality life as they age and Tai Chi is the perfect exercise to help us achieve. Tai chi can be performed for exercise, relaxation, healing and spiritual development by anyone regardless of age or physical condition. 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., see The Villager's Calendar of Events for location. This class sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

## Living with Parkinson's exercise program

Once a person is diagnosed with the disease, it is attitude, lifestyle, medication management and things you do to contribute that determine the direction your life takes. Research shows that a person living with PD can slow the progression of the disease when you 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 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Walking for Better Balance class in the Auditorium. Register in Class! For information call Jane at 408-315-1179.

## Dance Fusion for Functional Fitness and Fun

Our 30-minute dance exercise program will reduce stress, anxiety, depression and dementia and will improve your mobility and balance to help you avoid falling. In short, it will elevate your mood and help you stay physically and mentally functional. For those who are still working, our 30-minute dance exercise class can be the perfect way for you to relax at the end of a stressful day. You will get in better shape, be more functional, productive, relaxed, healthier and happier. So come join the fun as you re-shape and tighten your body! Dance at your own pace! Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the Montgomery multi-purpose room. The cost is \$56 for an eight-class card, issued and punched in class. Start anytime! Sign up in class! For information call Jane at (408) 315-1179. This class is sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

## New Cancellation Fees to begin January 1, 2018

At the Board meeting on September 26, the Club Board approved fees for failing to cancel a reservation at least two weeks in advance. Board Recognized clubs and organizations will be charged a \$20 cancellation fee if their meeting or event is canceled less than two weeks in advance January 2 through the day before Thanksgiving, and \$50 Thanksgiving through January 1. The cancellations are to be in writing (electronically or hard copy).

Private meetings or events will be charged a \$20 cancellation fee if their meeting or event is canceled less than two weeks in advance January 2 through the day before Thanksgiving, and \$100 for dates Thanksgiving through January 1 if their event is not canceled 60 days in advance. The cancellations are to be in writing (electronically or hard copy).



## Villages' AED Program

By Fred Hink, Director of Public Safety

I would like to remind you that AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) for use during cardiac emergencies in which a victim collapses and appears not to be breathing normally are located in:

1. Montgomery Center
2. Vineyard Center
3. Foothill Center
4. Cribari Center Lobby
5. Tennis Courts/Air Station
6. The Clubhouse
7. Cribari Pool
8. Fitness Center
9. Public Safety Patrol Vehicle

Please stop by to look at them and take note of the locations, as you may be called upon to bring the defibrillator to the emergency scene or assist in other ways.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a condition in which the heart quivers instead of effectively pumping blood throughout the body and strikes 325,000 people of *all* ages every year. AEDs are the definitive treatment for this condition, but for each minute that passes before defibrillation therapy reaches a victim, the chances for survival decrease by 10 percent. The American Heart Association estimates that 40,000 lives can be saved each year with AEDs that reach victims within 3-5 minutes of collapse, which is why we are pleased to have an AED program on our campus. Once turned on, the AED will talk the responder through the steps of using the AED and applying chest compressions.

If you would like to take a voluntary CPR/AED class, please call Health Education Services for classes or for referrals at 800-754-9072.

The AED program exemplifies our commitment to safeguarding the health and welfare of all who work and visit these buildings. For more information or questions, please contact our AED Site Coordinator via phone or email: Fred Hink, fhink@the-villages.com, 408-39-5247.

## More CLUBS

### Saturday Sing-Along moves to 9:30 a.m.

What a difference a half hour makes! The 90-minute Saturday Morning Sing-Along in Cribari's Sequoia Room now starts at 9:30 a.m. People have already started showing up in greater numbers, and on time! In recent sessions we added some holiday songs and most recently we sang nothing but holiday songs the entire time. We have several pianists now who—with enough encouragement—will lead or accompany us on some songs. This is in addition to our regular guitar, ukulele and harmonica players. We even had a flutist with us recently.

No New Year's resolutions needed! Just drop by when you can: Listen, hum and tap your feet, or sing along, if you want. Our songbook has grown to over 80 songs, but founder Dorene Vettel diligently keeps the loaner books updated and available to all. Some of the visiting time is the most precious. You are cordially invited to join us as we sing and chat our way down memory lane.

### Noted cardiologist to speak on hypertension

More than 85 million Americans suffer from hypertension, or high blood pressure. Because this affliction affects a significant percentage of Villagers, the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) has always stressed the importance of maintaining a normal blood pressure and offers blood pressure tests every week.

The VMA will host Dr. James Joye, a noted local cardiologist, for a broad discussion of hypertension. Topics will include a definition of high blood pressure and acceptable ranges, risk factors, symptoms, causes, treatment, interventions and what happens if it is left untreated. Dr. Joye's presentation will be held Tuesday, January 9 at 10 a.m. in the Vineyard Center. Registration is not required.

Dr. Joye has been affiliated with El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, CA for more than 20 years where he has served as Director of Research & Education, the Cardiac Catheterization Suites, and the Structural Heart program for the Norma Melchor Heart & Vascular Institute. He maintains an interventional practice that focuses on complex coronary and peripheral interventions, endograft treatment of aneurysmal disease, and percutaneous valve therapies. He serves as President of Advanced Cardiovascular Specialists and is Medical Director of the Silicon Valley Interventional Center.



Dr. James Joye

For further information about this program, please contact Cristina Freyer, VMA Service Coordinator, at 408-238-4029. Free blood pressure tests are available every Wednesday in Cribari Center, Forum Room from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### Continuing Ceramics Class

In Continuing Ceramics, learn more about decorating your clay pieces. In this class you'll learn specialty techniques of sgraffito, slip-trailing and carving. This is a four-week class starting Tuesday, January 9 through Tuesday, January 30 from 10 a.m. to 12-noon in the Ceramics Room at Cribari. Decorating materials will be supplied; just bring your clay and we'll make some fun projects for you to take home. The total cost is \$65. Contact Barbara Gottesman at 408-531-9402 or email: barbgottesman@gmail.com. Class is limited to six students, so call today and reserve your place.



### VMA: Come hear about managing stress

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) invites you to meet Sister Rachela Silvestri of Catholic Charities. She will discuss sources of stress, various options for relieving stress and ways to avoid stress in the first place. Her talk will take place Thursday morning, January 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 in Montgomery Center. No registration needed.

After decades of job stress, many of us merely redefine the sources of our stress. Relationships, finances, and even the aging process itself can bring significant stress into our lives. Health and well-being is enhanced at any stage of life through successful stress management. Sister Rachela, a registered nurse, will describe what stress is, what stressors are, and the possible effects of stress on the body.


Here in The Villages many recommended activities are at our fingertips. We just need to find the ones that suit us, and know that they are good for us. Popular group games such as Mexican Train Dominoes, Mahjong, bridge and the like serve not only as social outlets, but as potential stress reducer in our lives. The popular yoga classes here at the Villages combine physical exercise with spiritual and social components in a group environment. Research shows that yoga can also help promote well-being and improve quality of life for seniors, which in turn reduces stress.

If we want to keep it simple, breathing exercises are seen as an extremely convenient, fast-acting and effective stress reliever that can be easily adopted by people in nearly all situations. Wherever we are, we can learn to diffuse stress with a few deep, controlled breaths.

Your VMA encourages you to learn not only what activities are available to you, but why they may be "just what the doctor ordered" in terms of managing stress in retirement.



**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**



The Villages Medical Auxiliary

## January VMA Programs

**Blood Pressure Clinic:** This is now on the first Wednesday of Every Month, 10:30am-11:30am, Forum Room. Next one will be February 7.

**Grief Support Group:** a facilitator from Hospice of the Valley leads this monthly grief group. January 8, 1030 a.m. to 12 p.m., Cribari Redwood Room

**Dr. James Joye** presents on **Hypertension** Tuesday, January 9 at 10 a.m., Vineyard Center.

**Managing Stress presentation** by Catholic Charities, January 11 at 10:30 a.m., Montgomery Center.

**Caregivers for Memory Support Group:** a group designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers facilitated by Villager, Judy London, Ph.D. Thursday, January 18, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Patio Room.

**Hearing Screenings** by Hearwell Audiology, January 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Montgomery Center. Registration required.

**Grief Support Peer Group:** people dealing with grief meet to help each other. January 22, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Cribari Redwood Room

**Diabetes Support Group:** a place to share experiences and techniques for successful management of diabetes. Wednesday, January 24, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Cribari Redwood Room

For further information about programs or to register please contact VMA Social Service Coordinator Cristina Freyer, cfreyer@ncphs.org, 408-238-4029.

## 2018 VMA Calendars

If you would still like a VMA Wall calendar featuring wildlife photos by Lou Alexander, come by the VMA office located in Cribari Center and pick one up for \$15. All profits go to VMA programs.

# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Stop falls now—Parkinson's Support Group offers January 16 workshop

As we age, take certain medications, or have a limiting diagnosis, we become more susceptible to falling.

The Villages Parkinson's Support Group is again sponsoring a Fall Awareness and Prevention workshop. Last year's workshop was so successful, we are happy to provide it again.

On Tuesday, January 16 in the Cribari Auditorium, Mwezo and Jane, licensed and evidence-based instructors, will help us identify how to fall, how to get up and how to prevent falls. The program will start at 10 a.m., and is *free*, but it would be helpful to register in Community Activities office at 408 223-4644. Wear comfortable clothing. If you have questions, call Alice at 408-223-8033.

## Chinese Club offering Estate Planning info session

By Chong "Albert" Chan

Many of our members have expressed desire to learn more about important issues affecting their senior living. Thus, the Chinese Club has developed a series of teaching sessions to help them get a better handle on 1) Estate Planning, 2) Dental Care, and 3) Vision Care, respectively. The first of these series is going to be held at the Montgomery Center on Saturday, January 13 from 10 a.m. to 12-noon. Our speaker is Connie Yi, a well-established attorney as well as a licensed certified public accountant (CPA), who provides comprehensive estate planning, trust administration, probate advice and counsel around the Bay Area. Her depth of experience with tax and international estate issues helps her clients identify the most effective way to protect their personal wealth and share it efficiently with those they choose. Connie is here not to give a sales pitch of her services. Her focus is to empower our members with the basic but crucial knowledge needed to make better decisions regarding their estate matters. The teaching session will be conducted mainly in English. But for some of our Chinese members who are more comfortable conversing with Chinese, Connie is fluent with the Mandarin and Cantonese dialects and thus can address questions and/or issues with such dialects.

Non-members of the Chinese Club are also welcome to attend. However, due to space limitation, i.e. there are only 50 seats at the Montgomery Center, members may have first priority in seating arrangement if there is a shortage of seats.

## Incontinence supplies available at VMA office

The Villages Auxiliary Medical (VMA) often receives donations of incontinence supplies from Villages residents. By reorganizing a part of the VMA office, these supplies are now stored in a way that Villagers can conveniently pick up items they need. Just go to the VMA office during usual open hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

At any one time we may have pads, underpants and/or bed protectors in various sizes. This will change from week to week depending on donations.

## Amateur Radio Club to meet January 9

By William Swintek

For the latest amateur radio information, attend the Villages Amateur Radio Club's monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be January 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Foothill Center. Net Check-in 146.490 MHz at 7 p.m.

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## Ceramists hold holiday party

A great time with good friends, good food and a ton of laughs at our first annual Ceramic Room Monitor Holiday Luncheon. These nine ceramists: Richard Bainbridge, Kathy Tanaka, Claudia Welch, Diane Finley, Kathy Warren, Birgit Samdahl, Laurie Truman, Kim Lee and Linda Planting are the friendly folks that open the ceramic studio and assist all the users of the ceramic's room during open studio hours.



## Art Film for January 2018: 'Bomb It!'

By Pam Oliver Lyons

Our New Year will begin with the showing of the international graffiti documentary film, "Bomb It!" on Tuesday, January 9 at 7 p.m. in the Vineyard Center. This film was a highly regarded 2007 Tribeca Film Festival Candidate. Throughout the film, graffiti artists challenge the viewer about the use of public space and the legitimacy of the counter culture message.

From illegal street "bombing" to getting six-figure commissions from major museums, such as the Louvre, MET, Whitney, Groningen and collector galleries, graffiti invites each individual to consider if this is art and/or a "nuisance." Brown University graffiti researcher/historian Stefano E. Bloch and Director/Producer Jon Reiss provide us with extra background to consider our response.

Women artists such as Lady Pink of LA, Tracy 168 of Brooklyn, Faith47 of South Africa and the Godmother of Japanese graffiti BELx2 are interviewed as well as many more artists from around the world. In our times graffiti often speaks to banned politics, social issues, poverty and censorship. Often these artists resist with their lives, but only a few are rewarded. This film shows us the motivations of both the lesser and the well known artists.

Join us Tuesday, January 9 at 7 p.m. in the Vineyard Center. We will have a lively discussion afterward. What are the limits to public art? Who decides? Let's talk!

This event is presented by the Villages Arts and Crafts Association.

## Sing along with the Folksters

By Bev Clifford

Led by several guitars, a bass and a harmonica, we are joining our voices in song in the Cribari Conference Room on the second and fourth Thursday evenings each month from 7 to 9 p.m. Our five-minute break goes over a little, as our natural inclinations to socialize take over, but we don't mind. We currently sing from a list of 50-plus songs, but our Song Committee is encouraging new selections from a number of websites dedicated to the folk revival of the 1960s.

Villagers are invited to visit and see whether this is the group and the activity that "fits the bill" on a Thursday night. We welcome folks who look forward to exercising their vocal chords on a regular basis, plus those who would like to bring an instrument to play as they sing with us. Or people may just want to come and listen, tap their feet, or hum along.

Visitors may look on with one of our friendly regulars until they are able to assemble their own songbooks. There are no dues or other commitments.



## Senior Academy: Robots—present and future uses

On Friday, January 19 at Vineyard Center from 2 to 4 p.m. the Senior Academy will present a free event on **the future of Robotics and how they will affect our lives.**

Vacuum cleaners, Tesla automobile manufacturing, surgery, toys... what else? How and where are robots used? Will they eliminate jobs? How will robots help me? What is the future in robotics? John Marioni has 27 years of experience selling robots and currently is with Kuka Robotics, one of the world's leading robotic manufacturers. He will include video clips highlighting how and where robots are used.

This lecture begins the Senior Academy's 2018 season. To join the Academy and receive advance information on future events, contact Gene Gerwe at 408-223-7901 or Monica Facchino at 408-912-5151.

## Cribari Helpers needed January 13

Come one, come all. Cribari Helpers, please help take us down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 13 at 9 a.m.

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

By Wate Bakker

**“Sisters First” by Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush:** If you are interested in the adventures and opinions of the daughters of President Bush Jr. before during and after their stay in the White house, this is the memoir for you. This is a revealing and deeply personal tour behind the scenes of their lives, their unexpected adventures, their loves and losses and the sisterly bond that means everything to them. Nonfiction, autobiography, 920, 2017

**“The Right Time” by Danielle Steel:** Abandoned by her mother at age 7, Alexandra Winslow takes solace in the mysteries she reads with her devoted father and soon she is writing them herself. After her father’s death at 14 she is taken in by the nuns of a local convent. Unlike the dreadful conditions in many orphanages, the sisters are supportive and encourage her writing passion. Midway through college she finishes a novel, finds a seasoned agent and finally a publisher. But her father has admonished her that men read crime thrillers by men only, thus she assumes the pseudonym of Alexander Green and becomes famous as a man. When will she come out and reveal to the world who really wrote the famous thrillers? Fiction 2017.

**“Uncommon Type” by Tom Hanks:** Guess what? Famous actor Tom Hanks does not only acts but also writes. This book is a collection of short stories, linked by one thing: in each of them, a typewriter plays a part, sometimes minor, sometimes central. Thus a wide-ranging collection of short stories is born, ranging from a hectic, funny sexual affair between best friends and four friends going to the moon and back on a homemade rocket ship. Fiction 2017, Large Print.

**“Sourdough” by Robin Sloan:** This novel illuminates the close link between high tech and (mostly free) food. Lois is a software engineer at General Dexterity, a SF robotics company. Her human contact is limited to two brothers who run the hole in the wall, from which she orders her dinner every evening. Then the brothers, undocumented immigrants, are fingered by ICE, but before they close they give their sourdough starter to Lois. Soon she is eating her homemade bread and provides loaves to general Dexterity’s cafeteria. Thus a secret market, that aims to fuse food and technology emerges. Fiction 2017, Large Print.

**“The Captain’s Daughter” by Meg Mitchell Moore:** Elizabeth Barnes grows up in a small lobstering village in Maine, daughter of a plainspoken, hardworking lobsterman, who raised her after the death of her mother. They spend countless hours making fun of the “summer people” who parade into town each year to gorge on lobster rolls and sail their yachts, before heading back to Boston and New York. Many years later she is one of them, with an Ivy League college degree, two beautiful daughters and a rich husband—her college boyfriend. She has a good life but is vaguely dissatisfied. Then her father injures himself in a boating accident and Elizabeth decides to put her life on hold to come to his aid. While there, her first love reemerges. Enjoy all the complications that follow, punctuated by cocktails and sunsets. Fiction 2017.

## Jazzercise for a Happy New Year

It’s hard to believe but 2017 is over and we face a new year. How many promises we made to ourselves last year were kept? I’m told that nationally less than 30 percent of us keep our resolve. Now, fortunately we face a clean slate and hopefully we will make and keep a resolution to improve our health, get fit and exercise. In a perfect environment, exercise should be fun, it should have regularity and should be done with people we enjoy being with.

Jazzercise provides that environment. Classes are held three times a week offering a consistent opportunity for exercise. Modern music accompanies our efforts and makes the hard work more fun. And you will make lots of new friends. The workout is tailored to each participant’s individual needs. You don’t have to jump around, but if you want to, you can. You will boost your energy, improve your mind, your mood, your memory, as well as your health.

A Jazzercise class is 60 minutes long, starting with a gradual whole body warm up, followed by an aerobic segment, weight training, stretching and range of motion routines. We meet in the Cribari Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A full month of classes is a bargain at \$39. And you can choose to take fewer classes, at a lesser price, if your schedule so demands. We offer a free first class for you to test the program out. Just get started and don’t procrastinate. If you have questions, call Herito at 408-238-7511 or Kay at 408-223-7948.

## Water District rep to speak at SIR 114 Luncheon

The SIR 114 speaker for January 9 will be Colleen Valles, a public information representative from the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD). She handles media relations and writes District publications, in addition to other communication responsibilities. Colleen has nearly a decade of experience as a reporter and editor of newspapers and the Associated Press, a policy aide to an elected official, and a spokesperson for the local transportation authority. She is a graduate of the University of California Santa Barbara.

The presentation will cover background information on the SCVWD, as well as current activities the District is undertaking. There will be a questions and answer period for specific requests.

Guests are invited to attend. Please come to the Clubhouse around 12:30 p.m.



Colleen Valles

## World record holder Carlo Facchino to speak

On Tuesday, January 16, Carlo Facchino will be the guest speaker at the SIR 38 luncheon in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse. Non-SIR members wishing to attend the presentation should arrive at the Clubhouse at 12:30 p.m.

During the summer of 2017, Carlo Facchino, along with the crew of the Polar Row set out from Tromsø, Norway and headed north into the Arctic Ocean. The crew of the Polar Row were the first ever recorded row to go from Norway to the Arctic Ocean archipelago known as Svalbard. Along the way the crew encountered killer whales, walrus, whales, dolphins and lots of cold water. From Svalbard the crew continued north to the permanent Arctic Ice Sheet where they made a U-turn and headed south



Carlo Facchino

toward Iceland. Before reaching Iceland the crew had to navigate through dangerous ice drifts, battle Arctic storms and eventually stop on the remote volcanic island of Jan Mayen.

Carlo Facchino was born and raised in San Jose, CA. He was introduced to the sport of rowing as a freshman at the University of California Davis. In 2016 Carlo competed in The Great Pacific Race as part of Team Uniting Nations. Carlo and his three crew mates set the Guinness Book of World Records for the fastest Pacific Ocean crossing from Monterey, CA to Honolulu, Hawaii. As part of the 2017 Polar Row crew, Carlo and his teammates set numerous Ocean Rowing World Records and achieved the northernmost latitude ever reached by a rowing boat.

**A GREAT DEAL! Villager Business Card Ads \$35 per week! Call Mario at 223-4657**

## Riding Club: Thanks from the Horses!

All of the horses at the stables had a great time at the Riding Club’s Holiday Open House, held Sunday, December 17 and loved all of the pets and treats! Thanks to all of the wonderful Villagers, family and friends who came to visit and helped make this year’s event so special. We all wish you a happy and healthy New Year and hope to see you again soon!



## Hiking Club celebrates New Year's Day at highest hilltop



The Hiking Club Upper Group celebrates the New Year on the top!

Each New Year's Day, The Villages Hiking Club embarks on a hill top hike to celebrate the occasion and the accomplishment of just being there. Refreshments, camaraderie, wine and five bottles of champagne were enjoyed today by the nearly 40 hikers at the top. Additionally more than 20 hikers met at the park benches near the intersection of Indian & Sky trails for their party. New Year's Day is a special day for the Hiking Club and reinforces the "Active Adult Community" theme of The Villages.

## Get started in Watercolor

"Watercolor has an undeserved reputation as being a very difficult medium to master," said Ciel Duke, watercolorist. "Not so," she continued. "It's all about learning the tricks to control the medium. Water, after all, wants to do its own thing!"

This four-session series of classes, "Getting Started in Watercolor," begins at the very beginning: discussing paper, paints, and brushes. From there, participants will create at least one painting per class, exploring watercolor tricks and techniques in order to produce the wonderfully fresh and spontaneous look of a true watercolor.



Starting with a discussion of basic materials, participants will continue with projects designed to familiarize them with the medium of watercolor. Various watercolor techniques such as wet-on-wet, dry brush, and dragging color, along with the all-important aspect of timing, will result in a finished painting from each session. This class is designed for absolute beginners as well as those who are struggling to make watercolor work.

Register with Barbara at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com) or 408-531-9402. The class begins Monday, January 22 and runs for four sessions until February 12, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Art Room. The \$75 fee includes all materials (watercolors, palette, brushes and paper), but participants who already work in watercolor are welcome to bring their own supplies, such as a favorite brush.

## Hiking Club to hold its annual White Elephant Gift Exchange and Soup Supper

It's time for the Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange and Soup Supper! The Hiking Club will hold this annual, fun event on Thursday, January 11 starting at 5:30 p.m. at Foothill Center. Please call or email Wendy Ledamun at 408-960-8335 or [wledamun49@gmail.com](mailto:wledamun49@gmail.com) if you have a favorite soup that you would like to share. Otherwise, bring an appetizer, salad or dessert for 8 to 10 people. Bring your own place setting, several cups to sample different soups and your favorite beverage. Cider and coffee will be provided.

The White Elephant gift exchange will take place after supper. White Elephant gifts are typically inexpensive, humorous items that we can't use, that we don't want or that are just plain peculiar! So wrap one of them up and bring it to the potluck and join in the fun! Note: a gift is not necessary, however, it does add to the fun. Hope to see you there!



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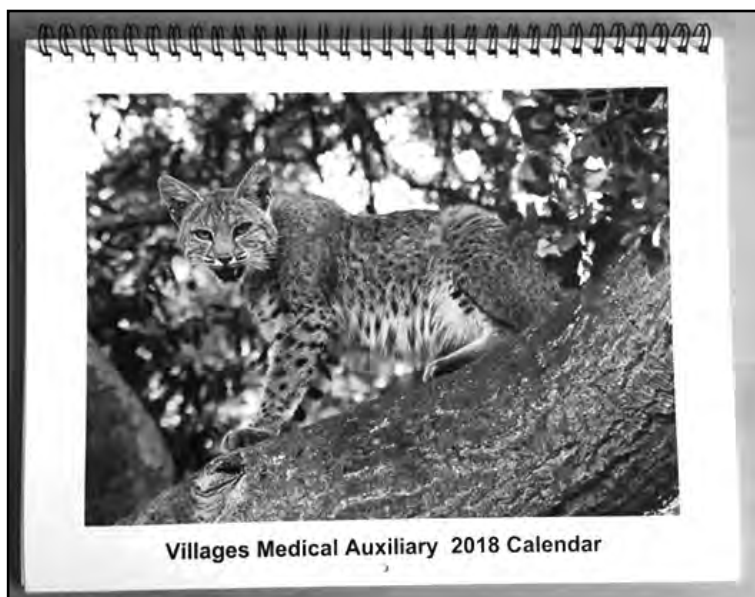
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More CLUBS

## Lou Alexander Wildlife Calendars still available



It's not too late to get a stunning wall calendar with local wildlife photos by Lou Alexander.

Lou designed the 2018 calendar of his work to benefit the VMA. Get your copy at the VMA office in Cribari Center—9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The cost is \$15.

The calendar includes dozens of photos of animals and birds along with beautiful views of seasonal foliage. It's printed on high-quality card stock and includes space for phone numbers and notes.

### VIRC elects new club directors

The Villages Investment Club (VIRC) has elected three new Members to the VIRC Club Board. They are:

- Ken Brady—volunteered as Treasurer
- Mary Jo Lyons—volunteered for Meeting refreshments
- Bobbie Abbott—volunteered for Membership and Programs committee

The new volunteers together with four members from the previous Board permit the VIRC monthly meetings on the third Thursday to continue. In addition, the newsletters will still be available to interest members thru Google private drive. Four members of the 2017 Board agreed to continue into 2018.

- Bob Williams - President
- Mary Neill - Vice President
- Gene Gerwe - Publicity
- Sue Bradley - Librarian

Several members of the 2017 Board will assist the incoming Directors in making a smooth transition to 2018 activities. They include:

- John Stratakos - Past Treasurer, Membership, and Newsletter
- Martha Stillman - Past Newsletter Assistant
- Dan Boor, Past President

Directors and additional volunteers have additional duties that are now being defined and will be distributed to the membership in a few days and week. The next monthly meeting will be Thursday, January 18, at 10 a.m. in Foothill Center. Scott Stauffer and his associate Andrew Howard of Better Wealth will present on the topic of the 2018 market outlook.

As a result of the December 14, 2017 annual meeting the new Board is taking on several new initiatives including the following:

- Update of the Bylaws - leadership by Ken Brady
- Using a secured Google Drive, password protected, for Newsletter availability - Brady, others
- Additional VIRC publicity - A Villages website page - later in year, more news via Villages Fast Lane and the Villager newspaper articles - Williams, Gerwe, Others
- Longer term schedule of meeting topics - Program & activities committee
- Posted notes or minutes on monthly presentations
- Additional outreach for new members thru publicity, follow up on guest attendance at meeting, additional programs and special meeting times.

*More CLUBS on page 28*

## VAT: A Great New Year's Resolution

One new year's resolution that is great for you and your family and easy to keep is bringing them to our Spring musical comedy, "Anything Goes." This provides you with many advantages including introducing your children and/or grandchildren to the theater, family time without the intrusion of cell phones, tablets and video games, sharing a meal at the Bistro or Club and the feeling that you had a successful family day. All this at very reasonable price. A number of Villagers have done this with success. Give it a try. You will be glad you did.



The play's website tells us, "All Aboard for this saucy and splendid production of 'Anything Goes,' winner of three 2011 Tony Awards® including Best Musical Revival and Choreography! One of the greatest musicals in theater history, Cole Porter's first-class musical comedy is sailing across the country! The New York Times hails it a 'musical comedy joy' and USA Today calls it 'glorious and exuberant!'"

There will be three performances—Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 7 at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium.

Please mark your calendars and get ready for a very funny, light hearted musical comedy—a very entertaining night out with family and friends.

### Opera Lovers: 'The Daughter of The Regiment'

We begin our new year 2018 with Donizetti's delightful opera on Friday, January 12. It will bring vocal thrills and an abundance of laughs, a combination that's hard to beat. The stars are Juan Diego Flórez and Natalie Dessay, who are in top form in their bel canto roles. Flórez's mellifluous tenor has nine high C's in "Ah! Mes Amis," and is supple enough to make his tender love arias moving. Dessay is poignant in such heart-tugging pieces as her farewell to her regimental "fathers" and her misery as the victim of the Marquise's well-meaning attempts to teach her to be an aristocratic lady, yet she's a terrific comic actress beginning with her doing the regiment's laundry, and her antics with the iron and the ironing board while singing elaborately difficult coloratura passages. This will induce many laughs. You'll enjoy the fine playing of the Orchestra and Chorus of the Royal Opera House and world class singing actors. Conductor Bruno Campanella leads a spirited performance, Laurent Pelly's enhanced stage direction is wonderful for its comic touches and Chantal Thomas' simple but effective sets add to the delights. We'll meet at Vineyard Center and the DVD will run for two hours and 10 minutes. Come and bring a friend. For more info, call Bonnie Preston at 408-531-1513.

### Valentine's Day—Italian style

Greetings, lovers of a certain age. We've survived the holidays and another year. We were reminded once again of how precious our time is and the importance of using it well. At the top of the list is being with people we care for, enjoying the beauty around us and breaking bread accompanied by a good glass of wine. It is in this spirit that The Villages Italian Club brings the first jewel of our new year to the Clubhouse on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

We've studied the past events you've enjoyed the most and have revised and enhanced your favorite, Notte Della Musica. This year the theme will be a musical romp through Broadway's best, Opera's highlights and the fun of the Cabaret. We're introducing The New Uptown Singers to entertain you. They will join the list of musicians that have delighted Italian Club audiences year after year. Of course the food, the libations and the camaraderie will be unsurpassed. Bring your true love, the new romance in your life, your best friend and companion or just come to be with friends and fond memories. This is the way to welcome the New Year and all it will have to offer. Invitations will arrive shortly.

### Mah Jongg Card Countdown!

By Barbara Smith

How time flies! There are only 16 days left to order the 2018 Mah Jongg Card. The final day to order Mah Jongg Cards is Sunday, January 21, 2018. The price of cards remains the same. Small print cards are \$8. Large print cards are \$9.

Barbara Smith is coordinating the sale of Mah Jongg cards again this year. Checks are made out to Barbara Smith. At the end of the sale, one large check is written and all the individual checks

are deposited. Please include the number and size of the cards you are ordering in the "memo" place on your check.

Checks can be dropped off or mailed to: Barbara Smith, 2067 Folle Blanche Dr, San Jose, CA 95135 or given to Barbara on Monday when so many people play at Cribari Center.

In late March, your Mah Jongg card(s) will be sent directly to your home from the National Mah Jongg League in New York. Happy Mahing!





# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Wishing all of you a very blessed and happy **New Year**. We have an 8:15 a.m. Mass every Sunday in the Cribari Auditorium. All are welcome.

If you are not receiving your **Green Envelopes** please check at the back table. We will have some there for you.

We are still taking donations for running our **Shelter** and are also asking people to donate their time in helping. Please call Leona Karayan at 408-223-2325 or Bob Dolci at 408-223-1855. They will be happy to hear from you.

**Sunday Altar Set-Up:** If Pope Francis or Bishop Patrick were coming to the Villages to say Mass, we would have many people offering to dress the altar. We actually have a much more important guest who comes every Sunday—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Dressing the altar for Him is a huge privilege. We need two people to fill a vacancy we now have. Geri Wilk would love to hear from you at 530-307-9131. This is one wonderful area of **Stewardship**.

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.

**There is Friday Mass at 9 a.m.** the first three Fridays of every month in the Conference room. It is preceded by the Rosary at 8:30 a.m.

**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.

**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
	9:30 a.m.	Grange
	10:30 a.m.	Chapel
	11 a.m.	Gathering Space
	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.

## JEWISH GROUP

Friday night Shabbat Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on January 19, 2018 at Foothill Center. We will have Rabbi Melanie Aron lead our services, followed by the program. Rabbi Aron will be accompanied by a young man named Henry Stern who plays the guitar and sings beautifully. Her discussion topic following the services will be an open discussion about the current Jerusalem situation. Following the presentation we will have our usual Oneg Shabbat celebration.

All Villagers are welcome. If you are interested in joining The Villages Jewish Group, please contact Joyce Mendel at 408-238-7316.

## EPISCOPAL

**Episcopal Church Services on Sunday, January 7**

First Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Come worship with us as the Very Rev. David Bird celebrates the Holy Eucharist and we transform the club room into a house of God. There is a place at God's table for everyone. Join us after the service for fellowship and breakfast in the Clubhouse. All are welcome.

**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 and the new bells ring out to welcome all to worship and praise God for our blessings.

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Hope your holidays were merry and bright. Time to get serious once again. Search The Scriptures class will meet Monday, January 15 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Foothill Center. We will be studying Revelations once again. This is a great way to start the new year, so if you haven't yet joined us, please feel free to do so now. We're looking forward to a good time of learning and fellowship.

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

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

**By Pastor Bill Hayden**

Since Christmas is past, some people have chosen to remove any and all resemblance of the Christmas Holiday, while others wait until after the New Year rolls in. At my house there were empty boxes and more boxes of Christmas past and Christmas present to be filled with ornaments and decorations for next year. Now the guessing game begins; how did I pack this and where is the box for that and how should I organize these boxes for next year? Does that sound familiar? For some of us that sounds too familiar!

After we put away those Christmas decorations let's look around the house and give away some items that we have been holding on to for years that others could benefit from. Some people will put it off until an estate sale, usually theirs. While we have the opportunity to really be a blessing to the Have-Nots, let's close out the year by thinking about those who have suffered lost due to recent fires. There will be trucks lining up to come to the Villages to receive items to be given to others who can use them.

The older I get the less important receiving gifts from loved ones are to me. I do believe in giving gifts to others who need them. Most people have more than they need and I am one of them, and over time our values should change. Sad to say, that for some people the more they receive, the more they accumulate with no place to put it. Usually if you haven't used the items within a year or so, it's time to Let Go! How many of us know this and fail to make a change?

The best gift that I have ever received from another person is life from God through my parents. Each day that I awake with my faculties in tack, though I may rise a little slower with an ache or pain, I am truly grateful. I'm still here to be a blessing to my fellowman. So let us end this Christmas Season with a thankful heart. *"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* (1 Thessalonians 4:18 KJV)

Please join us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium 10a.m. to be encouraged over the Word, a cup of coffee and cookies. **The chapel is a place for needs to be met, faith to be affirmed and people to love.** We would love to meet you. 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/>*

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# SPORTS NEWS

## TENNIS TALK

**By Melinda Dobbs, Tennis Club President**

Once again, I thank you for electing me to represent the Tennis Club as President. I consider it a great honor and both Tracy Scott as Vice President and I will do all we can to represent you well.

The Holiday Dinner/Dance had a lively Annual Meeting and Installation, wonderful dinner and danceable music by our own Gloria and Sandy Fernandez's Island Wave musicians. All this planned by Cookie Hales and her very loyal committee who have done this for many years. Now just retiring they will be replaced by Judi Falarski and her committee who have big shoes to fill but who are perfect replacements. December 9, 2018 will be another great Holiday evening!

We are looking forward to 2018 beginning with the Tennis Club Open House and Jump Start (earlier date) and continuing with our regular tournaments and events culminating with the Club Championships in September. We are very excited to have this tournament for players of all levels in their appropriate categories. We have so many talented players that we want to make this competitive as well as fun and with chairperson, Gail Tuft's enthusiasm and your participation, it should be successful for all.

While 2017 was a very good year for the Tennis Club, the downside has been the recent deaths of long-time active tennis club members, Glenn Hamilton and Marge Beck. Glenn was president in 1997 and played tennis until the decline of his health and Marge was one of the first people to greet me when I first started playing in the Villages. She was always kind, gracious and supportive of the tennis club until her health also declined. We shall miss both and will welcome the 25 new members who will fill their tennis shoes.

We will have our first Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m., January 23 and as always, Tennis Club members are welcome to attend. I am looking forward to a great year with all of you. If you have questions, comments, etc., about the Tennis Club, please contact me anytime.

## BOCCE BEAT



**By Patricia Bruno**

Happy New Year to all! The Bocce Club Board has been busy putting the final touches on making 2018 an exciting and fun filled year! We have a lot of new ideas that you will be hearing about throughout the year. Be sure to check out next week's column for the yearly event calendar.

One of the exciting things we have added is Saturday teams to our tournaments! This will give those of you who can't play during the week, or prefer to play on Saturday, a chance to join in on the bocce fun. For the first time ever, we will also have a Bocce Boot Camp on Saturdays in February!

Our always popular weekday Bocce Boot Camps will again return in February, as well as Referee Training, and our Installation Dinner. Keep your eyes on this column for more details in the coming weeks.

**Finally, here are your 2018 Bocce Club Board members:**

Marion Logie—President, Barbara Orlando—Vice President, Ros Bollinger—Secretary, Treasurer (Open)—Marion Logie, Acting, Pat Bruno—Publicity Chair, Gerri McCoid—Bash Chair, Jeanne-Anne Whitacre—Membership Chair, Tony Orlando—Tournaments Chair, Paul Anderson—Court Manager, Candy Stonehouse—Social Chair, Elaine Murphy—Assistant Social Chair, Al Bruno—Associate Director, Evonne Cook—Associate Director, Jan Hageman—Associate Director, Jim Whatley—Associate Director, Victor Kelaita—Member-at-Large, and Joyce Valdez—Member-at-Large.

See you next week!

## SWINGERS



**Joyce Mukuno**  
2017 Club Champion



**Susan Sunzeri**  
2017 Most Improved



**Renee Woolard**  
2017 Captain's Trophy Winner

**By Pam McCarthy**

Oh my goodness! Days like Tuesday, December 19 remind me of a joke by Bob Hope: "I'd give up golf if I didn't have so many sweaters." How many sweaters can one golf in? Brrrrh! A chilly temperature of 47 degrees greeted the first of the 49 Swingers who arrived at 8:30 a.m. By 10 a.m. the temperature gauge reached 52 degrees and by noon it read 57 degrees with sunshine and no wind. No one had a chip-in's and no one had a hole in. We do have the winners of the 2017 awards to announce.

Most Improved Player of 2017 is Susan Sunzeri.

Captain's Trophy Winner for 2017 is Renee Woolard.

Reigning Swinger Club Champion for 2015 and 2016 AND 2017 is Joyce Mukuno!

**Today's Tip... from Golf Game Tips... How To Stop Pulling Your Putts.**

Shooting a low score means you've got to be a good putter, and that means making a lot of 6 to 12-footers. One of the biggest mistakes many golfers make is pulling putts to the left. "Pulling" a putt is often caused by turning your body toward the hole before impact with the golf ball. Turning before the impact causes your shoulders to open up and leaves your putter on an outside in path causing the ball to miss on the left side of the hole.

A common tip to golfers is to keep your head still. This is a common struggle for most golfers, but the cause often comes from more than just your head moving. It can start all the way down at your hips, legs and or feet. To keep your entire body still throughout your stroke and avoid pulling your putts to the left, give this simple drill a try:

1. Grab a handful of golf balls, your putter, and a wedge and head over to the practice putting green. Pick a hole to practice putting to and drop your balls 6-12 feet away.

2. Next grab your wedge and place it against your back leg so the head is on the ground and the end of the grip is just above your knee. The shaft should be at about a 45-degree angle from the ground. Once you've got your wedge positioned against your back leg, stroke a few putts toward the hole. If your wedge falls it means you are moving your body toward the hole. Replace the wedge behind your knee and try a few more putts focus on keeping your body still through impact and using your shoulders to swing your putter back and forward.

This simple drill will help you gain more consistency on the putting green and get you on the way to sinking more of those make able putts.

To Your Putting, To a Great 2018 and To Each of You—  
"Happy You Near!"

## PINSEEKERS

**By John Eige**

Another cold start in the week before Christmas. A hardy few showed up, and the net winners were:

First Place, Larry Chin with a low net 32.

Second Place, Gary Holmquist with a 34.

Third Place, a tie between Bob Iacopi and Phil Robinson, with 35s.

Fourth Place, John Eige with a par 36.

In the competition for 2018 Champion, the leaders continue to be closely matched. Bob Iacopi has joined Dave Cook in a tie at the highest total of 38 points. Tim Short has 37, Phil Robinson has 36, and Tak Okabe has 32.

The latest from the Pro Shop is that there will not be sweeps on our usual Pinseekers date of December 26, 2017, and The Villager will not publish on December 28, 2017. So by the time that you see this in The Villager in 2018, we hope you had some happy holidays!



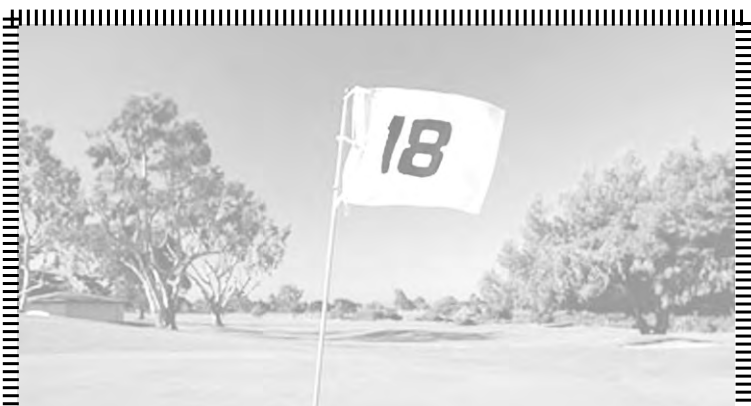
## 18 HOLE WOMEN



Mary Ann Diridon, of the 18 Hole Women's Working Women Group, celebrating her hole-in-one on September 30!

## Sign up for Frostbite Open!

Sign-ups for the January 28 Frostbite Open will start this Sunday, January 7 through the Pro Shop. Sign up for the 9 or 18 hole game. The cost will include golf, sweeps and meal. Details regarding dinner and total cost will be in the next edition. Guests are welcome, with golf costing only \$5 more than the regular member cost. Please let Pro Shop know if you will have a guest joining you for dinner, when you register for a tee time.



## 2018 Just For Fun Golf Series

Announcing the full schedule of events for 2018's Just For Fun Golf Series at The Villages:

- January 28 – Frostbite Open
- July 22 – Giving Something Back – VMA
- October 7 – Golf For Gazebo Park – EVF

These are open to all Villagers and their guests who want to play in a fun, non-postable 9 or 18-hole golf event, followed by a dinner. Mark your calendars and watch for more details.

—Your Villages Pro Shop and VGC

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By David "Baci" Bacigalupi (baci1786@aol.com)

**Changing of the Guard:** I would like to thank all of you who have provided input for Men's Club articles throughout 2017. I would like to introduce new Executive Committee member Kyle Finley, who will not only take over as Publicity Chairman, but will also manage the Men's Golf Club Website. Feel free to contact him with ideas for articles at kylefinley@outlook.com.

**2018 Men's Golf Club Executive Committee:** Your 2018 Executive Committee is: David "Baci" Bacigalupi, General Chairman; Gary Chappell, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and VGC Representative; Jeff Buckingham, Evergreen Chairman; Jim Seymour, Treasurer and Hole-in-One Chairman; David Gonzales, Handicap, Membership, NCGA and Rules Chairman; Jim Danielski and Ray Blinde, Tournament Co-Chairmen; Geoff Gault, Home and Home Chairman; and Kyle Finley, Publicity Chairman. These gentlemen have all volunteered to try to make your golfing experience as Men's Golf Club members all that it can be, so feel free to contact them with ideas and suggestions. Their contact information will be in your 2018 Green Handbook and will be posted in the Pro Shop Posting Room.

**NCGA Dues For 2018:** The NCGA has increased their dues for 2018 from \$36 to \$39. Men's Club members must maintain their NCGA membership through the Villages Men's Golf Club even if they are members elsewhere. Members no longer golfing who don't want to pay the NCGA dues can become an Associate Member. See below.

**Men's Club Dues For 2018:** Due to inflation (i.e. cost of meals, tournament donuts etc.), the Executive Committee voted to increase the Men's Club dues to \$30 starting in 2018. Billing will be in January.

**Welcome Associate Members:** Associate Members are eligible to participate in all non-golfing events of the Men's Golf Club (Summer BBQ, General Meeting lunch, etc.). Associate Members pay the same Men's Club dues, (except Hole-in-One fees, as they are opted out of this program) but are no longer required to pay NCGA dues. Former Men's Club members who are no longer playing golf and therefore dropped out are invited to re-join as Associate Members to share in the camaraderie. Contact Membership Chairman David Gonzales at dm001@sbcglobal.net to apply.

**Executive Committee Meeting:** The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30am in the Cribari Patio Room. Our next meeting of the Men's Club Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, February 6. The meetings are open to all members. Also, remember to visit our website at [www.villagesmensgolf.com](http://www.villagesmensgolf.com) for the latest information.

**Miscellaneous:** Our course has never looked better, even as Mike Scully and his crew continue to make improvements and work on long-neglected maintenance items. \*\*\*\* So **please** remember to fix your divots, repair your ball marks, and drive your carts in the proper areas so that we can all benefit from the enhancements of our great facility! \*\*\*

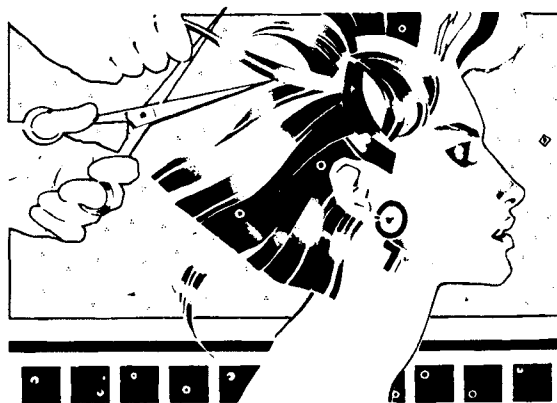
## SHONIS

By Marge McCandless

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday. I have great admiration for the Shonis who played on our non-sweeps Tuesdays and also on the just-for-fun Thursdays. May we all be ready now to get back on the course and have a great golfing year. We have a good new Board, new committee members, and also a few vacant spaces for starting and scoring. Please check your handbook and mark your calendars. (Is entering a date on a smartphone called marking?) The year's calendar of special events is on page 4 of the handbook. While you have the book in your hand, why not read the whole thing? Lots of good info there. Happy New Year!

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## IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

It was another great day to play golf. We continued on our winter schedule, teeing off at 1 p.m. The weather was sunny but a little cool. The results are as follows:

**Net Sweeps winners for this week are:**

First Place - Mario Silva with a net score of 25.

Second Place - Tony Illich with a net score of 27.

**There was one birdie today:**

Tony Illich on hole 9.

**Our deep thought and/or humor for today:** The school-teacher was taking her first golfing lesson. Is the word spelled p-u-t or p-u-t-t? She asked the instructor. P-u-t-t is correct, he replied. "Put" means to place a thing where you want it. "Putt" means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing.

## SCOREBOARD

## BRIDGE

**Monday, December 18:**

1. Joyce Davies/Stan Davies 2. Jan Kiernan/Marie Chong 3. Lorrie Scott/Marilyn Ribardo

**Thursday, December 28:**

1. Steve Bosma/Billie Mechanic. 2/3 tie: Marilyn Ribardo/Marie Chong and Ed Logg/Louann Partridge

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

**Wednesday, December 20**

Berta Escamilla	200
Vicky Linscott	319
Beverly Wharton	395
Joe Wharton	430

**Friday, December 22**

Shirley Bellavance	206
Kit Hultquist	218
Cathy Razumich	266
Vicky Linscott	301

**Wednesday, December 27**

Vicky Linscott	146
Sylvia Rozewicz	274
Barbara Varner	303

**Friday, December 29**

Barbara Varner	185
Earl Magoun	261
Sylvia Rozewicz	286
Kit Hultquist	287

## PINOCHLE

**Wednesday, December 20**

Pat Luebcke  
Duane Sagen  
Al Diamond  
Harvey Gogol

**Friday, December 22**

Mike Cox  
Donna Vivoli  
Pat Luebcke  
Harvey Gogol  
Shirley Bellavance

**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.

## FROM THE PRO



### Happy New Year from the Pro Shop staff!

By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional  
2018 Member Golf Calendar

For your information and review, the 2018 Member Golf Calendar in its entirety is now available for you on the golf page of the Villages website. We will also be posting the calendar two months out in the member posting room; the calendars for January and February are posted currently. This is a reminder that the golf calendar is fluid and a live document, so scheduled dates and times can/will change throughout the season. Any changes to the posted calendars will be updated as soon as possible and will be communicated to you as well. Please let the Pro Shop know if you have any questions.

**Golf Course Schedule**

Reminder on Tuesdays open play tee times will start at 10 a.m. through January.

Reminder on Thursdays open play tee times will start at 11 a.m. through February.

Golfers, please remember that the Bistro & Clubhouse will be closed from Monday, January 1 through Monday, January 8...please plan accordingly.

**Just for Fun Frostbite Open**

This year's first Just for Fun event, the Frostbite Open, is Sunday, January 28.

This fun event is open to all Villagers and guests.

The format is a four-person scramble and we will have two divisions...18-hole and 9-hole.

Your enjoyable round of golf will be followed by a nice warm dinner in the Clubhouse.

Sign up in the Pro Shop starting Sunday, January 14.

**New in the Pro Shop**

Come and see what's new in the Pro Shop.

Casual fashion and golf winter wear for women and men from Horn Legend.

Women's golf gear from JoFit.

Men's pinstripe polos from Monterey Club.

Coming soon: Jamie Saddock women's golf wear, EP Pro women's golf wear, Black Clover headwear, new Taylor Made M3 & M4 woods, plus new PING hooper bag designs!

**Colored Flags**

Remember now that winter is here, the golf course can and most likely will be affected by the weather. Remember to check the flag at the driving range to see what color it is for the day.

**Green Flag** means the course is open and carts access is permitted.

**Yellow Flag** means that there is a frost delay and no play is allowed until lifted.

**Red Flag** means that golf carts are restricted to the cart paths only due to wet conditions

**Black Flag** means that the golf course and practice areas are completely closed due to dangerous or abnormal conditions

**Maintenance Hotline**

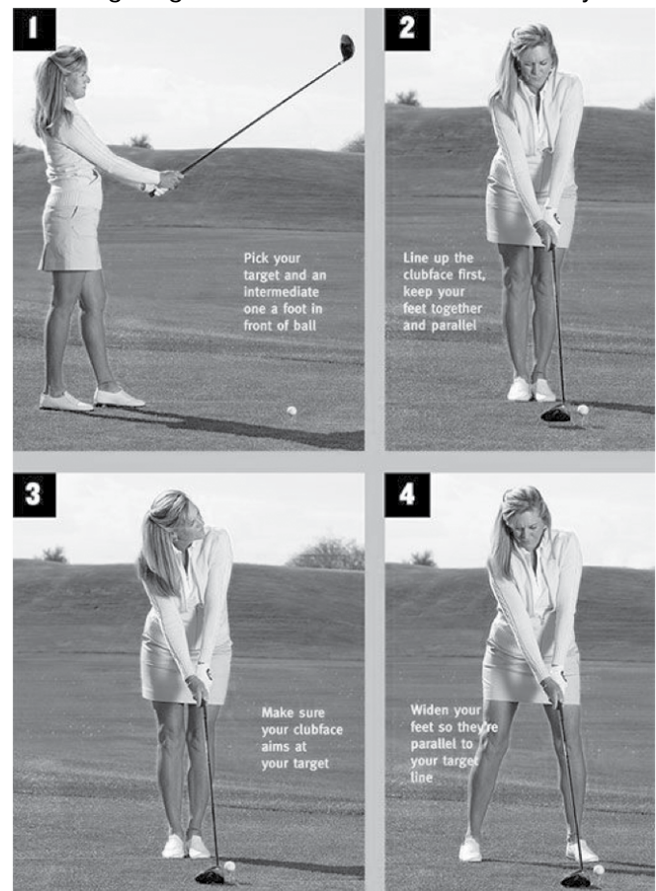
It's a good idea to stay informed now that the weather is more unpredictable. Along with the colored flag at the driving range, you can also call the Maintenance Hotline for a daily update on golf course conditions. Each morning, maintenance will update the hotline to let you know about the color of the flag, course conditions, cart access status and any maintenance going on that day. Please call 408-223-4663 to access the hotline.

**Tips from the Pro**

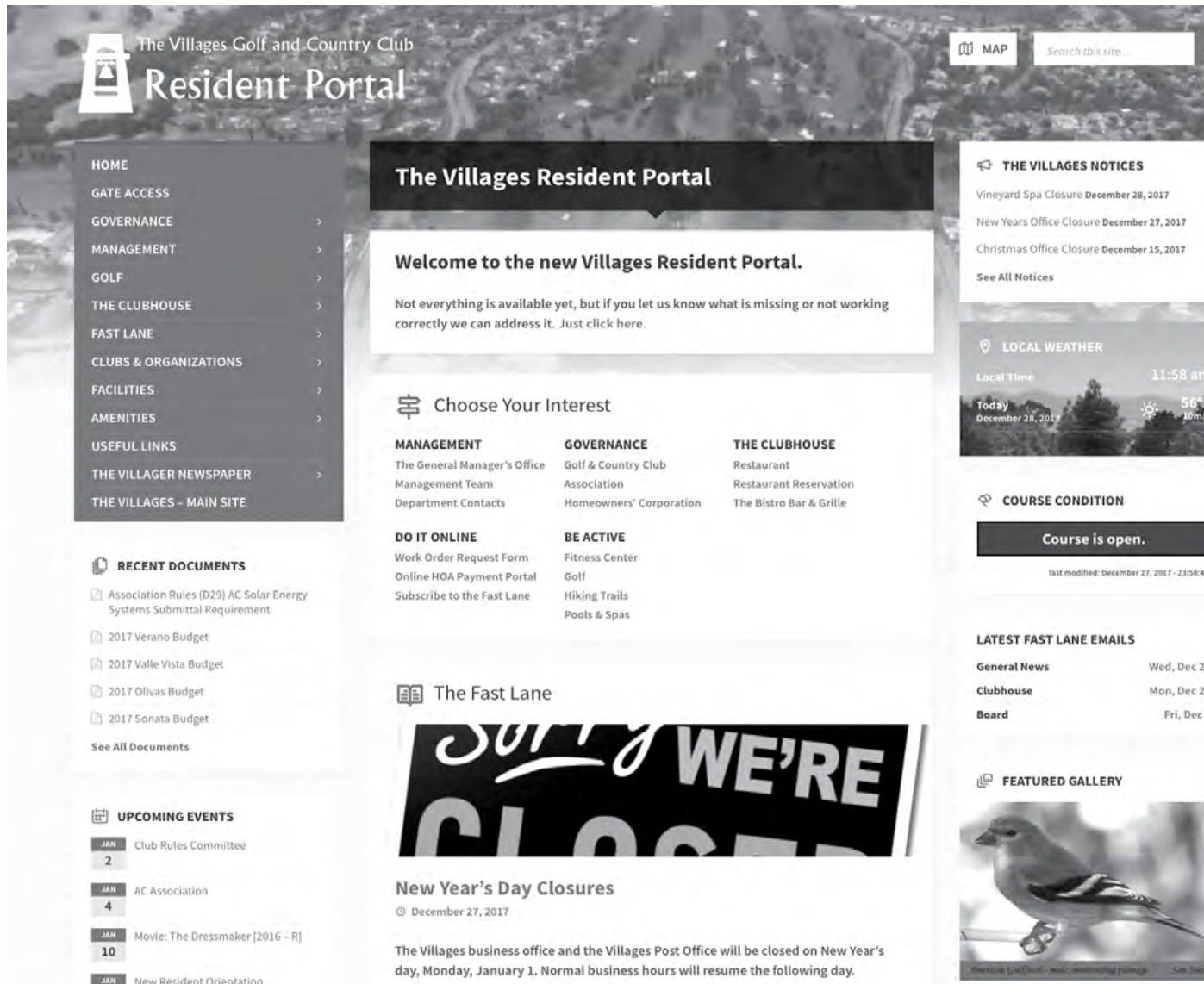
This is a great visual image of the proper set up technique for a full shot. We call this "building your stance around the clubface." This is referring to the proper sequence of a golf set up routine.

First stand behind your ball and pick your target. Second, set the clubface behind the ball aimed at your target. Third, build your grip and stance. Lastly, once comfortable after a couple of club waggles...let it go! The key here is to always start from behind your ball, always have a target in mind, and always align the clubface first and your body second. Remember the clubface dictates where the ball goes!

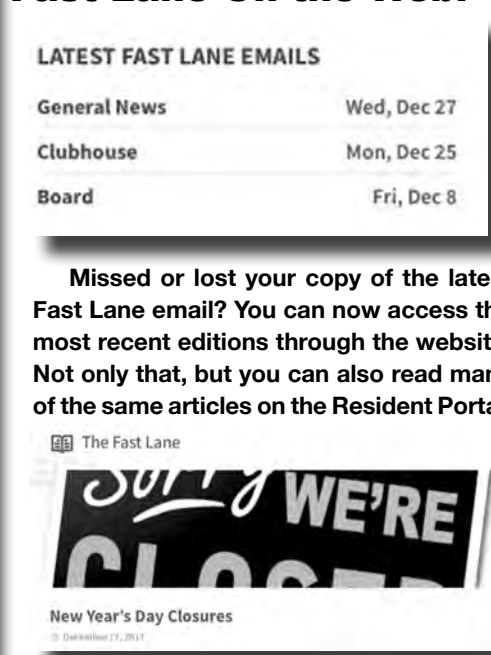
Happy Holidays...See you at the course!



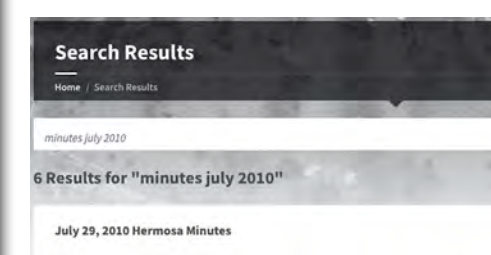
# Introducing A New Site For a New Year!



## Fast Lane On the Web!



## Better Search Results!



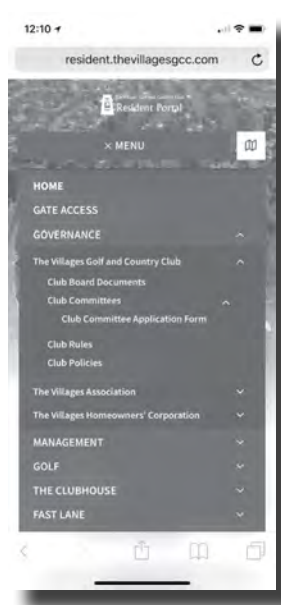
The new search will scan through all the pages, articles, and document titles to find what you are looking for. Need to find those minutes from July of 2010, just type in "minutes july 2010" into the search box and there they are. Heard a rumor that there's no bingo in January? Put in "bingo" and the Fast Lane article comes up.

A new Resident Information web site is now active through The Villages GCC website by clicking Residents, or by visiting directly at resident.thevillagesgcc.com. The Resident Portal, as it is now called, contains all the same information of the old Resident Information page, plus some extras and more flexibility to expand in the future.



## New Easier To Use Menus!

The Resident Portal's menu cascades to show you the sub-menu as you hover over an item with an arrow on the right edge. This way you don't have to keep loading page after page to get to the one you want.



Mobile users can navigate through the new site much easier than before. Just click the menu button at the top of the page, and the menu items reveal their sub-menus when you click the downward facing arrow. Open a different menu item, and the previous one condenses to the top item so you don't end up having to scroll several screen lengths of items to find what you are looking for.

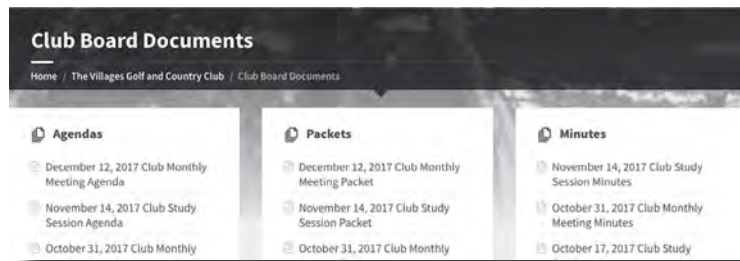
**The Fine Print...**

The Resident Portal is a whole new site. Any links you have to any of the pages and forms accessed from the Resident Information page will no longer work, and will not forward you to the corresponding page on the new Resident Portal.

Also, the Resident Portal is still being loaded with items from the old site. If you do not find what you are looking for, you may drop our web team a note through the form on this page.

With the more flexible nature of the new Resident Portal, we hope to be able to bring you more functionality in the future.

## Cleaner Document Storage!



Documents are now stored on the site in a "cleaner" manner. The latest additions show in widgets on their appropriate pages (including all the latest on the front page) with a link to the rest of the archive for that category of document. Coupled with the ability to search for document titles, finding the correct one is now a whole lot easier.

## The Little Things!

Little widgets to help you out. Along with the recent documents and Fast Lane editions, there are notices to inform you, events to help you plan, and the current weather to keep you warm and dry.



# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

5122-5153 and 5554-5576—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5090-5094, 5101-5121, 5210-5233, 5250-5257 and 5271-5282—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Trash Enclosures—Bumper and stopper installation in progress. Cribari Knolls—Window washing in progress; with Cribari Place to follow.

Cribari Place; 5090-5101—Power washing, prep and paint in progress. Cribari Bluffs; 5077-5089—Power washing, prep and paint to start the week of 1/8.

Cribari Bluffs—Partial power washing and painting of carpports to start the week of 1/8.

Cribari Bluffs—Dry rot repairs in progress.

5205—Water remediation and reconstruction in progress.

Inspections and repairs of stair treads in planning.

5470—Water remediation and reconstruction in progress.

5532-5533—Water remediation and reconstruction in progress.

### Del Lago

3227-3243 and 3301-3303—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

3304-3326—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12. Daytime watering in progress.

Turf rejuvenation program; spraying and slice seeding in progress. Gutter cleaning scheduled for 1/8-1/20.

### Estates

8867-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8876-8884—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Jet mulch installation in progress.

### Fairways

4014, 4016 and 4018—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

4007, 4009 and 4011—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

### Glen Arden

7777-7787 and 7791-7795—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7797-7813—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

### Heights

8448-8457—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8458-8467—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

### Hermosa

8065-8088—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8340-8349 and 8388-8399—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

8334-8335—Roof and gutter replacement and stucco repairs in progress.

Colombard Ct.; 8338-8339—Roof replacement scheduled to start 1/15/18, weather permitting.

8375—Water remediation and reconstruction in progress.

### Highland

Moorfoot Ct. and Halladale Ct.—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

Buckhaven Dr., Stoneshire Ct. and 7711, 7713 and 7715—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Turf rejuvenation program in planning.

### Montgomery

6079-6119 and 6169-6183—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

6137-6168 and 6235-6245—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Whaley Dr.—Sewer line repairs scheduled for 1/8.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 12/27-1/6.

### Olivas

Vineyard Creek and Vineyard Ridge—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8624-8639 and 8655-8664—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

### Sonata

2025-2029 and 2095-2101—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

2065-2076—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12. Plant replacement in progress at various locations.

## 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 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.



### Glass products—Recycle container

Brown, clear or green glass bottles and jars, blue glass, glass food and beverage containers (i.e. soda, beer, wine, mayonnaise, pickles, etc.) All items must be empty and rinsed.

### Glass products—Garbage container

Plate glass, ceramics, drinking glasses, dishes, windows, mirrors, any glass connected to non-recyclable items or any recyclable items connected to non-recyclable glass.

## Update on the Maintenance Work Order Process

The Maintenance Services Department is pleased to inform you that we have implemented a new email notification system for work order requests. In order to institute this new process, we ask you for your help. We plan to update our database to include your email address. Please send an email to: [workorder@the-villages.com](mailto:workorder@the-villages.com) and provide us with your name, address, phone number and email address so we can enable the emailing status of your requested work orders.

Thank you for your efforts and support!

—Maintenance Services Department

## Roof & Rain Gutter cleaning schedule for 2017-2018

The following is an approximate start and completion date for subject to rain gutter cleaning at all the Villages, weather permitting.

Village	Start Date	Completion Date
Montgomery (Lower & Upper)	December 27	January 6
Del Lago	January 8	January 20
Fairways	January 22	January 27
Cribari	January 29	February 17
Verano	February 19	March 3
Highland	March 5	March 17
Glen Arden	March 19	March 24
Heights	March 26	March 31
Club Buildings	March 28	March 31

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the Maintenance Services Customer Service line at 408-223-4670.

### Valle Vista

9022-9027 and 9057-9060—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

9053-9056 and 9061-9066—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12.

9052—Leak detection in progress.

Jet mulch installation in progress.

### Verano

7051-7060 and 7384-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7022-7050—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/8-1/12. Daytime watering in progress.

Via Laguna; 7314-7321—Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Association

Monitoring of lake levels in progress.

Turf/grub activity damage control in progress.

Chemical treatment, animal trapping of skunks and raccoons, and lawn repairs at various districts in progress.

Mowing scheduled for every other week, weather permitting.

### Club Centers

Cribari, Foothill and Montgomery pools—Closed for the winter.

Clubhouse renovation project in progress.

Golf Course #4 doors on the 5<sup>th</sup> tee replacement in progress.

Next to Upper Gardens—Poison hemlock weed spraying control in progress.

## Make sure contractor debris is disposed of properly

The Landscape & Maintenance Department reminds Villagers who are having construction or repair work done to their villas to inform the contractors or repair persons doing the work that district dumpsters are not available for the disposal of construction and repair-related debris.

When you have work done, please take a moment to remind your contractor to dispose of construction waste properly. Villagers are encouraged to review Association Rule 2.13 for further details on this subject.

# BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

## NORTH

♠ 6  
♥ Q 6 2  
♦ K 10 6 5  
♣ K J 10 4 3

## WEST

♠ J 9 4 3  
♥ 5  
♦ A Q 9 7 2  
♣ 7 5 2

## EAST

♠ A Q 7 5 2  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ J 3  
♣ Q 9

## SOUTH

♠ K 10 8  
♥ A J 10 7 3  
♦ 8 4  
♣ A 8 6

Dealer: South  
Vulnerability: North/South

Bidding: South West North East  
1 Heart Pass 2 Hearts\* All Pass^

Contract: 2 Hearts by South  
Opening Lead: 3 of Spades

Dealer has 1 or more losers in Spades, 1 loser in Hearts, 2 probable losers in Diamonds, and maybe 1 in Clubs.

Strategy: Take out trumps and set up the Clubs.

West leads the 3 of Spades, East, the Ace, switches to the Jack of Diamonds, West wins with the Ace, plays a Heart, South covers low from the board, East, the 8, and South takes the trick with the 10. He leads the King of Spades, continues with another Spade, trumps it on the board, follows with the Queen of Hearts, East, the King, and South, the Ace. He now leads the Ace of Clubs, next plays a Club to the King on the board, then plays the Jack of Clubs, and East trumps with the 4 of Hearts. East now leads the Queen of Spades, South trumps with the 3 of Hearts, then plays the Jack of Hearts to get East's last trump. South leads a Diamond to the King on the board, and claims since he has a good Club on the board and a trump in his hand. Great! The contract is made with two over tricks.

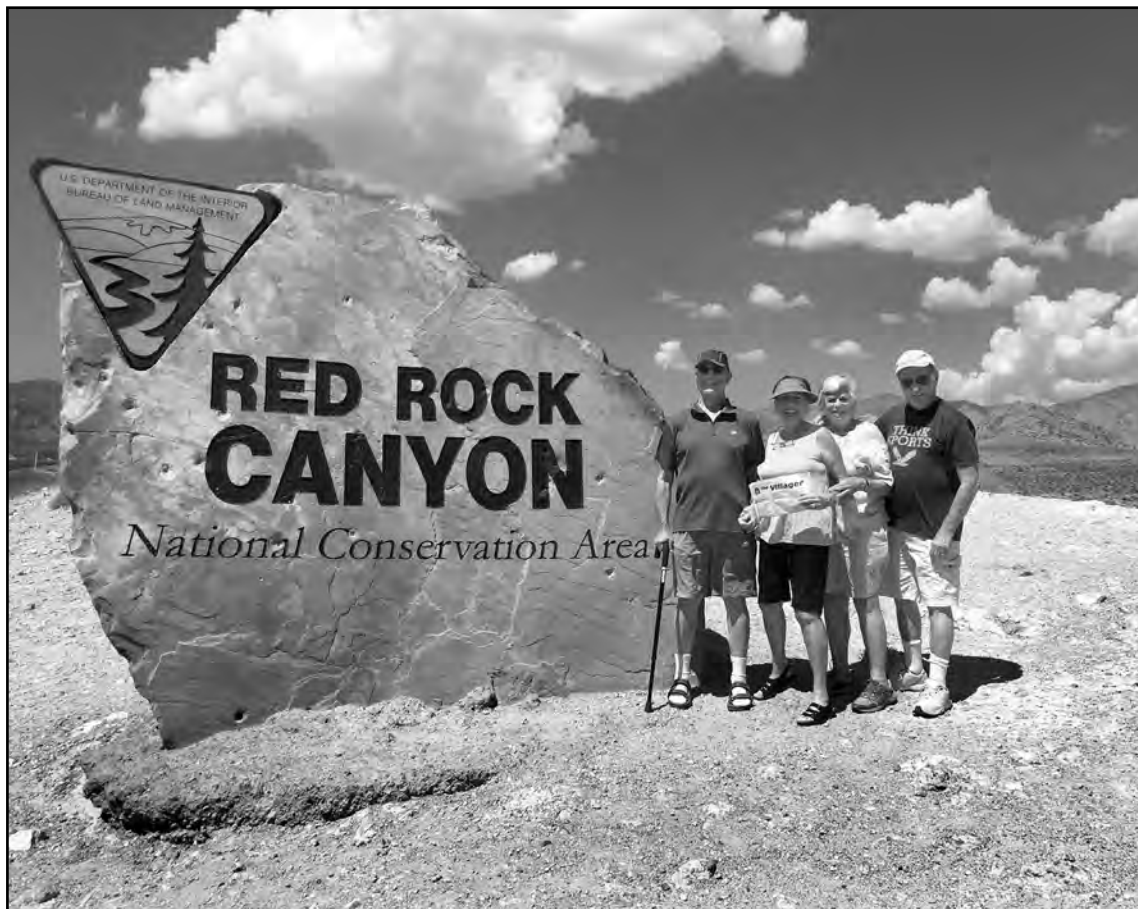
\* Some North players would bid 3 Hearts counting a point for his 5-card Club suit, and East would pass. If partner bids 3 Hearts, it might push some players to bid game.

^ Other East players upon hearing 2 Hearts might get into the bidding with 2 Spades. Then South would bid 3 Hearts.

# 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](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com). We'll publish your smiling face with your favorite local paper for all to see.



Judy and Michael Rogers visited some friends in Las Vegas. While they were there they took an excursion to nearby Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. The park offers hiking trails, camping, a visitors' center and a 13-mile scenic drive with spectacular views of the desert.

## Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

(With Tom Zades—contact him at: [tomzades@gmail.com](mailto:tomzades@gmail.com))



We moved in 1950 from a little rental in South Ozone Park, New York, to North Massapequa, Long Island. We were among the first waves of families moving "out on the Island" from "the city." Per the Internet, the population of Nassau County doubled during the 1950s from one million to two million people. I was 6 years old in 1950. Any memories before North Massapequa are dim and fuzzy at best. But those 10 years, growing up on Long Island, with woods to explore and new construction to play on, created memories to last a lifetime.

A string of 10 two-bedroom, one-bath houses had been built in what seemed like "the middle of nowhere" to the adults, but we kids could not have been happier. Among the many fond memories of growing up on Long Island is learning to swing on the birch trees that were right across the street from our row of houses. One dare would lead to another, and soon we were as high up a tree as we could climb, swinging from side to side, nearly touching the ground before springing back to vertical and starting down in the opposite direction. Funny how each generation thinks they have discovered something for the first time!

Not many years later I read Robert Frost's poem, "Birches," and became a fan of his for life. His opening line is: "When I see birches bend to left and right across the line of straighter darker trees, I like to think some boy's been swinging them." He goes on to blame that on ice storms, but ends with wonderful reminiscing about how a boy bends a birch tree. His last line is: "One could do worse than be a swinger of birches." How wonderful to have a childhood memory validated by the great Robert Frost!



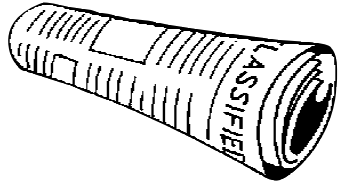
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## OBITUARY

**Elizabeth Divinia**  
28 March 1942 — 9 December 2017

Elizabeth, spiritual teacher, artist, dancer, and beloved spouse, passed peacefully in her favorite chair at home in the Villages on Saturday, 9 December 2017, even though resuscitation was vigorously attempted. Toward the end of September this year Elizabeth and spouse Michael moved to a beautiful, peaceful home in The Villages. Elizabeth loved living here—from her favorite chair she could see many trees, including a large oak tree, and a grass-covered area sloping down to a pond. She especially enjoyed seeing deer walking close to the patio.

Elizabeth was born in York, England, and, at birth, was given the name, Julia Ann Bell. Elizabeth and Michael met on 1 August 1981 at the Findhorn Community ([www.findhorn.org](http://www.findhorn.org)) in northern Scotland, and they were married in the Chapel of Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California, on 16 January 1982.

Elizabeth strongly supported the teaching and learning mission of San Jose City College and played a vital role in enabling Michael to continue serving as a Mathematics Instructor at San Jose City College until the Voice for the Holy Spirit prompted him to retire on 31 May 2017. Michael is thankful for all of the wonderful miracles that he and Elizabeth experienced.

The family of Elizabeth includes two brothers, David and Robert; three children, Lesley, Richard, and Jane; six grandchildren, Harry, Krystal, Emily, Daniel, Kayleigh, and Justin; and two great grandchildren, Eva-May and Oliver—all living in England.

Elizabeth served for many years as a teacher of *A Course in Miracles*, and in recent years, Elizabeth enjoyed the teachings of Eckhart Tolle (*The Power of Now* and *A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*).

There will be a Celebration of Life for Elizabeth on Sunday, 14 January 2018, from 1300 hours to 1600 hours in Vineyard Center (9100 Villages Fairway Drive). A Service of Remembrance will begin at 1400 hours, followed by light refreshments.

You may communicate with Michael via [Michael.Divinia@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.Divinia@gmail.com) or via 1-408-806-1730. Michael is thankful for prayers for Elizabeth and for him at this time.



**“A Being of Light,” a work of art channeled through Elizabeth.**

## About the Villages Post Office

**The Villages Post Office hours: 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Post Office located in Cribari Center (next to the VMA office).**

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## Attention publicity chairs:

**Submitting articles for The Villager:** As the New Year approaches, the many Villages clubs and organizations will be selecting new publicity chairpersons. This article is intended for the new and continuing publicity officers.

The Villager carries the announcements and news from more than 150 Villages clubs, committees and organizations every week. To place all this material in the paper, our staff needs the cooperation of the publicity chairs from all these groups. If you follow these few simple rules, you can make it easier on our editors and designers:

- Make your deadline—Editorial materials should be turned in no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, a week before publication. (If your article is going to be late, please call or e-mail and let us know when it might be coming in. That will be very helpful.)

- Follow the suggested word limits on your articles. (Most articles should be no longer than 250 words—for articles intended for the front page, the word count should be 150 words or fewer. (Features and articles from the governing boards and management generally require a higher word count and are placed on inside pages.) Features, in general, should top-out at about 600 words.

- Please fact check and edit your articles at least twice. Articles full of spelling, punctuation and grammar errors require a lot of staff time and make the production process much more complicated.

- Please put the name of your organization, your contact information and the desired dates of publication in the header above your article. Ambiguous details require us to try to contact you and increases preparation time.

- Keep your articles simple. Reconsider complicated instructions, too many graphics, poems, or other special treatments.

- Place the most important details of your article in the first paragraph and less important details in subsequent paragraphs. (In the event we have to shorten an article, that ensures that important details remain in the revised article.)

If you have questions or would like more specific details about deadlines, article guidelines, etc. please call or e-mail Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 ([ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com)) or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655 ([shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com)).

## Publicize your club's events on electronic media.

**Channel 26** is a billboard channel that board-recognized organizations may utilize for their promotional needs. It is accessible by all residents through the Villages basic Comcast service. Announcements run for 14 days (generally expiring on the day of your event, or the deadline for registration), and are graphically more flexible than the print counterparts but constrained by the form factor and the 15-second duration of each slide. Submission forms are available in the communications coordinator's office in Building B, as well as a downloadable copy and an on-line form at [thevillagesgcc.com/residents](http://thevillagesgcc.com/residents) in the Facilities and Amenities section under the Channel 26 tab.

**Fast Lane:** The other promotional avenue that board-recognized organizations have is the Fast Lane, a weekly email blast that is sent out each Wednesday afternoon. Announcements may be placed for two weeks prior to the event. The Fast Lane can accommodate more detail in the announcements than Channel 26, and reaches more than 1,100 Villagers, with an ever-increasing subscription list. To both subscribe to and to place an announcement in the Fast Lane, head over to [thevillagesgcc.com/residents](http://thevillagesgcc.com/residents) and select the Fast Lane tab in the Facilities and Amenities section.

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Winter session topics include Computer Basics (for beginners and anyone who wants to refresh their skills), Windows 10, iPhones and iPads, Android phones and tablets, the internet, Facebook, Gmail, Google Photos, Microsoft Word, Print Shop party projects, organizing the stuff on your computer, and even an iPad course for musicians. The two-hour workshops are a quick take on a variety of subjects. You can sign up by attending registration or by using the proxy form in the eight-page brochure (mailer), which includes the schedule and descriptions for all courses and workshops. If you do not receive the mailer directly, you can find it at [www.almadencca.org](http://www.almadencca.org)

If you were on the old mailing list, you'll receive the mailer. Copies will also be available at the information desk in the lobby in late December, or visit [www.almadencca.org](http://www.almadencca.org), where you'll find links for the schedule, mailer, and a proxy form. Call 408-674-1401 if you have questions.

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Guided meditation allows those who have never practiced meditation, and those who are experts, to partake in this movement to promote world peace by embodying and simultaneously sending out vibrations of peace and love. A brief introduction to meditation is followed by gentle stretches and then 20 minutes of meditation.

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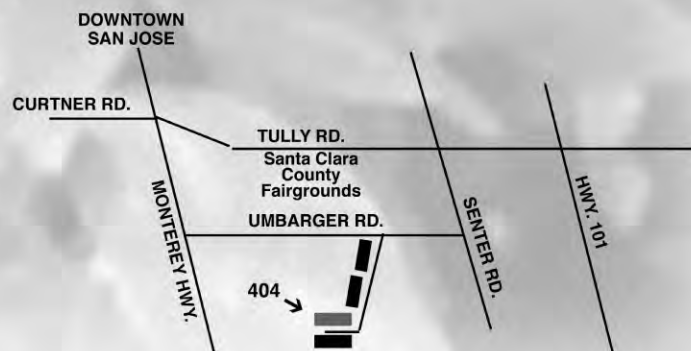


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