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## Spend Christmas season with the Foto Sisters

The Villages Music Society proudly presents the very delightful Foto Sisters—Adelyn, Katelyn and Gaylyn—on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas program in Cribari Auditorium features this up and coming ensemble playing violin, viola, cello, six-hand piano and singing. “They remind me of the Celtic Women to some degree,” said Ken Carter, director of the Village Voices.

The music of The Foto Sisters is a charming and unique blend of classical, cinematic, and pop styles, with that hint of Celtic. Audiences across the United States have been delighted and inspired by their heartfelt melodies and graceful instrumentation. For over 16 years, though still in their early 20s, this classically-trained sibling trio has appeared in many different venues, including conferences, schools, cantatas, churches, weddings, and charity events. “It’s hard to remember life as sisters without music,” said Gaylyn.

In addition to their regular appearances as a trio, the sisters have individually won concerto competitions, soloed and had leadership positions with youth orchestras in their native Louisiana. They have received coaching from the Harlem String Quartet, Peter Slowik, Christer Tepper, and many others and were mentored by the late Bob Walters (White House arranger). The Sisters have also trained with various vocal artists and pedagogues. Their roots run deep on many acres of country land in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the town they call home. When they are not on the road, the Foto sisters can be found pursuing various hobbies, enjoying their pets, playing regular games of Ultimate Frisbee, and connecting heart-to-heart with other families while dining around their family table.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from 10 a.m. to 12-noon this Saturday, December 1 and prior to the Villages Music Society performances in the lobby at Cribari Auditorium on December 6, 7, 8, and 9.



## Quimby Oak students offer free Villages concert

By Tony Berg

On Monday, December 3, at 3 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium we will be entertained by the Quimby Oak Middle School Symphonic Band and Chorus, led by their Director Gary Ortega.

This is a special opportunity for all Villagers to see the results of Measure EE in action. Do take this opportunity to see how our voter approved tax dollars are being used to help our local students excel.

Refreshments will be served before the performance and a collection box will be available for voluntary donations to support the music program at Quimby Oak Middle School.

Do put the date in your diary and plan to join us in celebration of the season and to support our local students. The concert is open to all Villagers at no charge. This event is sponsored by The Villages Democratic Club.

## Crafters Club Holiday Boutique is December 1

The Crafters Club Holiday Boutique is on Saturday, December 1 at the Cribari Auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please enjoy this poem:

Please join us as we kick off the season at the Crafters Club Holiday Boutique. Over 20 vendors displaying one of a kind items—so unique.

So many gifts to choose from—all handmade of the highest quality.

Holiday cards, jewelry and paintings—wreaths, and some tasty biscotti.

Bibs, towels and doll clothes, scarfs to keep you warm while it’s so cold.

Books to curl up and read with, something for all—young and old.

Ceramic totems, canvas paintings, quilts and succulent plants.

Little tiny miniature items, gift boxes and mosaic wall art.

Free coffee and cookies will melt in your mouth.

As we give away another chance to win...

A \$100 Clubhouse certificate, all happening at the Cribari Auditorium.

The Crafters Club thanks you, and we look forward to seeing you there!

## 'Welcome Yule!' brings music of peace and joy

In this season of yule logs, family and friends, peace and love, the Village Voices, Concert Band and Handbells reunite to bring you “Welcome Yule!” December 6 to 9 in Cribari Auditorium. Buy your tickets on Saturday, December 1, in the Cribari Lobby from 10 a.m. to noon.

Back by popular demand, the Voices, Concert Band, and Handbells reunite for a combined performance for only \$15 for open seating—a Christmas gift to Villagers from the Villages Music Society. Thursday and Friday night performances start at 7:30 p.m. and the Saturday and Sunday matinees

start at 2:30 p.m.

A holiday sing-along, charming songs of the season, and even silly songs about wanting hip-po-pot-a-mus-es-es for Christmas provide spirited performances to drive away the dark. This season of dark and light, of lighting fires and of singing together marks the coming of the longest night of the year at the winter solstice and the return of sun in the new year.

The Concert Band will play the holiday favorites including Leroy Anderson’s “Sleigh Ride,” “A Hanukkah Festival” medley of three traditional Hanukkah songs, and special guest Village Voice soloists joining in on “The Man with the Bag” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.” For a “different version” of “We Three Kings” the Handbells include boomwackers. What are they? Colored tubes used as percussion instruments produced by Craig Ramsell in 1995.

Providing musical magic, the Villages Concert Band under the direction of Jacque Leonard, the Village Voices under the direction of Ken Carter, and the Villages Handbells Ensemble under the direction of Earl and Kathi Levin set the stage for a celebration of peace, hope and joy.

# 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.

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the e-mail and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER.

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

An article by Fred Hink, Public Safety Director, that appeared in last Friday's Villager dated November 15, article on the topic of "The Villages vs Paradise Fire" was very well written. A lot of Villagers, myself included had these questions, if something like the Paradise tragedy or last year's Napa fires could happen here.

I think all of these questions were properly answered in the article. It is good to know the facts presented by Mr. Hink in his article were reassuring to us. And some of the things he mentioned we were not known.

We thank Mr. Hink for giving us a complete picture of the fire help available to us.

Also we wish that similar articles on other subjects would also appear in The Villager.

—Prakash Deshmukh

## 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.



The What I Love About The Villages column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)

If you have an uplifting comment to share about some aspect of life at The Villages, please email your contribution to Villager Associate Editor Kory Tran: ktran@the-villages.com, Villager Managing Editor Scott Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com or submit it in the Villager Article Submission area on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/villager/artsub/

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE VILLAGES

## ABOVE & BEYOND

Many people know that Lions Club International's major focus is vision preservation. What most Villagers don't know is that our own VMA saves and donates eyeglasses, cell phones, and hearing aids to the local Lions Club, the San Jose Host East Valley Lions. The eyeglasses go to Lions in Sight in Vallejo, the cell phones are converted to 911 only phones and donated to local domestic violence prevention programs and the hearing aids are re-calibrated and donated to veterans groups. In fact last year, San Jose Host East Valley collected and distributed over 10,000 items to local Bay Area programs. Many thanks to Toby Katzman and the VMA and all the Villagers who donated items for their continued support of this effort.

—Gayle Kludt, Co-President, San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club

What a remarkable Thanksgiving dinner my family and I experienced at the Clubhouse! My family came as far away as Martinez and Fresno so we could be together.

John Yu, Albert, Elizabeth and the rest of the staff served us with smiles; and were quick to accommodate our wishes. Our table arrangement was perfect for three children under three years of age. And the food was wonderful.

It made me very happy to share the beauty of The Villages with my family.

—Phyllis Ogden Sagen

## IN MEMORIAM

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.

### 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 or email ktran@the-villages.com.

**Sports:** Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.

**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 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages web site at: 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 408-887-5322, 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 408-223-4657 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

## A Vote is required to build our Pickleball Park

### By Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee

The Club Bylaws require a majority approval vote from Villagers on any project with an estimated cost of over \$235,000. To date, \$291,564 in donations processed through the Evergreen Villages Foundation has been raised for the proposed Pickleball Park with approximately another \$150,000 in donation commitments due by February. The Club Board of Directors (CBOD) has available up to \$400,000 from the existing capital improvement reserve fund. We will have a high confidence cost number once the Planning Permit is approved, but the expectation is that no additional Club funding would be needed.

The CBOD created the Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee and our purpose is to familiarize and inform residents so that everyone has the best available information prior to the projected vote in early 2019.

Our committee's hope is that fellow residents will cast their votes with confidence—expecting no significant surprises on either the cost or timeline!

The next major milestone will be when the courts design firm meets with the City of San Jose planner and gets approval for the Pickleball Park Planning Permit. This is scheduled to happen within the next two to three months.

**For questions of comments to the Pickleball Ad Hoc committee, please contact us at [pbahc@googlegroups.com](mailto:pbahc@googlegroups.com)**

## BOUQUETS

### VMA Fashion Show a hit thanks to all

Thanks to the 240 guests, sponsors, donors, models, chair ladies and the many volunteers who came to the VMA Fashion Show on November 14.

Wasn't Captain Tim Sutherland just the best emcee?! Linda Cureya had such a creative fashion show and the male models gave an extra pizzazz. John Yu provided delicious appetizers, served by his very capable staff. Pam and Jack McCarthy along with Renee Woolard created a wonderful ambiance. The music by Vera Johnston, Susan Ahlgrimm and Denise Roberts-Green was enjoyed by all. Lou Alexander was busy taking many pictures during the fashion show. Anahid Gregg took care of the reservations and other financial tasks. Marlyn Unger, Cookie Hales, Carleen Corsello and Laura Volz certainly kept busy selling raffle tickets and running the silent auction. We so appreciate the support of Mattie Alesi and the VMA.

It really does take a Village to have a successful fundraiser, thank you!

—Jan Flynn and Nancy Reed, VMA

## EPC SEZ..

Did you know that gas stations may not be able to pump gas if there is a wide-spread power outage? Be prepared by keeping your fuel tank at least half full at all times.

—The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee

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

## Notice of Proposed Changes to Association Policy APo 210 Nominating Committee

Proposed changes to The Villages Association Policy APo 210 Nominating Committee were conditionally approved by the Association Board of Directors at its November 13, 2018, meeting. However, before formal approval consideration, the proposed changes must be noticed and published 30 days as required by California Civil Code 4360 and Association Policy APo 101. To that end, the proposed changes will be considered for formal approval at the January 29, 2019 board meeting. The Board will consider oral and written comments regarding the proposed changes at the December 11, 2018, and January 29, 2019, study session. Response to the proposed policy changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the proposed changes at the Association Board of Directors study sessions, 2) via written comments delivered to the Board through Maria Hernandez in the General Manager's office at [mehernandez@the-villages.com](mailto:mehernandez@the-villages.com).

Deletions are noted in strikethrough font, additions are underlined, and the purpose of the change is in italics.

*The purpose of the proposed changes is to clarify the composition of the committee, committee functions, and qualified guidelines.*

### TITLE: Nominating Committee

### APo 210

**OBJECTIVE:** To define the process of appointing non-Board members to a Nominating Committee for the purpose of identifying and recruiting qualified candidates for election to the Association Board.

**GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** Article 6.1.1 of the Amended Bylaws of the Villages Association

**POLICY:** The Board shall annually appoint non-Board members to a standing Nominating Committee in compliance with Article 6.1.1 of the amended Villages Association Bylaws.

It shall further be the policy of the Board that the Nominating Committee, after it's initial orientation meeting, function totally independent of the Board. Board Members shall not make any independent contact either verbally or in writing with the Committee unless the Board Member is seeking re-election or such contact is initiated by the Nominating Committee Chair.

**IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES:** Refer to Association Procedure Number APr 210.

### THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to:

1. Provide awareness within the community of the need for qualified director candidates.
2. Seek and identify qualified director candidates.
3. Assist interested potential candidates in understanding the scope and responsibilities of a director, which include but are not limited to:
  - term of office
  - time commitments
  - fiduciary responsibilities
  - Association objectives
  - administrative duties
  - governance by Policy
4. Advise potential candidates of various campaign options, as well as the petition process.
5. Act independently of the Board influence.

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

1. Composition:
  - a. The Committee should consist of at least ~~five (5)~~ or more three (3) but no more than ~~seven (7)~~ members appointed annually by the Board.
  - b. The Board shall annually appoint new members to the Nominating Committee in October to serve the normal term of office. The Board shall appoint replacement members to serve the remaining term of any vacancies on the Nominating Committee at the next Board Meeting following the occurrence of a vacancy.
  - c. Committee members must be resident owners in good standing who are currently not members of the Association Board.
  - d. It is highly desirable that one member of the Committee be a past Association Board Member, to the Committee who can contribute his/her insight into how the Board functions and the skills required of a Board Member.
  - e. The Committee will select a Chairperson and Secretary.
  - f. The Secretary shall maintain minutes of committee meetings in writing. Progress reports,

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# MANAGEMENT

## The Family Giving Tree is coming to The Villages again!

Family Giving Tree is a local organization that has been making Christmas a joy for low income children and seniors for over for 25 years. The Family Giving Tree is extremely successful in collecting and distributing gifts, mostly to children, but seniors as well, and keeping overhead to near zero through volunteer participation.

For the ninth (that's right The Villages has been granting wishes for over eight years) consecutive year the Villages is part of that wonderful process. Tags with gift wishes are available in Villages Business Administration Building A. The gift wish tags describe the person the gift is intended for and what they have wished for. For example: Amber, 7 year-old girl would like to have a "Elsa" doll, 10-year old Jason would like a soccer ball, and Joe, a senior, would like some warm socks and a scarf.



You are invited to choose a gift wish tag (or more than one) and then go shopping for that person's gift – some tags are for gift cards from Safeway, Target, Walmart or similar stores. A collection point has also been set up in Villages Business Administration Building A and staff volunteers will deliver your gift to the Family Giving Tree warehouse for wrapping and distribution. Only new, unwrapped gifts please. The deadline to receive gifts is Friday, December 7. Please contact Julia Meadows at

408-223-4634 or Susan Schubert 408-223-4430 for more details.  
Thank you for your continued support of this heartwarming drive.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Holiday courtesy rides

To many people, the holidays are synonymous with parties and drinking. While this is a time to celebrate with family and friends, it is also a time when some may overindulge. An error in judgment could mean that someone might not survive to see the New Year. For those who may have celebrated a little too much, Public Safety officers will provide courtesy rides home to residents who reside within the Villages. Public Safety will additionally assist residents' guests in obtaining commercial means of transportation. Remember, you as a Villager are responsible for your guests while they are in the Villages.

The Department of Public Safety wishes you a joyous and safe holiday season.

### Guest Bar Code renewal for 2019

It is that time of year again to renew all guest bar codes.

Your current guest bar codes will be automatically renewed, at a cost of \$6 each. No forms required. The guest bar codes will be activated for the 2019 calendar year. You will see the billing on your January 2019 statement. If you do not want a guest bar code renewed, please contact Public Safety Administration at 408-239-5246, option 2, by December 14, 2018.

Any change requests can be made with Public Safety Administration, Building C, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

As always, your resident bar code does not need to be renewed.

### A message from Accounting

Many Villagers have been patiently waiting for this to happen—beginning January 1, 2019, Villagers will have the option to receive their monthly statements via e-mail.

You will receive an authorization form with your November statement. If you want to receive your monthly statement by email, please complete the form and return it to the Accounting office in Building A.

If you have any questions, please contact Salvador Tlazola at 408-223-4639 or email [stlazola@the-villages.com](mailto:stlazola@the-villages.com).



### Missed your Villager?

If you missed delivery of your weekly copy of *The Villager*, please call 408-223-4655 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.thevillages-gcc.com](http://www.thevillages-gcc.com)—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

**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**  
**[www.vmvillages.org](http://www.vmvillages.org)**

The Villages Medical Auxiliary

## Coming in December

**Blood Pressure Clinic:** Come have your blood pressure checked. Wednesday, December 5, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Forum Room.

**Parkinson's Caregivers Support Group:** Meet with other caregivers of those with Parkinson's. Wednesday, December 5, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Building A in Conference Room A.

**Respite Day:** A time for Residents who are caregivers to take some time to themselves and know that their loved one is in a safe environment with professional caregivers from With Grace Hospice engaging in various holiday activities. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required and there will be limited availability. Wednesday, December 5 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room.

**Cancer Support Group:** Canceled.

**Hearing Aid Clean and Check:** Hearing Life will be present for this event. Registration is required. Thursday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Montgomery Center.

**Grief Support Group:** a facilitator from Hospice of the Valley leads this monthly grief group. Monday, December 10, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Conference Room.

**Stem Cell Therapy:** Dr. Thomas Santucci, Clinical Director of Advanced Regen Medical will be educating residents on this new, elective treatment method. Wednesday, December 12, 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m., Vineyard Center.

**Diabetes Support Group:** a place to share experiences and techniques for successful management of diabetes. Wednesday, December 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Cribari Conference Room

**Caregivers Support Group:** a group designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for all caregivers facilitated by Villager, Judy London, Ph.D. Thursday, December 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Patio Room.

Reminder: Free incontinence supplies are available at the VMA office.

If you have any questions or need information regarding our upcoming programs or the services we provide, please contact VMA Social Service Coordinator Cristina Freyer at [cfreyer@ncphs.org](mailto:cfreyer@ncphs.org) or 408-238-4029.

## FOUNDATION FOCUS

### Giving Tuesday

By Diana Hallock, EVF Board

Giving Tuesday refers to the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It is a movement started in 2012 to create an international day of giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season. Last Tuesday, November 27, Americans were encouraged to be generous with their chosen charities...and it is not too late! The Evergreen Villages Foundation and the Villages Medical Auxiliary are still accepting Giving Tuesday donations to support a rich, full life and abundant health here in the Villages. Please visit [www.evfsj.org](http://www.evfsj.org)



### 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 408-223-4681; [kpatterson@the-villages.com](mailto:kpatterson@the-villages.com), or go to Building B to sign up in person.

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### *Del Lago DAC to meet December 13*

Del Lago is holding its last DAC meeting for 2018 on Thursday, December 13 in the Montgomery Center. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. This final meeting of the year will give a chance to review highlights and issues of the year and to share plans for the year ahead. This is also a good chance for new residents to come and meet their del Lago neighbors.

**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 408-754-1341 to arrange for space to be available. You may e-mail your copy to: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com)**

### *Proposed Changes to APo 210...*

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identifying the number of qualified candidates, shall be submitted to the Board monthly during the year and at the Board study sessions and the Board meetings during the sixty (60) day period prior to release of ballots for election of Directors.

g. The first meeting of the year shall be called by the ABOD Liaison to this committee, at which time an orientation is given reviewing the functioning of the Committee and the role of the Committee.

2. Term: A Nominating Committee member may serve two consecutive one-year terms. Two-year staggered appointments: Reappointment is possible subject to a two-term limit. There must be a one-year break in service after any two consecutive one-year terms.

#### **COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS**

1. Meet to conduct planning or discuss and evaluate potential candidates.
2. Acquire knowledge about qualifications and interests of potential candidates.
3. Encourage qualified persons to run for the Association Board of Directors.
4. Conduct personal interviews with each potential candidate (refer to qualification requirements and guidelines below).
5. Nominate as many qualified board candidates as possible, but not less than the number of positions required to be filled.
6. Announce the candidates by the deadline for nominations declared by the Board not less than 35 days and not more than 45 days prior to the date of the annual election of Directors at the Member Meeting held in June.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible to serve on the Association Board, a member must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a resident owner and a member in good standing
- Cannot serve concurrently on the Club Board of Directors
- Only one owner of a particular unit may serve at any time

#### **DESIRED ABILITIES IN A CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

Each candidate, should he/she be elected, is expected to contribute one or more of the total qualification abilities that a successful board needs to perform its functions. The following list provides examples of the general criteria and qualifications desired abilities that the Nominating Committee should strive to impartially and objectively identify in potential director candidates:

- communication skills (written and verbal)
- commitment to the Association's Mission Statement
- knowledge of the Association's operations (DAC experience preferred)
- volunteer and career-related experience
- interpersonal skills
- basic understanding of finance
- leadership capability
- willingness to work as a team member with other directors on behalf of the best interests of the community
- be an experienced e-mail user
- experience serving on a board

## 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, December 11, at 9:15 a.m. in Foothill Center.

The Villages Association Board of Directors regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, December 11 immediately after the Study Session in Foothill Center.

#### **Club**

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, December 11, at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center.

#### **Homeowners**

The Villages Homeowners Corporation Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting will be held Thursday, January 10, at 9 a.m. in Foothill Center.

### *Comcast representatives on-site*

Here is your opportunity to get your questions answered or problems solved! A Comcast representative will be on site Tuesdays during the month of November and December.

- November 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 4, 11, 18
- Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Where: Redwood Room – Cribari Center
- Event Objective – Answer questions, bill reviews, add or remove services, update equipment and more.

## SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

### *Partial payment of property tax*

**Question:** I cannot pay my entire property tax payment due December 10, 2018. Should I go ahead and send them a partial payment?

**Answer:** Yes! Pay the amount that you can.

Prior to 2017, the County returned any amount that was less than the full amount stated on the first and/or second installment tax bills. The taxpayer would subsequently be assessed a 10 percent penalty, plus any applicable fees and charges, on the full amount of the delinquent tax bill.

Today, the County is kinder and gentler. The County accepts partial payment and only the unpaid amount on the first and second installment bills will be treated as delinquent tax on December 10 and April 10 of each year. The County will add a 10 percent penalty and applicable costs only to any unpaid tax amounts on the delinquency dates.

You can pay the remainder in any number of payments and can pay online at [taxpayment.sccdtac.org](http://taxpayment.sccdtac.org). The amount due for the first installment must be paid in full before the Department will apply any payments to the second installment. The entire amount must be paid by June 30, the end of our county's fiscal year, or additional rules and penalties will apply.

If your payment is less than the amount due on the installment, you will receive a Balance Due Statement. On the Property Tax website there is a field displayed as "Amount Paid to Date" that will show the total payments made to date.

*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 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 Notice:**

### *New limits for 2019 retirement contributions*

Working taxpayers will be able to contribute \$6,000 to their traditional IRA accounts in 2019, up from \$5,500 which has been the amount since 2013. The additional \$1,000 for a catch-up contribution has not changed so a working Villager age 50 can contribute a total of \$7,000 in 2019.

Participants in 401(k) plans will be able to set aside up to \$19,000 next year, up from \$18,500. The catch-up contribution for 401(k) remains at \$6,000 for a total of \$25,000.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Friday, November 30

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Game Day	Red, SEQ
9 a.m.	Villages Golf Comm.	MC
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
9:45 a.m.	Tai Chi	FC
10 a.m.	Quilters	P
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
5:30 p.m.	Hermosa DAC Potluck	FC
6 p.m.	Mexican Train Domino	MV

1 p.m.	Ceramics	CER
1 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	P
2 p.m.	VAT Board	F
2 p.m.	Hamilton Sign Ups	VC
2 p.m.	Democratic Program	A
2 p.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
3 p.m.	Chapel Ministry	P
6 p.m.	Dance Fusion	MMP
6:45 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
6:45 p.m.	Yoga	MMP
7 p.m.	Camera Competition	CR
7:30 p.m.	Table Tennis	MMP

10 a.m.	Parkinson Caregivers	BGA
10 a.m.	Total Body Fitness	A
10:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic	F
10:30 a.m.	Republican Brunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins	CH
12 p.m.	Holiday Respite	CR
1 p.m.	Open studio	AR
2 p.m.	Ping Pong	MMP
6 p.m.	Dance Fusion	MMP
6 p.m.	Mexican Trains Domino	MC
6:45 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Global Village	CR
7 p.m.	Yoga	MMP
7:30 p.m.	Village Voices	A

## Saturday, December 1

8 a.m.	Crafters' Fair	A
9:30 a.m.	Ukulele Singing	FC
10 a.m.	Olivas Brunch	CH
10 a.m.	Dog Club	GP
10 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Concert Ticket Sale	CR
5 p.m.	Cibh. Dinner Dance	CH

## Tuesday, December 4

8:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Club	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	SEQ
9:30 a.m.	SIR 114 Lunch	CH
10 a.m.	Acrylics and Oil Studio	AR
10 a.m.	ADL/Parkinson Class	A
10 a.m.	Club Rules Comm.	BGA
10 a.m.	Ukulele - Advanced	F
11 a.m.	Comcast Q & A	RED
11:15 a.m.	Yoga	MMP
11:30 a.m.	Walking Class	A
1 p.m.	Brandeis Study Group	P
1 p.m.	Ceramics	CER
1:30 p.m.	Game Day	RED
2 p.m.	Senior Acad. Lecture	A
2 p.m.	Veteran's Club	FC
2 p.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
5 p.m.	EPC First Aid Class	CR
6 p.m.	Chapel Lay Board	P
6:45 p.m.	Band Rehearsal	A
7 p.m.	Catholic Council	MC
7 p.m.	Astronomy Club	FC

## Thursday, December 6

9 a.m.	A/C Association	FC
9 a.m.	Finance Committee	BGA
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED, SEQ
9 a.m.	Chapel Music Comm.	P
9:30 a.m.	Experimental Watercolor	AR
9:45 a.m.	Line Dance - Beginning	MMP
10 a.m.	Cancer Support Group	CR
10 a.m.	Hearing Aid Clean/Check	MC
10 a.m.	Genealogy Club	VC
10 a.m.	Walking Class	A
11:15 a.m.	Yoga	MMP
12:30 p.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Ceramics	CER
2 p.m.	Table Tennis Play	MMP
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	CR
6 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
7 p.m.	Italian Club Board	P
7 p.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	MC
7 p.m.	Folksters	CR
7:30 pm.	Village Voices Concert	A

## Sunday, December 2

7:15 a.m.	Catholic Choir Practice	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
8:30 a.m.	Episcopal Services	MC
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir Practice	SEQ
9:30 a.m.	Chapel worship	F
10 a.m.	Comm. Chapel Service	A
10 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
11 a.m.	Chapel Fellowship	CR
5:30 p.m.	Jewish Chanuka Party	CH

## Monday, December 3

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	18 Hole Women Board	P
9 a.m.	Fellowship	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED, SEQ
9 a.m.	Swingers Potluck	VC
10 a.m.	Republican Club Board	CR
10 a.m.	Cardio Class	A
10 a.m.	Line Dance	MMP
10 a.m.	Fitness Committee	F
10 a.m.	Open Studio	AR

## Wednesday, December 5

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	VMA Board	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED, SEQ
9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study	P
9:45 a.m.	Tai Chi	VC
10 a.m.	Collage Critique Studio	AR

## Friday, December 7

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	FC
8:45 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED, SEQ
9 a.m.	VGC - Golf Course	BGA

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	
FCR	Fitness 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	

# Holiday Greetings

## Look What's Coming

Register in Building B.

Mark your calendars and watch The Villager for details on upcoming events!

Date	Event	In Villager	Registration
12/6	Holiday Light Tour		NOW
12/5-7	Reno		NOW
12/10	Union Square		NOW
12/16	Winter's Gifts - The Choral Project		NOW
12/20	Shen Yun		SOLD OUT
1/6	Cirque du Soleil - Volta		NOW
1/26	Come From Away		NOW
3/13	Hamilton	TBD	TBD
4/4	Hamilton	TBD	TBD
5/9	Hamilton	TBD	TBD
5/17	Sandy Hackett Comedy	3/14	3/18
6/10	Choral Project	TBD	TBD

Now Playing **27** on Channel  
Every 3-Hours  
Starting at 12, 3, 6 & 9 am & pm

+0:00 123691236912369123691  
**Fire Safety**  
In The Villages

+1:00 14710147101471014710147101  
The Villages  
**Fitness Center**

+1:55 14710147101471014710147101  
**Scams**  
and Other Consumer Pitfalls

+2:30 25811258112581125811258112  
**Aerial Views**  
of The Villages

Except during the Channel 27  
**Weekend Movie**  
Friday & Saturday 8 pm to Midnight  
Saturday & Sunday Midnight to 4 am  
Sunday 4 to 8 pm  
Saturday & Sunday Noon to 4 pm

**Club events & notices**  
More information on  
**26** on Channel  
The Resident Portal  
resident.thevillagesgcc.com  
In the Facilities & Amenities section

**Complimentary WiFi**  
is available at a variety of Villages public facilities  
**Network:** Villages public  
**Password:** villages



This Week End on Channel **27**  
Friday 8pm  
Saturday 12am, 12pm & 8pm  
Sunday 12am, 12pm & 4pm

# 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. Bring water, snacks, poles and lunch as necessary. Wear layered clothing appropriate to the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday** - Villages Hill Hike. 8:45 a.m. from Foothill Center. **Every Saturday** - Villages Hill Hike with Russ Glines 9 a.m. from Foothill Center

**Saturday, December 1:** Harvey Bear Ranch. The hikers will start at the Mendoza Ranch Entrance off Roop Road. The long hikers led by Nancy Rumble at 408-238-7535 will hike about 7-8 miles on the following trails: Coyote Ridge, Gavioto, Blue Oak, Ohole, Valley Oak, and Mummy Mountain Trail. We will stop at Coyote Lake for a bathroom, and a snack or lunch by the lake. The Ramblers might enjoy the Mummy Mountain Trail or out and back on the Valley Oak Trail with a visit to the Lake. Bring lunch, water and sticks. Wear boots and layers. This is about a 25-mile round trip drive.

**Wednesday, December 5 ( Rambler):** Los Gatos Creek Trail. John and Sandy Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a hike along Los Gatos Creek trail. This easy "out and back" hike will begin at the Oak Meadow City Park parking lot—just 50 yards past the entrance to Vasona County Park. Parking and access to the trail are available at both parks: parking is free at Oak Meadow for seniors over 60, but there is always a daytime parking fee at Vasona. Roundtrip hike length is about 4 miles. We will have a bit of time to explore downtown Los Gatos and stop at Le Boulanger for refreshments. There will also be an optional lunch stop at Panera on the way back. Round trip driving mileage is approximately 40 miles. We will meet at 9 a.m. at Cribari for a 9:15 a.m. departure.

**Saturday, December 8:** Susan Brown (408-531-9750) will lead a hike to South Rim Trail in Alum Rock Park. The long hikers will have a choice of doing 7 or 9 miles round trip and the Ramblers can do a total of 5 miles. Bring water, lunch and poles. Round trip to the park is about 20 miles.

**Wednesday, December 12:** ( Rambler) Evergreen Square Ramon and Marianna Reza (714-306-5333) will lead a rambler hike to Evergreen Plaza via Montgomery Hill. The hike route will take us through the neighboring Estates and then head north on Yerba Buena Road along the boundary of Montgomery Hill Park. There will be an optional coffee stop at the Starbucks on the Square. The round-trip distance is about 5 miles. If desired, convenient bus return is available at a cost of \$0.80. We will meet at the Cribari Center at 8:30 a.m. for an 8:45 a.m. departure.

**Saturday, December 15:** Rich Bainbridge (408-499-1789) will lead a hike up our hill starting at the upper garden. Route and length to be determined by the weather and participants. Meeting at 8:45 a.m., leaving at 9 a.m.

## CAMERA CLUB

**December meetups within the Villages:** The Villages Horse Barn with horses dressed in Christmas finery, Christmas decorations at Montgomery Pond. Contact Susie Martin for dates and times: 408-274-1008 or susie9474@comcast.com.

**Monday, December 3:** Competition Night for members from 7 to 9 p.m. in Cribari Conference room. See the website for information on our judge for December, Jeff Dunn.

**Monday, December 17:** Program night in the Cribari Conference Room from 7 to 9 p.m. features two topics to help you understand and use creative techniques. Peter Nicholls presents "Special Effects Photography" and Bill Watson presents "High Dynamic Range (HDR) Photography."

See winning photographs at [www.villagescameraclub.com](http://www.villagescameraclub.com), in the hallway of Cribari Center, and in the clubhouse hallway to the left of the main entrance.

## 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)

**\*\*RSVP for Coloring Party:** Wendy Ledamun at [wledamun49@gmail.com](mailto:wledamun49@gmail.com)

**\*\*\* RSVP to:** Judy Wessler at [judywessler@gmail.com](mailto:judywessler@gmail.com)

**Ceramics Room:** Open Studio Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. See website.

**November 30:** Final Contracts due for Annual Members Juried Art Show. Can be downloaded from website or find hard copies in A&C mailbox.

**December 5:** Acrylic Holiday Ornaments with Nancy Meyer. Wed. 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Art Room. \*\*

**December 6:** Annual Members Juried Art Show Intake Day. Thursday 1 - 1:30 p.m. in The Art Room. Jeff Bramschreiber is our Juror.

**December 7: Annual Members Juried Art Show & Reception.** Cribari Conf. Room 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**January 7 – February 4:** Intermediate Watercolor w/Ciel Duke. Mondays 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$75 members; \$80 non-members. Drawing and Beginning Watercolor are pre-requisites.\*

**January 8:** Art Film, Tue. 7 p.m. at Vineyard Ctr. "Paris: The Luminous Years: Toward the Making of the Modern."

**January 28: Monday 3 p.m.** Art room. Regular Monthly Meeting of A&C Advisory Board.

**Open studio:** Mondays 1 to 3 p.m. with Jane Hink. Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon with Barbara Gottesman. Fridays 9:30 a.m. to noon with Joan Fury.

**Stitchery Group:** Mondays. Patio Room 1 – 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372.

## POLE WALKERS CALENDAR

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse Parking Lot unless otherwise indicated

Every first and third Monday – Meet at the Gazebo

First Wednesday of the Month - Walk to Le Boulanger

Second Wednesday of the Month - Walk to the Farmers Market

Third Wednesday of the Month - Walk to New Seasons

Fourth Wednesday of the Month - Walk to McDonald's

Fifth Wednesday of the Month - Walk to the Farmers Market

First Friday of the Month - Walk Highlands, meet at Gazebo

Second Friday of the Month - Walk Hermosa, meet at Fairway

Third Friday of the Month - Walk Olivias, meet at Solera

Fourth Friday of the Month - Walk Del Lago, meet at Clubhouse

Fifth Friday of the Month - Meet at Montgomery Center

**For more information,** contact Remy at 650-776-8850 or [remypessah@gmail.com](mailto:remypessah@gmail.com)



## VILLAGES AMATEUR THEATRE

Auditions will be conducted Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Foothill Center for the VAT's early April show (on April 5, 6 and 7)—"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." There are singing, non-singing, speaking and non-speaking parts available. See our article in "Clubs" for more details.



## MUSIC SOCIETY: TAKE NOTE

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

**Saturday, December 1:** Tickets sales for the holiday special "Welcome Yule!" by Villages Music Society and the "Foto Sisters Christmas Concert" (\$20).

**Thursday-Sunday, December 6, 7, 8, 9:** "Welcome Yule!" a concert with Voices, Concert Band and Handbells reuniting for the holidays. (See related article.)

**Wednesday, December 12:** "Foto Sisters Christmas Concert," sponsored by the Villages Music Society. A trio of sisters blend vocals and strings at 7:30 p.m. Cribari Auditorium. Sacred, classical, and inspirational music with original orchestrations. Tickets are \$20. (See related article.)

**Rehearsal/Meeting Schedule**

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

**Villages Handbells Ensemble:** Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. Kathi or Earl Levin at 408-270-5458.

**Opera Lovers:** Second Fridays for monthly meetings, 1:30 p.m. in Vineyard Center. Bonnie Preston at 408-531-1513.

**Piano Club Open Studio:** No meetings through December 2018. Next meeting Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 2 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Estelle Kabbani at [marchstar@comcast.net](mailto:marchstar@comcast.net) or 408-238-7246.

**Village Voices:** Wednesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. in Foothill Center. Aileen Reid at 408-809-4884.

**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.thevillagesgcc.com](http://www.thevillagesgcc.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!

**Early Bird Specials:** Get a ten-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 the Clubhouse Restaurant.

**Clubhouse Christmas Dinner Dance:** Come join us on Saturday, December 1, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a Christmas Dinner Dance. Buffet dinner will be served at 5 p.m. with dancing to follow at 6 p.m. with DJ Ed Knott. Please see the ad on the next page for menu information. For reservations call 408-223-4676 or e-mail [ju@the-villages.com](mailto:ju@the-villages.com)

**N.Y.E. Festivities:** Please see our ad on the next page for reservation and menu info on our Early Bird Café reservations and our Midnight Dinner Dance. Reservations for both begin on Tuesday, November 27 at 9 a.m.

**Clubhouse Reservations:** It's easier than ever to make restaurant reservations.

Go to: [www.clubhouserreservation.com](http://www.clubhouserreservation.com) and sign-up to make restaurant reservations quickly and easily. Confirmations are automatically sent to you via e-mail or text.

## 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/All Day Menu:** Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### LUNCH SPECIALS SERVED ALL WEEK

**Caribbean Chicken Salad**

**\$12.95**

*Spinach, Mandarin Oranges, Pears, Apples, Strawberries, Walnuts and Marinated Grilled Chicken—served with a Cup of Soup*

**California Burger**

**\$12.50**

*Angus Patty with Avocado, Pepper Jack Cheese and Bacon on a Brioche Bun—served with Choice of One Side*

**Mahi-Mahi**

**\$13.50**

*Grilled Pacific Mahi-Mahi with a Pineapple Chutney and Garlic, Lemon Butter—served with Soup or Salad*

### DAILY SOUP SPECIALS

*Tuesday, December 4*

*Soup: Butternut Squash*

*Wednesday, December 5*

*Soup: Roasted Pepper and Artichoke with Feta and Cilantro*

*Thursday, December 6*

*Soup: French Onion*

*Friday, December 7*

*Soup: Clam Chowder*

*Saturday, December 8*

*Soup: Chef's Choice*

*Sunday, December 9*

*Soup: Chef's Choice*

### Lunch Specials

**Tuesday 12-4**

**to**

**Sunday 12-9**

*Lunch specials are served with choice of soup or salad.*

### DINNER SPECIALS SERVED ALL WEEK

**Caprese Salad with Prawns**

**\$18.95**

*Roma Tomatoes, Fresh Mozzarella and Grilled Prawns over Greens—served with a Cup of Soup*

**Filet Mignon Tid Bits**

**\$26.95**

*Filet Mignon Tid Bits with a Cabernet Reduction Sauce—served with Soup or Salad*

**Northern Halibut**

**Market Price**

*Grilled Northern Halibut with a Caper Beurre Blanc Sauce—served with Soup or Salad*

### Dinner Specials

**Tuesday 12-4**

**to**

**Sunday 12-9**

## ACTIVITIES

**Monday December 3**

• Vino Paint Night—Café—5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Tuesday December 4**

• SIR #114 Luncheon—Sunset, Oak and Fairway Rooms—9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Wednesday December 5**

• Republican Club Brunch—Fairway Room—10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
• Dippy Dolphins—Sunset Room—11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
• Evergreen Community Center—Oak and Fairway Rooms—5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Thursday December 6**

• 18 Hole Ladies Christmas Lunch—Oak and Fairway Rooms—12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Friday December 7**

• Private Event—Oak and Fairway Rooms—11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
• Jazzercise Luncheon—Sunset Room—11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
• Private Event—Sunset, Oak and Fairway Rooms—6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

**Saturday December 8**

• Italian Club Christmas Part—Sunset, Oak and Fairway Rooms—5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**Sunday December 9**

• Private Event—Oak and Fairway Rooms—11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
• Tennis Club Holiday Dinner—Oak and Fairway Rooms—5:30 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.

Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

**Appetizer/All Day 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

-Pizzas

-Appetizers

-Desserts

-Grill Items

*Full Bar available with Beers on Tap.*

More CLUBHOUSE ITEMS on page 9



# BOUQUETS

The Food and Beverage team want to thank the decorating team who helped us serve more than 800 Turkey dinners on Thanksgiving. Kudos to Melinda Dobbs, Penny Barcellos, Pam Watson, and Pam and Jack McCarthy.

The festive ambiance created a wonderful holiday experience for our diners who responded with many, many compliments.

— John Yu, Food and Beverage Director

**Food Alert:** Because of the recent advisories about E. coli contaminated Romaine lettuce, the Villages Clubhouse Restaurant and the Bistro Bar & Grille will be removing dishes that may utilize potentially affected lettuce.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

## CLUBHOUSE & BISTRO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

**Monday December 24:**

Bistro & Bar will close at 2 p.m.  
Clubhouse Restaurant is Closed.

**Tuesday December 25:**

Bistro & Bar is Closed.  
Clubhouse Restaurant is Closed.

**Wednesday December 26:**

Regular business hours for all operations.

**Monday December 31:**

Bistro & Bar is open regular hours.  
Clubhouse Restaurant is Closed, but will open for reservation-only N.Y.E. festivities.

**Tuesday January 1:**

Bistro & Bar is Closed.  
Clubhouse Restaurant is Closed.

**Wednesday January 2:**

Regular business hours for all operations.

## 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.

## New Year's Eve 2019

### Midnight Countdown New Years Eve Dinner Dance

Monday December 31, 2018 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

7 p.m. Reception 8 p.m. Dinner  
12 a.m. Champagne Toast

**Reception**  
Imported & Domestic Cheese Display, Assorted Canapes and Passed Appetizers

**Salad**  
Spinach Salad with Candied Walnuts, Cranberries and Goat Cheese with Walnut Dressing

**Entrée Selections**  
Filet Mignon with Mushroom Cap and Green Peppercorn Sauce  
Scampi Prawns and Day Boat Scallops

**Accompaniments**  
Asparagus and Red Peppers  
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

**Dessert**  
New Orleans Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce

Dancing to the Sounds of the Jerry Saucedo Band  
Balloon Drop at Midnight  
Midnight Champagne Countdown  
Decorations & Party Favors

\$67 Plus Service Charge & Tax  
Reservations Begin on Tuesday November 27 at 9 a.m.  
Please call 408-754-1337  
or e-mail theclubhouse@the-villages.com  
Please make sure to give your entrée selection



**The Clubhouse**  
408-223-4667  
theclubhouse@the-villages.com  
Menus at www.thevillagesgcc.com

## Prime Rib

Served at The Clubhouse  
Every Friday and Saturday Nights




### Clubhouse Christmas Dinner Dance

5pm to 9pm Saturday December 1st

5pm Buffet Dinner Starts

- Salad Bar, Green Bean Cassarole
- Chicken Marsala, Shepards Pie
- Mixed Grain Rice Pilaf
- Array of Christmas Desserts
- Coffee, Ice Tea and Lemonade

6pm to 9pm

Dancing with DJ Ed Knott

\$21 including service charge and tax. \$7 special wine corkage  
Call for reservation John Yu 408 223 4676  
Or email, jyu@the-villages.com



**NO CORKAGE TUESDAYS**

Bring your favorite bottle of wine and your favorite people any and every Tuesday at the Clubhouse Restaurant. No Corkage will be charged with a dinner order. One-bottle limit per two guests. Standard size bottles only.



**NO CORKAGE FEE**

Clubhouse Restaurant Only

**The December 3  
VinoPaint Night  
has been canceled**

### 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.

## 2019 New Year's Eve

### Early Bird Dinner

Monday December 31, 2018  
Two Seatings 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

**Salad**  
Spinach Salad with Candied Walnuts, Cranberries and Goat Cheese with Walnut Dressing

**Entrée Selections**  
Filet Mignon with Mushroom Cap and Green Peppercorn Sauce

Baked Halibut Filet with Lobster Sauce  
Scampi Prawns and Day Boat Scallops

**Accompaniments**  
Asparagus and Red Peppers  
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

**Dessert**  
New Orleans Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce

\$45 Plus Service Charge & Tax  
Reservations Begin on Tuesday November 27 at 9 a.m.  
Please call 408-754-1337  
or e-mail theclubhouse@the-villages.com  
Please make sure to give your desired time & entrée selection

# 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
11/30	Villages Golf Committee	9 a.m.	Montg. Center
12/3	Fitness Center Committee	10 a.m.	Forum
12/4	Club Rules Committee	10 a.m.	Building A
12/6	AC Association	9 a.m.	Foothill Center
12/6	Finance Committee	9 a.m.	Building A
12/7	VGC – Golf Course	9 a.m.	Building A

## Community Events

Date	Event	Time	Place
12/1	Crafters Fair	8 a.m.	Auditorium
12/1	Clbh. X-mas Dinner/Dance	5 p.m.	Clubhouse
12/2	Jewish Chanukah Party	5:30 p.m.	Clubhouse
12/3	Potluck	9 a.m.	Vineyard Cntr.
12/3	Democratic Club Program	2 p.m.	Auditorium
12/3	Vino Paint Night	5 p.m.	Clubhouse
12/4	SIR 114 Lunch	9:30 a.m.	Clubhouse
12/4	Comcast Q&A	11 a.m.	Redwood
12/6	Hearing Aid Clean/Check	10 a.m.	Montg. Cntr.
12/6	18 Hole Women Lunch	12:30 p.m.	Clubhouse
12/6	Village Voices Concert	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium
12/7	Amateur Theater	7 p.m.	Foothill Cntr.
12/7	Village Voices Concert	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium

## Fitness Center to close early December 13

The Fitness Center will close at noon for the remainder of the day on Thursday, December 13 for carpet cleaning. The center will re-open Friday, December 14 at 5 a.m.

## Organizations—storage inventories due

The Villages offers storage space to many organizations. It is important that The Villages has an up-to-date record of the inventory of stored items from each organization in the event of a loss.

Please include item name, manufacturer, model number, age and replacement value (if known). Inventories will be due by December 1, 2018 so they can be included in The Villages insurance renewal package. This information was provided in the materials returned with your Master Calendar confirmations for 2019. To date, the Community Activities office has received very few inventories.

## See Cirque du Soleil's Volta

Cirque du Soleil's new show, "Volta," is a captivating voyage of discovery. It's about finding oneself, and unveiling one's personal powers. Inspired in part by the adventurous spirit that fuels the culture of street sports, the show weaves acrobatics in a visually striking world driven by a stirring melodic score. "Volta" is a story of transformation. It is about being true to oneself, fulfilling one's true potential, and recognizing one's own power to make it possible. Ultimate freedom comes with self-acceptance, and with liberation from the judgment of others.

The story centers around Waz, a gameshow contestant who has lost touch with himself. He is ashamed of who he is because of his difference. Follow him as he enters the show in search of fame, thinking that this will bring him love and acceptance from others. What he will find is something else, and he discovers that fame is not the answer. If fame doesn't provide freedom and acceptance, then what does? Will Waz reconnect with his true self—and stand up for all that makes him truly unique? Will he realize that his difference is what makes him extraordinary?

Villages residents are in for a real treat on Sunday, January 6, at 1:30 p.m. We have reserved seats in the 200 section under the big top at AT&T Park in San Francisco. Price is \$141 per person which includes your ticket and transportation. You may take a lunch with you or purchase food at the event. There are stairs and no elevator to get to seats, so wear comfortable walking shoes. Depart the Villages at 11 a.m. with estimated return time of 6 p.m.

## Yoga with Harini Madhavan

Performing yoga offers many physical, mental, functional and psychological benefits. The 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. 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.

## Back in Form offers 2 for 1 special

Back In Form is offering a 2 for 1 Training Special on all of our Personal Fitness Training Packages. You save 25 to 30 percent over regular one-on-one training. Have an additional friend join and the savings add up even more. Call us today at 408-455-2887 to find out more!

## 'Hamilton' on March 13!

Hamilton tickets! We have tickets for Wednesday, March 13, 1 p.m. at the Orpheum Theatre. This time you will be able to get two tickets per household. Registration will be at 2 p.m. at the Vineyard Center on December 3! We have 40 tickets available for this outing! There will be a minimum of three trips to see Hamilton in 2019. Keep in mind that once you register...you are responsible and there will be no bartering for a different date, there will be **no** cancellations! Check your schedule before registering!

Dinner will be at Pompei's Grotto with entrée choices of Grilled Salmon, Shrimp & Scallop Combo, Spaghetti with Dungeness Crab tossed with garlic & extra virgin olive oil, Pasta Angelina or NY Steak. Dinner comes with appetizers of Bruschetta and Calamari, choice of New England clam chowder or Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette. Your meal also comes with choice of a glass of house wine or draft beer, coffee or tea and dessert!

Departure from the Villages will be at 11 a.m. Please arrive by 10:45 a.m. in the Redwood Room to receive your tickets and board bus. Dinner and transportation are included in the price of \$325 per person. Orchestra Seating! Approximate return time to the Villages will be 8 p.m.

**Note:** We will be on "take a number" system for registration!

## Cribari Forum Room to be locked beginning January

The Cribari Forum Room is currently kept unlocked, however use requires a reservation. For the past several months there is evidence it is being used without reservations. The janitors clean up food messes and garbage from there routinely with no reserved use to pair it with. The Cribari Forum Room will be locked beginning January 1. It is available by reservation. Please remember to reserve the space and to get a key from Community Activities before your meeting beginning in January.

## Back In Form's Massage Special

**Massage Special:** Buy one 60 or 90-minute home massage and receive a second of same value 50 percent off.

## 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.

## ‘Come From Away’ —an inspirational musical!

“Come From Away” is the true story of the small town that welcomed the world, on 9/11, the day the world stopped. On 9/12, their stories moved us all.

Seventeen years ago, this small Canadian town on an island in the North Atlantic Ocean took in nearly 6,700 people—almost doubling its population—when the September 11, 2001, terror first attacks in New York and Washington forced 38 planes to land there. Their simple hospitality to the unexpected house guests drew worldwide accolades and even inspired a Broadway musical.

“Everyone looks at us and says that’s an amazing thing that you did, and the bottom line is I don’t think it was an amazing thing, I think it was the right thing you do,” said Diane Davis, 53, a now-retired teacher who helped 750 people housed at the town’s elementary school.

In a world today seemingly fraught with division, terrorism and hate, they’d do it all over again. Kindness is woven into the very fabric of their nature—they don’t know any other way to live.

The New York Times Critics’ Pick takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 6,700 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendship. The breathtaking new musical written by Tony nominees Irene Sankoff and David Hein, and helped by Tony-winning Best Director, Christopher Ashley. Newsweek cheers, “It takes you to a place you never want to leave!”

Bring tissues with you on Saturday, January 26! Please arrive at the Patio Room in Cribari Center at 11:30 a.m. to receive your tickets. The bus will depart at 12 p.m. for Golden Gate Theatre. “Come From Away” will begin at 2 p.m. with orchestra seating. We will be going to Delancey Street Restaurant on the Embarcadero for dinner. Your choices of entrées at registration are Bourbon Glazed Rib Eye Steak; Grilled Salmon Filet; Slow Braised Lamb Shank or Chicken Piccata. Your dinner includes appetizers, homemade soup of the day, Focaccia bread, Warm 3 Ginger Gingerbread with whipped cream, coffee/tea/soda choice.

Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B. The cost per person is \$209, which includes performance, marvelous dinner and transportation.

## See Choral Project and SJ Chamber Orchestra present ‘Winter’s Gifts’ Concert

Sign up for “Winter’s Gifts,” presented by The Choral Project at Mission Santa Clara de Asis on Sunday, December 16 at 7 p.m. We will depart from the Villages at 5:30 p.m. Your tickets will be given out on the bus prior to leaving.

The Choral Project and the San Jose Chamber Orchestra join forces for their annual wintry musical offering on the theme of “journeys,” a program that will explore where we are and where we wish to be physically, emotionally and spiritually.

The repertoire will include music from cultures and faith traditions from around the world. Highlights include Randal Thompson’s beautiful “Road Not Taken,” Joshua Shank’s breathtaking arrangement of the Basque carol “Gabriel’s Message,” and Gabriel Faure’s sublime “Cantique de Jean Racine” long considered one of the loveliest choral works ever penned. Works from Buddhist and Judaic faiths balance out the program, which concludes with Ola Gjielo’s incredible “Song of the Universe.” Come be part of this acclaimed winter tradition!

The cost is \$54 per person. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B.

## Living with Parkinson’s Exercise Program

Parkinson’s is a neurological disease in which the brain stops producing the chemicals it needs to control movement, balance and coordination. It is a disease that affects every person differently. Once a person is diagnosed with the disease, it is their attitude, lifestyle, medication management and things they do to contribute that determines the direction their life takes. Research shows that a person living with PD can slow the progression of the disease when they exercise three times per week. The Villages Parkinson’s Exercise Program offers three classes: ADL Class in the Auditorium on Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m., Tai Chi in the Vineyard Center on Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m., and Walking for Better Balance class Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. Register in Class! For information call Jane at 408-315-1179. This class is sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

## Chair Yoga/Standard Yoga available

We will offer 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 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 get left behind. Register early!**



## Tai Chi for healthy aging

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

## Walking for Better Balance

By participating in our Walking for Better Balance class, you will reduce the risk of becoming ill, falling, becoming disabled and/or losing your independence. 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 rehabilitation (get your health care provider’s 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.

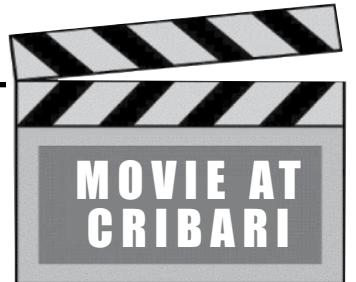
Don’t miss...

**BOOK CLUB**

**Wednesday, Dec. 12**

**1:30 p.m.**

Starring Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda and Candice Bergen. Four lifelong friends have their lives forever changed after reading “50 Shades of Grey” in their monthly book club. **Wednesday, December 26 – “The Dressmaker”:** Starring Kate Winslet,



Don’t miss...

**“WIND RIVER”**

**MONDAY, DEC. 17**

**7 p.m.**

Starring Kelsey Asbille and Jeremy Renner. A veteran hunter helps an FBI agent investigate the murder of a young woman on a Wyoming Native American reservation.



## Do you need medical equipment?

The VMA has medical equipment that can be loaned to you if you need it after surgery, or if you are ill. Among the things available are shower seats, transfer benches, two and four wheeled walkers, canes, crutches, wheel chairs, bedside and over the toilet commodes, and over the bed tables.

Villager Gary Walden and his fleet of Villager volunteers maintain the equipment, and they deliver and pick up equipment at your doorstep. If you have any questions or want to schedule a drop off or pickup, call the VMA office at 408-238-4230 Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you are returning equipment, please do not drop it off at the VMA office.

# CLUBS & EVENTS

## New High 12 President



On Saturday, November 17, High-12 installed Greg Stewart as the president for 2019.

## Astronomy Club: 'Elements Throughout the Cosmos'

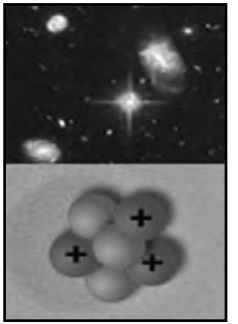
All inquisitive minds are welcome at the next Astronomy Club meeting on Tuesday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Foothill Center.

The topic will be the "Elements Throughout the Cosmos."

The theory of atom genesis in the interiors of stars is confirmed by the proportions of each element throughout the cosmos. The relative abundances hardly vary from place to place, so that gold isn't rare just on earth, it's rare everywhere. This is the second in a two-part series.

The lecture series covers all aspects of cosmology with basic mathematics and science.

No pets will be allowed at this event. Questions? E-mail Barry Stein at b.stein200@gmail.com.



## Senior Academy: Italy's Lakes and Mountains

On Tuesday, December 4, Senior Academy is hosting John Trudeau, speaking on "Italy's Lakes and Mountains", starting at 2 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. The event is **free** and open to all Villagers; no pre-registration is necessary.

This presentation will focus on the spectacular natural beauty of northern Italy, particularly in the Lakes District and the Italian Dolomites. Enjoy scenic walks along the rocky cliffs bordering Lakes Garda and Como, and quieter strolls along Lakes Iseo and Ledro. A boat ride will let us glimpse the mansions and chateaux bordering Lake Como as well.



A route through Switzerland and the Parc Naziunal Svizzer, and along the Great Dolomite Highway takes us to Castelrotto, Italy and the Italian Dolomites with their spectacular rock formations, unusual flowers and scenic trails. The Tre Cime (Three Chimneys) formations, unique scenes of the many small towns and some challenging driving add to the unforgettable experience.

John Trudeau, an avid traveler and hiker, will share experiences and photos from these recent travels in Italy.

## Pete Giddings to speak at SIR 114 luncheon

On Tuesday, December 4, our own Villager, Pete Giddings will be the speaker at the SIR 114 luncheon in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse. Guests are invited to attend and should come to the Clubhouse around 12:30 p.m.

We know Pete from his personable and expert 29 years of daily weather forecasts on San Francisco Bay Area's KGO-TV. He will relate his experience as a career meteorologist from the time of his military career to his television years.

Pete's weather career began with his service as a Combat Weather Operative in the US Air Force. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he received an award from President John F. Kennedy recognizing him for outstanding work in the field of meteorology. In television, in addition to his personable/expert weather reports, his fans associate him to his love of winter sports. Early on, he was one of the first to deliver regional broadcast ski reports. Since then, his coverage of Northern California and Nevada winter sports and conditions has gained him a wide-spread following as "Your Snowman." Pete's six Emmy Awards are proof positive that he developed a relationship with millions of people.



## Make & Take Mosaic Ornament Workshop!

Nancy Meyer returns to The Villages to share her love of mosaics with a new workshop just in time for the holidays!

The Villages Mosaic Ornament Make & Take workshop is Wednesday, December 5 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room at Cribari. The cost is \$40/person and includes instruction and materials.

Participants will have six different shape ornaments to choose from: five-pointed star, six-pointed star, snowflake, classic round, classic teardrop and heart.

The shapes are made of clear acrylic—we will use transparent stained glass to fill in the shape. There is a small hole on the top of each shape for attaching wire and beads so it can be hung in a window or on a tree.

The class is limited to 16 participants. Register by emailing wledamun49@gmail.com as soon as possible as Nancy's classes fill rapidly. Checks, made payable to "Nancy Meyer," are due to Wendy no later than November 30.



## RSVP for Christmas Vets Club meeting—spouses invited

December's Vets Club meeting will be the first of what we hope will be an annual event. We will meet at Foothill Center on December 4 at 2 p.m. Christmas has played a part in our military history from Washington crossing the Delaware to British and German soldiers singing "Silent Night" between foxholes in WWI.

We will have an expanded menu of snacks and a very special musical program featuring Denise Roberts-Green, who was Miss Black World runner-up and who entertained on USO tours. Songs she may share are



Denise Roberts-Green

"Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," "Santa Baby," "Silver Bells," "White Christmas" and "You'll Never Know Just How Much I Miss You." Her accompanist is Tammy Welsh, who is the accompanist for the Village Voices.

If you had a special Christmas military memory we would like to hear about it.

**RSVP please.** Because we will have an expanded menu, we need to know if you are planning to attend and if your spouse is coming with you. Please reply to this email or separately to ken@kencarter.org.

## Learn about Church Records and Genealogy

The next meeting of the Genealogy Club will be held on Thursday, December 6, 10 a.m. at the Vineyard Center. Linda McMullen will present Church Records and Genealogy, including how to determine your ancestors' religion, what information you can find, and where to search for these records. Our group meets monthly to learn and share our searches for family history. Come join us and start the search for your ancestors! For more information about our Club please contact Linda McMullen at 510-507-1400 or lindavillage8392@gmail.com.

## Santa's on his way to the Republican Club

On Wednesday December 5, the Republican Club at the Villages will hold its annual Christmas luncheon in the Villages Clubhouse. This will be the time to bring your "Toys for Tots" for the under privileged children of Santa Clara Valley. Please do not bring "stuffed" toys and do not wrap them, Santa has a rough time remembering what's in the package if it is wrapped.

You will have a chance to really get in the Christmas mood by joining with your fellow members in singing some of your favorite carols. Our social hour will start at 10:30 a.m., followed by the business meeting, election of officers, our lunch and the program.



The menu for the luncheon is: Mixed Green Salad (walnuts, cranberries, blue cheese); Vegetable Quiche, with fruit cup; or, Chicken Crepes with rice and veggies; and, Pecan Pie with bourbon sauce. Reservations are required, so call or email Donna at 408-270-1221, donna@robersons.com; or Jean Corrigan at 408-223-8676, jeanmcorrigan@att.net. The deadline for reservations is noon, December 3.

## Global Village: 'Vipassana' — note room change

Sadna Dutt, a software entrepreneur married to software consultant Norman, is the mother of a son studying in Germany. For her peace of mind she meditates. She decided to take Vipassana courses at the California Vipassana Center, North Fork, California. She has kindly agreed to share her experience with the Global Village community.

Vipassana, one of the most powerful spiritual techniques, is a form of guided meditation promoted by S.N. Goenka. The technique helps you see reality more clearly and remain focused in the present while accepting change as a rudimentary law of nature. By understanding the inner nature of who we are, the technique helps to achieve peace of mind, happiness and good health. Sadna will share her own experience of practicing Vipassana.

Please join us for this interactive dialogue on Wednesday, December 5 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the **Vineyard Center**. Please note: this is not our regular meeting place. All Villagers are welcome. There is no fee and no need to sign up in advance.

## Do you like folk songs and folk singing?

If you do, consider coming to The Folksters! We are a group of Villagers that enjoy singing and listening to folk music of all kinds. Our group has been around here in The Villages for about ten years meeting about twice a month to sing folk songs. We have a group of instrumentalists that play and sing with us—guitars, bass ukuleles, harmonicas and more. And lots of enthusiastic singers. We meet twice a month on the first and the third Thursday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room. Except in December, when we will only meet on December 6th because of the holidays. It is very informal. We have a song book of about 50 songs that we have chosen over the years, and we always have extra song books for newcomers. Several of our talented instrumentalists lead us.

We welcome newcomers! Please consider stopping by and see if you would enjoy being part of the group. No dues—just relaxing fun. Any questions? Call Harriet Fernandez at 408-223-7835.

## VAT: Is acting on your bucket list?



Is acting on your bucket list? Then this is what you have been waiting for. The Villages Amateur Theatre is excited to announce that our early April show (on April 5, 6 and 7) will be "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," a rollicking comedy set in ancient Rome.

Auditions will be conducted Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Foothill Center. There are singing, non-singing, speaking and non-speaking parts available so anyone who has ever wanted to be in a stage show but never have, come on down! This is your big opportunity to be part of the great team that will bring "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" to your fellow Villagers.

This play has enjoyed a long run on Broadway, as well as several revivals and touring performances, not to mention a successful movie. In simple terms, it is a "hoot."

At this stage in our lives, the Villages Amateur Theatre provides something for everyone who enjoys community theatre whether you are onstage, backstage, or simply watching the stage. Join us and have some fun.

## Mac Users Group resumes in December

There will be no Mac Users Group meeting during November. The December meeting of the Villages Mac Users Group (VMUG) will be on December 12 at the Montgomery Center from 3 to 4:30 p.m. This change of venue is only for this meeting. We will return to the Cribari Conference Room in 2019. DeDe Rogers will be the presenter. Any questions, call Sterling Bundesen at 408-274-3457 or Karin Mills at 408-532-7456.

## Villages Dog Club—members needed

By John Colistra

The Dog Club desperately needs new members to sustain its status as a club in The Villages. There are more than 250 dog owners in The Villages along with many prior dog owners now ready to continue a wonderful relationship with a dog. The club can assist you in locating that special animal to bring love into your life. The club meets every first Saturday of the month at the Gazebo next to the bocce courts. Bring dog(s) and poop bags! To get a head start, please call our leader, Mary Mazur at 408-608-9769 and get on our mailing list.

## Hearing aid check and cleaning

The VMA is sponsoring a **free** hearing aid check and cleaning on Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Montgomery Center. **Registration is required.** Please contact Cristina Freyer at 408-238-4029 or e-mail her at cfreyer@ncphs.org.

## Parlez-vous français?

(Do you speak French?)

Do you speak French? Would you like to have the opportunity to speak French regularly? We are a group of Villagers who meet weekly for French-language discussion and socializing. Our principal objective is to practice our French conversational skills and improve our ability to converse with each other. Our aim is to improve our French mastery while also having a good time. Note this is not a class, nor is it for absolute beginners. It is not a way to learn the language from scratch—rather the idea is to take your existing French mastery and practice it on a regular basis. None of us are native French speakers, so the conversation is not intimidating, but rather is meant to be casual and fun. If you think you might be interested, contact Shanah at shanahandken@hotmail.com, or Martha at mstillman@devry.edu. You can also reach us through the Villages Directory (Martha's last name is in her email address, and Shanah is listed under "Cole").

## VMA: Stem Cell Therapy Workshop

The VMA will sponsor an informational workshop on stem cell therapy on Wednesday, December 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Vineyard Center. The presenter will be Dr. Thomas Santucci, Clinical Director of Advanced Regen Medical.

Stem cells are our body's natural internal repair system. They can accelerate the body's natural healing response and may lower pain without the need for medication. Stem cells may repair muscle, bone cartilage and tendons. It can be effective for back, neck, disc, knee, shoulder injuries, and arthritis.

It must be pointed out that this is an elective procedure and it is *not* covered by Medicare. This workshop will help to educate you on the benefits of this relatively new way to treat our aging bodies. No registration or fee is required.

## Riding Club: Understanding Horses

Horses are prey animals and, as the species developed, survival depended on a good flight response. That instinct is never far from the surface in a horse and so, seemingly innocuous things can spook them. Some horses are so tame that nothing fazes them. Others will go ballistic at the slightest pretext. Most are somewhere in between. Horses are also farsighted so things up close are blurry to them, and they cannot see directly in front or behind themselves. When something comes around a blind corner and suddenly appears, the horse cannot readily identify what is heading toward it. When encountering a horse and rider, it's a good idea to step to the side of the trail and avoid sudden movements. Many equestrians also appreciate voice alerts—the human voice helps the horse identify the person as a friendly human and not a potential threat or predator. And it's always appreciated when bikers stop and dismount and when dogs are on leash. Happy Trails to all!



## Charitable Outreach donations

The VMA is involved with a charitable outreach program that provides certain necessities to our homeless population. If you have hotel size toiletries that you have collected and are willing to donate please bring them to the VMA office Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They will be greatly appreciated. The VMA also collects eyeglasses that people are no longer using. These can be dropped off at the VMA office as well.

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

By Wate Bakker

“The Man Who Caught The Storm” by Brantley Hargrove: This is the biography of Tim Samara, who did not attend college but chased storms with brilliant tools of his own invention and pushed closer to tornadoes than anybody else ever dared. Thus he changed the science of tornadoes and other super storms, until he finally met his match in a face-off against the largest tornado ever recorded. The author has chased tornadoes himself and also explains scientific efforts to reverse engineer tornadoes using supercomputers. Nonfiction, biography, Tim Samara, 2018.

“The Soul of America” by Jon Meacham: This historical review of moments in American history explores contentious periods in American history, when chaos and dissent threatened to tear the fabric of the nation apart, but presidents and citizens came together to defeat the forces of anger, intolerance and extremism. Examples of such periods include the presidencies of Lincoln, Ulysses Grant, Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson. Prominent citizens include early suffragettes Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman and Martin Luther King. Bad actors include McCarthy, Huey long and the Ku Klux Klan. The author believes that we have been sustained by a belief in progress, even in gloomiest of times. The good news is that we have come through such darkness before—as time and again Lincoln’s better angels have found a way to prevail. This is somewhat in contrast to “Fantasyland” by Kurt Andersen, who suggests that a great deal of irrationality may be baked into the American character and the internet gives a voice to its darker, hateful side. Nonfiction, 973, United states, 2018

“Feared” by Lisa Scottoline: Three men announce that they are suing the Rosato and Dinunzio law firm, run by female lawyers, Mary and Bennie, for reverse discrimination. To make matters worse, their only male employee intends to resign, claiming there is some truth to the case. The lawyer for the Plaintiffs is aptly called Machiavelli—determined not only to win but to destroy the firm. Then the case turns deadly. Can Bennie and Mary solve the murder and save their business?

“The Tattooist of Auschwitz” by Heather Morris: Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. His captors put him to work as a Tatowierer (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners, since he speaks several languages. He survives for more than two years, witnessing horrible atrocities, but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. In late 1942 he tattoos prisoner 34902, a young woman named Gita and in that first encounter he vows to survive and somehow marry her. Will they succeed? Fiction 2018

“Shadow Tyrants” by Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison: Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon are at it again. Two millennia ago the Nine Unknown Men were charged with safeguarding history changing secrets. Their descendants are split in two rival factions: both hope to save the world, but their tactics may actually destroy it. Juan C. and the Oregon crew are caught in the middle. A supercomputer threatens to disable their high-tech weapons. Science fiction runs amok, but be assured they will survive till the next adventure. Fiction 2018, large print

## Parkinson’s—you are not alone

If your partner has been diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease and you encounter new or different situations, know that there is help. The Parkinson’s Carers group meet once a month on the first Wednesday of each month. We meet in the Administration, Building A in the conference room from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Our next meeting is December 5.

During this hour we share our challenges and our successes. Sometimes we laugh, and sometimes we cry, but with about 50 years of experience among us we are quite knowledgeable.

Please try our group and see if at this time it will be helpful to you. If you have questions, call Alice Pratte at 408-223-8033.

## Jeff Bramschreiber to be juror at Art Show

Jeff Bramschreiber, our esteemed juror for the upcoming Juried show is no stranger to The Villages. He has tutored many Villagers in several classes and demonstrations. We are lucky to have his expertise this year.

Jeff Bramschreiber made the decision to focus on art his last two years of high school. After an Honorable Mention in the nationwide “Draw Me” contest sponsored by Art Instruction Schools, Jeff went on to get both fine art and commercial art degrees, and to study at the Massachusetts College of Art. He now has been painting for nearly 30 years, with numerous awards to his credit and with paintings hanging in private collections throughout the United States. As an instructor he believes anyone can learn drawing and painting and with participative, focused practice can become successful at it. He further believes in working right along with his students feeling that this adds a certain measure of credibility to his students. Mr. Bramschreiber is currently a Board Trustee and Pastel Instructor at the Triton Museum of Art, Community Arts Liaison and Assistant Manager for University Art Center of San Jose, Treasurer and Board Trustee for Silicon Valley Open Studios, and Lecturer/Workshop Artist in Egyptian Art for the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum. You can find more information about him on the Triton Museum website.

Please find a contract at [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org) to enter this once a year event. Contracts are due by November 30. There are also hard copy contracts for AMJS and membership in the Arts and Crafts mailbox in Cribari by the Post Office. The Art Show Reception will be December 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Cribari Center. The artwork will be displayed December 7, 2018 through April 5, 2019. We look forward to your participation.



## Join Glen Arden Holiday Party

Glen Ardenites, join your neighbors as we celebrate this holiday season!

This gathering will be at Foothill Center at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 10. We ask that you bring a hearty appetizer to share or make a \$5 donation per person. Coffee, water and soda will be provided. BYOB. Please RSVP by December 1 to Janet Atkins at 408-270-6127 or [ja42151@gmail.com](mailto:ja42151@gmail.com). Optional: Bring a new, unwrapped toy for the needy children in Santa Clara County.

This festive gathering is being planned by the Glen Arden Social Committee: Janet Atkins, Jackie Berman, Sue Callahan, Kathy Lohman, Roseanna Masching, Karen Parker and Linda Webb. We’ve had fun shopping for decorations.

Don’t be shy if you don’t know everyone. It will be a fun way to get to know your neighbors. We’ll have name tags!



## Opera Lovers: ‘Amahl and the Night Visitors’

The Opera Lovers will present the favorite Christmas opera, “Amahl And The Night Visitors” by Gian Carlo Menotti on Friday, December 14 in the Vineyard Center at 1:30 p.m. This Christmas favorite will be one hour long. This is the enduring story of the Three Kings visiting the cottage of a poverty-stricken shepherd’s widow and her crippled son, Amahl. Menotti’s music is amazing, and the characterizations and voices are marvelous. No one should miss this lovely opera which is beloved by children and adults alike. This version was the very first telecast live on December 24, 1951 and was specifically written for TV. It is in black and white. This performance is performed by the NBC Opera Theatre along with the Columbus Boychoir, which was founded in 1937.

Remember, our meetings are open to all, so if you enjoy great music, plan to come and bring a friend to share the joy of music. Questions? Call Bonnie at 408-531-1513.

## Help ‘Dress a Girl Around the World’

The Villages’ “Dress A Girl” group has been very productive. Last month, 25 dresses of varied sizes, each with a doll or a toy in a pocket were delivered to Ethiopia by “Transformation Love.”

Last week 60 dresses were delivered to the Aptos chapter of “Dress A Girl” and will be distributed to Guatemala, Honduras, and other depressed areas where missionaries visit.

We are so appreciative of all the support Villagers have given, either sewing, or donating fabric, your time at our “cut out” sessions or your financial assistance.

We currently have 20 kits available for pickup. Each kit has all supplies needed to complete a dress and its matching doll. If you have a few hours and would enjoy participating in this international project, call Alice Pratte at 408-223-8033 or Rebecca Barrans at 408-528-0887.

## The VMA wants your used golf cart!

The VMA takes donations of gas and electric golf carts (working or not). These carts are sold and the proceeds are used to support the VMA’s mission to assist residents and help them lead active, independent, and healthy lives. Your golf cart donation qualifies as a charitable contribution under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). You will receive a receipt that you can use when you are completing your taxes. The donated carts are available for Villagers to purchase. Contact the VMA office at 408-238-4230 to put your name on the waiting list. The VMA also accepts donations of cars.

## RSPV for Hiking Club's Holiday Party!

The Hiking Club's annual holiday party will be held on Friday, December 14 at Cribari Center Auditorium.

We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with appetizers and socializing. Our buffet dinner begins at 6 p.m. and will feature: tossed green salad, herbed salmon, sliced beef tenderloin, seasonal vegetables, assorted breads, dessert and coffee. All dinnerware, napkins, plastic glasses and flatware will be provided. Guests are requested to bring their beverage of choice for the evening and their favorite wine glass if they wish!

Our favorite Villages DJ, Ed Knott, will provide music from the '50s to today's current hits for your listening and dancing pleasure from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

The cost is \$28 for members and their guests and it will be billed to your house number. **The deadline for reservations is Saturday, December 8.** RSVP to Jim Beyer at jim390@comcast.net. No cancellations after December 10. No shows will be billed.

## Montgomery Holiday Party!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
5 to 8:30 p.m. at Cribari Center

**Turkey dinner with all the trimmings!** \$20 per person

For reservations, please **RSVP by December 10** to Linda McChesney at 408-482-5016, Linda.mcsales@gmail.com  
Join with friends and neighbors to toast the Holiday Season!

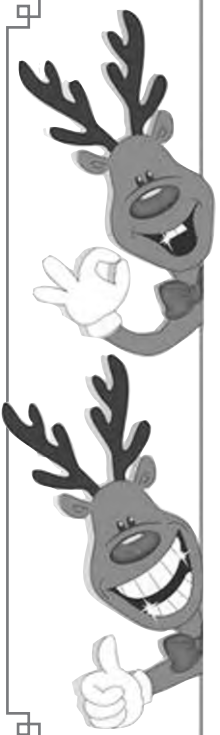
Music, Dinner, Dancing & Entertainment!

**Guests with last names A-L** bring an appetizer to serve 8.

**Guests with last names M-Z** bring a dessert to serve 8.

**Looking for the perfect gift for a special neighbor?**

Ask about our Holiday Party Gift Certificates—  
a great way to share the holiday spirit!



## Holiday Faire helps fund many activities

### By the Arts and Crafts Association

We thank our members and the Villagers who made our Holiday Faire 2018 a great success for the Arts & Crafts Association this year. Arts & Crafts sponsors two major fundraising events each year. The first purpose is to raise funds to finance *free* events that Arts & Crafts offers to Villagers. The second purpose is to give Villagers a chance to display and sell their hand-made crafts and fine arts.

Our stated mission is to provide events such as classes, exhibits, special events and free demonstrations. Our fundraising events, such as Holiday Faire, provide funds to finance *free* events that Arts & Crafts offers to Villagers. Art Films cost us \$240 per year plus the cost of purchased and donated artist DVDs. The monthly *free* Guest Artist demonstrations cost us \$1700 per year. Exhibits and the Annual Members Juried Show reception costs \$650 per year. Other *free* events, such as Sandy Jones' free pastels class and the Beginning Artists Reception last May, cost us \$400, but were enjoyed as *free* by all Villagers. Total = \$2,990.

The Arts & Crafts Association provides low-cost classes to Villagers, at an average of \$60 for 18 hours of instruction. Comparable classes at Triton are \$175; at Santa Clara Watercolor Society, \$440; at University Art, \$240.

While costs to provide these services to the community continue to go up each year, The Villages Arts and Crafts Association is committed to bringing our community the same fulfilling art experiences we have all come to expect and enjoy. We appreciate everyone's support throughout this past year, and look forward to the upcoming new year.

For information regarding our specific expenses and costs in providing these programs to our community, please visit our website at [www.villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://www.villagesartsandcrafts.org). The Arts & Crafts Association is proud to be an active part of The Villages community, offering a variety of classes, workshops, exhibits, fundraising events, and free events. We would love to have you join our club, using our online membership application.



## FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

**Do your Holiday shopping close to home at the Villages Pro Shop!** Srixon 6-Ball Packs...Soft Feel only \$5 and Q-Star only \$10! New Srixon Super-sleeves...come and see this neat idea for a holiday gift. Warm golf gear from Ping, Titleist and Bridgestone...knit caps, ear warmers, cart gloves and hand warmers. New accessories from ProCraft...putter alignment aid, cup reducer, stroke counter, glove dryers and cart cup holder caddies. Selected clothing 20 to 50 percent off! New Antigua women's winter wear! New women's Footjoy winter wear! Cleveland Cart Bags only \$139.99 with some fantastic and unique features! SeeMore putters are back with the Rosemark grip! Taylor Made High Toe sand wedges used by Dustin Johnson and Rory McIlroy! New Balance shoes for men, extreme comfort and performance! Footjoy men's golf wear!

**Don't forget the popular Sip N Shop Holiday Shopping Party** at the Pro Shop on Friday, December 7 at 4 p.m. This is a fun evening filled with great bargains, some good wine and delicious appetizers. Don't be late!

**#2 Tees Project**—We have completed construction on eight of the #2 tee boxes that were in need due to a tilt on the tee or a necessary relocation. The #2 tees on Holes #2, #5, #6, #8, #12, #14, #16, #17 have been raised, re-built, re-sodded and some relocated. If the weather stays nice and the sod sets well, the new #2 tees should be open for play in December! In the meantime, please play the temporary #2 tees on these holes located adjacent to the re-built tee.

**Test Bunkers at Montgomery Practice Area**—The two bunkers at the Montgomery chipping have been re-built, re-contoured and reconstructed with drainage and a cement liner. This is formally called the "capillary bunker system." Next week we will be adding two different examples of a better-quality sand to the test bunkers as well; one white variety of sand and one similar in color to our current sand. We will look forward to your feedback on the new bunkers and sand. The long-term purpose of these test bunkers is to see if re-constructing the bunkers on the golf course is a viable long-term project. The Montgomery practice area will be *closed* until mid-December. Please use the Vineyard short game practice area for the time being...thank you!

**Winter Rules in effect**—For now until further notice, we are playing Winter Rules defined as: 6-inch relief; lift, clean and place; through the green (includes the rough).

**Men's Club Holiday Tournament**—Saturday, December 8, 8 to 11 a.m. Tee Times. Two-man Teams 1 Net Best Ball Stableford Scoring. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

**Christmas Golf**—Christmas Eve play schedule for Monday, December 24 will be as follows: Open Play Tee Times starting at 7:30 a.m. – Pro Shop *closed* at 2 p.m. – **all club carts must be returned by 3 p.m.** Please sign in on Pro Shop door to play after 2 p.m. The golf course, Pro Shop and Clubhouse will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day.

**Mark your Calendars!** Just for Fun - 2019 Chili Open—a fun day of golf followed by a great chili and cornbread dinner to warm the soul! Sunday, January 27 Tee Times. Scramble Format four-some teams. Signups will start in late December.

**Tips from the Pro—Hybrids vs. Long Irons from the rough**...Wouldn't it be nice if every single drive that you hit went right down the center of the fairway? The reality is that some of our tee shots find their way into the rough, and we just have to deal with it. So what club do you use when faced with a long shot from the rough?

**When to use a hybrid club:** When distance is more important than accuracy hybrid clubs are the way to go. They have a compact head that helps them glide easily through light rough, a low center of gravity that helps them pop the ball up quickly, and a forgiving design that delivers distance even on off center hits. If there's not much trouble around and you want to blast the ball up to the green this is the way to go.

**When to use a long iron:** When accuracy is paramount leave your hybrid in the bag and reach for a long iron. Long irons can cut through the rough like butter, but if you don't hit them just right your ball won't travel very far. This lack of distance on a mishit can actually be a blessing if there is trouble to the left or right of your target and you can't afford to launch one off line very far. Let us know if these tips help! See you at the Course!

# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on December 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chapel, and will feature The Children's Choirs of St. Francis of Assisi.

**Annual Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree will go up on December 1 in the Chapel, and the deadline for bringing in gifts is December 16.

**St. Francis Winter Shelter Program.** Volunteers are needed for this program. There is a particular need for volunteers for the positions of Breakfast Preparer/Server, and Breakfast Assistant, 5:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. If you would like to make a donation to the program, designate your donation as "Homeless Shelter Ministry" and put it in the Sunday Collection basket. The program will begin the evening of January 2, and goes until the end of March. For more information on all of the program's volunteer opportunities, please call Leona Karayan at 408-223-2325.

**Eucharistic Adoration** at St. Francis of Assisi is now every Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On First Fridays it will be in the Chapel, and on all other Fridays it will be in Garden Room A.

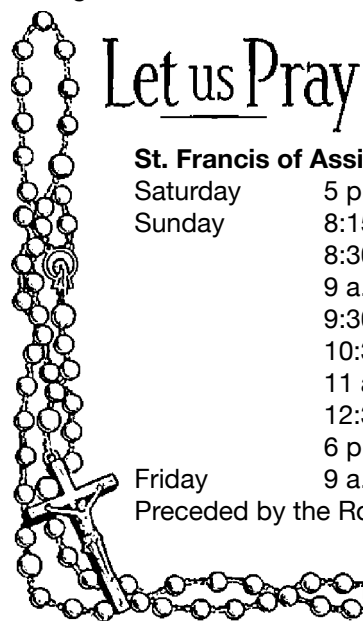
**Old Eye Glasses:** St. Francis is collecting used eye glasses for the Lions Club. Collection containers will be in the Chapel, Gathering Hall, and at Villages Sunday Masses.

If you are new to the Villages and would like to find out more about our Ecclesial Community, contact Marion Burry at 408-528-8231.

**If you would like to have a Mass said** for someone contact Jean Ghiossi at 408-384-2701.

**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 Marilyn Rodman at 408-274-4521, 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 Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Grange Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Chapel
	11 a.m.	Gathering Space Hall
	12:30 p.m.	Chapel
	6 p.m.	Youth Mass Chapel
Friday	9 a.m.	Cribari Conf. Room

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

## EPISCOPAL

On Sunday, December 2, the Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, will preside and preach at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral San Jose at the 10:30 a.m. service. The address is 81 North Second Street, San Jose, CA. Our Villages congregation will attend that service.

There will *not* be an Episcopal church service in the Montgomery Center on December 2. Carpools can be arranged.

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Come and join our celebration of Christmas at Search The Scriptures Group on Monday, December 3 in Montgomery Center. We will sing Christmas songs and have some cookies and coffee/tea. We start at 9 a.m. at the Montgomery Center and finish at 11 a.m. This will be the start of the study of the book of Ruth in the Bible. Come and enjoy our fellowship together. For more information leave a message with your question, name and phone number at 408-768-2999 and Janet will return your call.

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL



Photos by Frank Langben

### By Pastor Bill Hayden

I am sure you can agree with me that we, as a people, are so blessed in this country. Even though life has its many challenges. I am glad that my family is so much larger than my biological family, which has become less over time. It is amazing how love for others can create feelings of family amongst people that you never knew before.

Gloria and I came to the Villages 14 years ago knowing only one couple in this little city tucked away in South San Jose. We met a lot of people who lived here for many years and many of them have now transitioned into the next life. The older men and women were like grandparents who shared their life stories with us as we sat and listened intently. They opened the door of their hearts to us and we entered in as if we were family.

When we were asked to care for the Villages Community Chapel we were humbled, honored and overwhelmed all at the same time. We all had the privilege of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Community Chapel on November 18 with special guests, music, food and fun. We enjoyed wonderful singing and the sharing of some historical moments of the chapel. Today as in the formation of the church there are people from different Christian backgrounds that love and care for one another. The members of the chapel are ordinary people with problems just like anyone else who lives here in this community.

We have grown to understand each other as a family who appreciates, respects, encourages, honors and covers each other with a blanket of love. When it comes to eternity, life is too short to waste time holding on to things that don't matter. Let's open the door of our hearts, love the family that we know and the family that we have become. I Peter 4:8 NIV "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

Please join us at the Villages Community Chapel in the Cribari Auditorium each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. *Our 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, call the office at 408-238-3079 open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday. To learn more about the Villages Community Chapel visit our website at <http://villagescommunitychapel.org/> You can hear previous and current Sunday Sermons.



# SPORTS NEWS

## SWINGERS

By Maureen O'Neil

I never thought I would be so glad to see rain. Even though it might interfere with some golf outings, at least we have clean air to breathe. Let's all take a minute to remember all those impacted by the fires. It makes us realize how lucky we are to be in The Villages. We can look forward to breathing freely for our M and M.

38 brave ladies played golf with the Swingers this week. There were no chip-ins, but Joyce Mukuno had a birdie on hole #11. Great job!

Now is a good time to recruit new members for 2019. If you have friends who have been thinking about joining, have them contact Joyce and begin qualifying while the weather is generally OK. By the time they are able to join, they will be ready to start the new year with a new group of friends within the Swingers. Let's all be welcoming and encouraging.

Speaking of friends, don't forget the sign up for the Holiday Luncheon and general meeting. This will be the time to talk and laugh without messing up someone's perfect drive. I will be looking forward to seeing you all there.

## SHONIS

By Meg Rogers

The weather and air quality did not deter ten hardy golfers who showed up to play. We checked the air quality and temperature for the Villages on the Residential Portal, which told us the air quality - 128 and temperature - 53. The day turned out to be a delightful golf day...sunny, cool and no wind. Lorrie Scott got a chip-in on Hole #8. Way to golf, Lorrie! If you haven't responded for the Holiday Luncheon on December 11, there is a sign-in sheet in the posting room. Don't miss this fun event.

## TABLE TENNIS

By Tony Berg

Drop in on the Ping Pong group any Wednesday afternoon at the Montgomery Multipurpose Room between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Ping Pong is the perfect way to get a little exercise with friendly and encouraging, like-minded people. Some of the current Ping Pong players had never played before—but with no experience (or just fond memories of games played many years ago) everyone quickly gets the hang of things, joining in the fun and getting some useful exercise too.

Often a patient and experienced member of the Table Tennis Club drops in to offer friendly advice. So don't hold back in fear of being out of your depth.

Drop in to the Montgomery Multipurpose Room any Wednesday afternoon between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to see how Ping Pong can be a good way to meet people, get a gentle workout and make new friends.

**They're Not Wrinkles, They're  
LAUGH LINES**



Patient: Doctor, I have this unshakeable feeling that I am a dog.

Doctor: How long have you had this feeling?

Patient: Ever since I was a puppy.

Doctor: You had better lie down on the coach

Patient: Oh, no. I am not allowed on the furniture!

## BOCCE NEWS



Ribbon cutting at the newly resurfaced bocce courts!

By Barbara Orlando

**Have you tried out the new bocce courts?** On Friday, November 16 the resurfaced courts were officially opened for play. Avid bocce players gathered for an impromptu bash and gave the new carpets a much-anticipated test. Everyone thinks the new courts look wonderful and members are looking forward to the 2019 competition year. If you haven't tried the new courts, they are definitely different so go and play as much as possible.

**Coming in January** there will be a \$5 increase in dues for the Bocce Club. Dues have remained the same for the past six years without an increase. We all know that costs go up and what we receive for our dues is far more than any other club here in the Villages. We will still be a bargain at \$15 for a whole year of fun and play. Remember the more you participate the more you receive back through playing bocce and attending social events.

**Ever wonder how your dues are spent?** Our Club Treasurer, Evonne Cook has the facts and wants the membership to know the benefits from their dues.

- The Bocce Board of Directors working for you the member.
- Free use of equipment for members, family and friends.
- A wonderful Appreciation Event just for all Volunteers.
- Free Boot Camps for anyone new to bocce.
- Free Referee Training to any member.
- Free Instructional Clinics once a month, March-October
- Free organized tournaments throughout the year, with monetary awards for first and second place winners.
- Friday Bash with themed parties planned March thru October.
- Five Organized Social Events throughout the year.
- Court Improvements & Equipment (this year 2018 new player benches).
- Winter Drop-in on Thursdays on reserved courts.

The raise in dues will allow our club's board to continue to provide quality events throughout the 2019 bocce season and hopefully with some new surprises.

Bocce is gaining in popularity and anyone can play. It truly is a sport that can be leisurely enjoyed or competitive, it's always your choice.

For more information about anything bocce, check our club's website at [www.villagesbocceclub.com](http://www.villagesbocceclub.com).

## PINSEEKERS

**The scores for the Pinseekers on Tuesday, November 20 were:**

First place was Tak Okabe with 30.

Second place was a tie between David Cook and Gus Warmerdam with 34.

Third place was a three-way tie with Ron Speer, John Murphy and Bob Iacopi all with 35.

Fourth place was Martin Hoek with 37.

Congratulations to today's winners!

For more interesting news and information on the Pinseekers Men's Nine Hole Golf Club, visit our website at [www.pinseekers.org](http://www.pinseekers.org)

# MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Kyle Finley (kylefinley@outlook.com), website www.villagesgolfers.com

**NCGA and Men's Club Dues for 2019:** The NCGA dues of \$39 and the Men's Club dues of \$30 remain the same for 2019 and will be billed to your house account in January. All Men's Club members who wish to cancel must contact Membership Chairman David Gonzales at dmng001@sbcglobal.net or the Pro Shop before December 15, 2018. Men's Club members must maintain their NCGA membership through the Villages Men's Golf Club even if they are members elsewhere.

**Next Tournament:** Our next Men's Golf Club Tournament is our Holiday Tournament set for Saturday, December 8. Format will be Two-man Teams, Stableford Format, 1 BB Net, with everyone playing from the #3 Tees. This is a 2019 POTY event. Look for the poster here in the Villager and on the website. **Please note:** Tee Times will be 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., not an afternoon shotgun!



**Senior Golf Rules:** Rule 1.a.5: A ball sliced or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow. *(The Gary Chappell rule, courtesy of Larry Cormier)*

**Volunteers:** In order to improve our publicity, we are looking for volunteers to take pictures during our Men's Club Tournaments. If you tee off early or are not playing, we would appreciate it if you could work your way around the course and take candid

shots of our members golfing. You could then email or text the pictures to Kyle Finley at kylefinley@outlook.com or 858-775-9546. Please contact Kyle if you are able and willing to help with this task.

**Executive Committee Meeting:** The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Cribari Patio Room. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 4. The meetings are open to all members. Also, remember to visit our website at www.villagesgolfers.com for the latest Men's Golf Club information.

**See Scott Steele's From the Pro column on page 15**

## TENNIS TALK

By Adrien Fournier

**It's not fair.** That's right, it's simply **not fair.** Since 2012, I have been hogging the Tennis Talk Scheduler job and it's time to give someone else a chance. It's been a good long run and we have seen some excellent articles submitted over the past seven years. We've had some great insights into how the game should be played, we've had stories of what tennis has meant to some members, and of course USTA standings and results, not to mention various rants...OK, those were mine.

I'd like to especially thank George Beck for his continued support and magical bailouts with articles he pulls out of...thin air. Also, I'd like to thank Bob Stiasny and Susan Mackenzie for their coverage of what started as active octogenarian players and ended up with septuagenarians and more. They provided a monthly profile on many members, which was always a fun and informative read. And lastly, thank you to all the writers that signed up and delivered your wonderful articles.

Your new Tennis Talk Scheduler will be none other than Claire Hintergardt who, I am sure, will be doing a great job. I am encouraging everyone to give her your full support in signing up for articles. Watch this space for instructions on how to do this in the not too distant future.

**Men's Golf Club  
HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, December 8**  
**Format:** 2 Man Teams. 1 Best Ball Net. Stableford Scoring.  
 All play from #3 tees  
**Cost:** \$12 per player sweeps, plus green fees  
**Sign-ups:** Sign up in Pro Shop (singles will be paired)  
 Saturday, November 24 through  
 12 p.m., Thursday, December 6  
**Tee Times:** 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**Closest to Hole:** Hole # 11 - 3 winners by handicap



# SCOREBOARD

## BRIDGE

**Monday, November 19:** 1. Carl Nicholson/Connie Nicholson  
 2. Jan Kiernan/Marie Chong 3. Sumi Minami/Carol Zaccheo

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

**Wednesday, November 21**  
 Sylvia Rozewicz 198  
 Barbara Varner 354  
 Shirley Bellavance 426

**Friday, November 23**  
 Barbara Varner 300  
 Vicky Linscott 334  
 Cathy Razumich 356  
 Sylvia Rozewicz 417

## SHONIS

**Tuesday, November 20**

**Flight One:**  
 Betty Hall 36 14 22  
 Barbara Karayn 34 11 23

**Flight Two:**  
 Carol Watkins 39 19 20  
 Bonnie Evans 41 18 22

## PINOCHLE

**Wednesday, November 21**  
 Duane Sagen  
 Harvey Gogol  
 Phyllis Ogden Sagen  
 Pat Luebcke

## SWINGERS

**Tuesday, November 20**

**Flight One:**  
 Mukuno, Joyce 38  
 Woolard, Renee 39  
 Sunzeri, Susan 41  
 James, Peggy 43

**Flight Two:**  
 Driskell, Sheryl 34  
 Boyles, Marcy 38  
 Macon, Mitzi 39  
 Needham, Joan 41

**Flight Three:**  
 Southland, Flo 32  
 Utne, Joanne 38  
 Waugh, Charlotte 41  
 Curyea, Linda 41

**Flight Four:**  
 Warren, Kathy 29  
 Nelson, Diane 38  
 Christiansen, Kim 39  
 Ratcliff, Adele 40

## Fitness Center Holiday Cardio Challenge

Name*	Minutes of Week Ending		
	11/18	11/25	Total Minutes
<b>John Schmidt</b>	316	354	670
<b>Susan DeMartini</b>	300	240	540
<b>Paul Miner</b>	120	240	360
<b>Phyllis Bigelow</b>	120	120	240
<b>Geri Wilk</b>	120	90	165
<b>George Southand</b>	165		165
<b>Nes Kauinana</b>	71	85	156
<b>Ishwar Garg</b>		125	125
<b>Doug Koontz</b>	50	45	95
<b>Judy Volm</b>	90		90
Sharma Watkins	60	30	90
Martin Hoek	43	35	78
Steve Volm	25	50	75
Susan Matthews	30	30	60
Gil Ong		60	60
Diana Ong		60	60
Sylvia DeLaere		60	60
Kay Gray	55		55
Paul Lewis	21	21	42
Garry Gray	30		30
Deb Yeburton	10		10

\*Top 10 are in bold

# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

5423-5428 and 5489-5553—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5122-5153 and 5554-5576—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

Cribari Bluffs—Drip irrigation retrofit, in planning.

Olive tree clean up in progress.

Behind 5318—Irrigation and sidewalk repair in progress.

Cleaning of the light fixtures in progress.

5097, 5101, 5152 and 5365—Termite repairs in progress.

5561—Sewer line repairs scheduled to start 12/3.

5254—Reconstruction in planning.

5244 and 5434—Water remediation in progress with reconstruction to follow.

### Del Lago

3124-3126 and 3207-3226—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

3227-3243 and 3301-3303—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

3220 and 3221—Wood repairs in progress.

### Estates

8855-8866—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8867-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

### Fairways

4008, 4010 and 4012—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

4014, 4016 and 4018—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

4005, 4006, 4008, 4009, 4011, 4012, 4014 and 4016—Wood repairs in progress.

### Glen Arden

7759-7775—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7777-7787 and 7791-7795—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

By 7766—Handrail repairs in progress.

7867—Termite repairs in progress.

### Heights

8510-8519—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8448-8457—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

8462—Roof repairs in progress.

8470—Deck repairs in progress.

### Hermosa

8096-8125—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8065-8088—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

Pinot Noir Ct; 8021-8024—Roof replacement in progress.

8119—Stucco wall replacement in progress.

8386-8387—Roof repair and remediation in progress.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 12/3 to 12/15.

### Highland

7500-7527 and 7539-7540—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

Moorfoot Ct. and Halladale Ct.—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

7641 and 7672—Fence repairs in progress.

### Montgomery

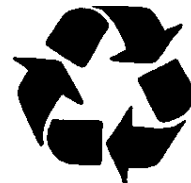
6046-6068 and 6120-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

6079-6119 and 6169-6183—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

## 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.*



## Aluminum Cans: Please donate!

Collect in a container in your home

1. The Villages High Twelve Club has receptacles in all garbage enclosures throughout The Villages for the collection of aluminum cans. The can receptacles are labeled "Aluminum Cans for High Twelve." A High Twelve volunteer will collect the cans from the enclosures on a regular basis for redemption. A significant portion of the money collected is returned to The Villages Community through various projects throughout the year.

2. Aluminum cans may be redeemed at any local California Redemption location; however by contributing to High Twelve it saves you the trouble of transporting messy cans and is a wonderful help to the community.

Blauer Ln.—Landscape renovation project; Soil prep and irrigation retrofit in progress.

6030—Fence repairs in progress.

6323—Mailbox stand repair in progress.

### Olivas

8776-8777, 8783-8785 and Grape Wagon—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

Vineyard Creek and Vineyard Ridge—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

8706—Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Sonata

2000-2011 and 2030-2031—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

2025-2029 and 2095-2101—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

2019, 2021, 2056 and 2084—Pressure regulator/gate valve replacement in planning.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 11/26-12/1.

### Valle Vista

9015-9021 and 9028-9030—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

9022-9027 and 9057-9060—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

9015—Fence repair scheduled for next week.

### Verano

7331-7356—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7051-7060 and 7384-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/3 to 12/7.

Dead/Missing plant replacement in progress.

Common area light fixture replacements in progress.

7012—Wood repairs scheduled for next week.

7237—Interior repairs in progress.

7024—Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Association

Pro chip bark jet mulching installation in progress at various locations, throughout the Villages.

Summer time dead plant replacement to be completed by the end of November.

Turf Aeration in progress.

Mowing and Edging in progress, weather permitting.

### Club Centers

Turf Aeration in progress.

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

RV Lot; Space #137—Patching of the hole in progress.

Public Safety Plaza—Sign repairs in progress.

## Maintenance Services

### Customer Service Line:

**408-223-4670**

## Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

# BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

## NORTH

♠ A 7 6 2  
♥ J 10 8 3  
♦ 10 9  
♣ J 7 3

## EAST

♠ Q J 10 9 4  
♥ K 9 7  
♦ K  
♣ 10 9 5 2

## WEST

♠ K 8 5  
♥ Q 6 5  
♦ Q 6 5 3 2  
♣ 6 4

## SOUTH

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

Dealer: West  
Vulnerability: East/West

Bidding: West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 Diamond
Pass	1 Heart	Pass	2 NoTrump*
Pass	3 NoTrump^	All Pass	

Contract: 3 NoTrump by South  
Opening Lead: 6 of Clubs

Dealer has 1 Spade winner, 1 Heart winner, a Diamond, and 4 Club winners.

Strategy: Needs to get rid of the losers in Diamonds while still having control over the other suits.

West leads the 6 of Clubs, South covers with the Jack on the board, switches to a Diamond East, the King, South the Ace, continues with a Diamond, West, the Queen, and East sluffs the 9 of Spades. Then West leads a low Spade, South wins with the Ace on the board, now plays a Club to the Ace in his hand, and follows with the King and Queen. He then leads the good Jack, next the 8, and 7 of Diamonds. He plays the Ace of Hearts, then leads a Heart, East covers with the King, and plays his last card, the Queen of Spades, Great. The contract is made with an over trick. However, if one of the opponents had led a Spade before the Queen of Diamonds was played, then South would have to give up a Spade trick and be kept to making just 9 tricks. West didn't like the idea of leading from a major since he only had 3 including an honor in each suit. Still when the opposition bids NoTrump and did not inquire about a fitness in the majors, then it is often a good idea to lead a card from one of the major suits.

\* Opener has too many HCP to open 1NT (15 - 17) and not enough HCP (20 -21) to open 2 NT. So after his first bid, he jumps to 2 NoTrump showing 18 - 19 HCP with his next bid.

\* North bids game thinking there is a possibility to make it in NT since his partner is now showing 18 - 19 HCP with the 2 NoTrump bid.

# 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.



(Above) Budapest Parliament on the Danube, (at left) the Astronomical Clock in oldtown Prague.



Charlene Lee, Linda McMullen, Theresa Meditch, and Joyce Ross went to Eastern Europe on a 10-day Danube River Cruise and Prague. From beautiful Budapest, through Slovakia, Austria and Germany, to the Czech Republic they enjoyed visiting spectacular medieval towns, cathedrals and castles, as well as beautiful scenery and food!

## Villager Holiday publication schedule

The Villager will publish three more editions in 2018: December 6, 13 and 20. There will be no publication on the week of Christmas (Thursday, December 27).

Contributors, therefore, should be informed that the December 20 edition will be the "Christmas edition" and the last edition of the year.

Because of this, Villages organizations and clubs are advised to make sure they have all their year-end wrap up articles turned in before Thursday, December 13.

Any editorial materials received after that date may be deferred to the January 3 edition.

Classified advertising deadlines will remain unchanged—10 a.m. on the Monday of the week of publication—with the exception of Monday, December 24.

Villages business offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26, and on Tuesday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

## Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

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

We surely all remember a time when cigarette manufacturers were free to bombard us with television advertising. Most used glamorous male and female models to demonstrate what a wonderful idea it was to smoke cigarettes in general and their brand in particular. But then there was "LSMFT - Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco." How glamorous was that? The counterintuitive approach to advertising was to hammer a simple, catchy phrase over and over into our unsuspecting minds. What did they mean by "fine" tobacco, anyway? Were they saying "finely grained" or just fine as in good? In either case, how did that compare to other cigarettes? A simple, catchy phrase had to be vague enough to be true in some sense, and then be repeated over and over until it lodged itself somewhere in our psyches.

Evidently, when Wonder Bread's advertising department learned that their product contained 12 vitamins and minerals, they figured why not say that it "helps build strong bodies 12 ways"? Other bread makers probably could have shouted "so does our product," but that would have been lame. Avis used to say "We are number two, but we try harder." They knew that we knew they were saying "We try harder than Hertz does." But—try harder in what way? How does it benefit the customer? Remember Ivory Soap? It was "99 and 44/100 percent pure." One guesses that customers chose Ivory Soap not because of the importance of the message, but because of the constant repetition. Remember Chiquita Banana? Farmers tell us that bananas are essentially all the same, that it was meaningless to choose one distribution company over another.

Lest we think modern consumers are smarter than we were, a popular pizza vendor still makes "The last honest pizza," and Farmers knows a thing or two because they've seen a thing or two, whatever that means.



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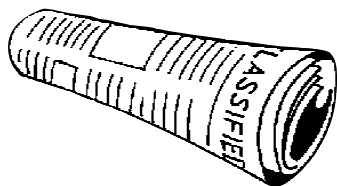
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A. A permit for the sale shall be obtained from the Public Safety Office prior to holding the sale and placement of advertising.

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C. Sales maybe held only between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

D. Sales period may not exceed two days.

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