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Experience Cirque Du Soleil 'Volta'

Volta is a captivating voyage of discovery. It's about finding yourself and unveiling your 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 the liberation of the judgement of others.

Waz, a gameshow contestant that has lost touch with himself, he's 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. 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?

On Sunday, January 6, at 1:30 p.m., the Village residents are in store for a real treat. We have reserved seats in the 200 section under the big top at AT&T Park. Price is \$141 per person which includes 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.

VMA to host free hearing screening

The Village Medical Auxiliary is sponsoring a free hearing screening this Tuesday, January 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Montgomery Center. You must pre-register to attend. Please contact VMA Social Services Coordinator, Cristina Freyer at 408-238-4029 or e-mail her at csilva@ncphs.org.

The VMA urges you to take time to have your hearing screening, either at the January 8 free screening or with your own doctor. For more information about the VMA please visit their website at vmavillages.org.

Oncologist Dr. Michael Wong to speak at SIR #114 meeting

SIR Branch 114 will hold its January luncheon on Tuesday, January 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Our speaker will be Dr. Michael Wong, a noted, and local, oncologist who will speak about cancer and its treatment. The Villages community is invited to come and hear him talk at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Michael Wong grew up in Northern California and did his undergraduate work at UC Berkeley. Afterwards, he moved to Philadelphia to attend medical school at Drexel University, graduated in 2009, and stayed on to complete his residency training. Due to his interest in performing procedures, he received specialized training in brachytherapy through a clinical fellowship at UCLA. Additionally, he has received advanced brachytherapy training at the British

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U.S. Memory Champion Chester Santos to speak at SIR #38 lunch

U.S. Memory Champion, Chester Santos, the International Man of Memory will speak at the SIR 38 luncheon on Tuesday, January 15 in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse. Non-SIR members wishing to attend the presentation should arrive at the Clubhouse at 12:30pm.

Chester Santos will speak about "Memory Fun 101: Memory Training for Everyone." Memory is absolutely fundamental to learning, so improving one's memory has a profound positive impact on one's career and personal life. In this fun and entertaining presentation, Chester will teach attendees the basics of memory improvement. Attendees will learn a number of memory boosting methods that will exercise their imagination and awaken their creativity. Participants will be shown how to utilize both sides of their brain in order to make information stick and become unforgettable. Attendees will participate in enjoyable exercises and will actually be able to feel their memory ability improving throughout the presentation. Everyone will leave this interactive session with sharper minds and a solid foundation in exercises and techniques that will benefit.

Chester Santos is one of the world's foremost experts on memory training and has helped thousands of people around the world to realize an improved memory and sharper mind. While combining entertainment with education Chester provides unique and interactive experiences that leave audiences amazed with the hidden power of their minds.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 Pulse letters received this week.

0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines.

4 Pulse letters published this week.

As I drove up Villages Parkway this evening, I was struck by two thoughts. First the lighting of the base of the trees in the middle of the road is not only pretty, but very functional. I believe that these lighted bases should be there the year around for safety reasons. I was also disappointed that the lighted trees stopped at the Bocci Ball courts. They should be continued at least as far as Fairway Drive. The should also go up Fairway drive to the traffic circle. There are probably not enough trees on Fairway drive below Vineyard to bother lighting them.

—Don Fernandez

I have been concerned when driving at night here in the Villages with the amount of Villagers who are walking at night wearing dark clothing, which makes them almost impossible to see. They should wear light reflective clothing. They also should carry with them a lighted flashlight. They should also walk facing the traffic. I am surprised there are not any reported accidents regarding this.

—Joan Fury

Walking in our beautiful Villages community is one of the most pleasant parts of living here. I would like to remind other walkers that in the dark they can become virtually invisible from the inside of a car at around dusk...this time of year as early as 3 p.m. I recently saw a shadowy figure walking across the street in front of me and wondered how they could be so careless, but as soon as I got home and stepped out of my car, I realized that from the outside, visibility was very different than from inside my vehicle. Certainly most of us would wear light-colored, more visible clothing if we realized how well camouflaged we become with even a slight decrease in ambient light.

The problem is that pedestrians are able to see more clearly because they are outside. Drivers are surrounded by (mostly tinted) windows and the light/dark contrast does not transition as well to inside the vehicle; visibility is impaired. I encourage walkers to wear light-colored or reflective jackets or other outerwear in the afternoon and evening.

Enjoy walking through our beautiful community...and be safe!

—Jeff Slavich

I think of the Villages as a place where we all live with a sense of community. I was very disappointed to read that the Dog Club wants to "compete with the Pickleballers."

I love dogs. It is proven that pets help maintain a healthy mental attitude. However, physical activity is very important to our mental AND physical health. There is no competition necessary, both Pickleball Courts and a Dog Park can easily fit in the designated area.

The Pickleball Club is a thriving and growing club and has more than doubled in growth the past year. We have more players than space to play. It's the fastest growing sport in the country, and one of the most requested amenities for developments. It is so desired that the community has already raised in excess of 470K to support building it.

My understanding is the Dog Park has been voted down before. I suggest they do what we did; gain support, present a proposal, AND be positive about it. The Pickleball Club been developing a plan for nearly three years.

—Anahid Avakian Gregg

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.

IN MEMORIAM

John Clyde Omel

May 13, 1948—December 25, 2018

(Please see obituary in the classified advertising section)

Edison Dean Coulter

September 12, 1931—December 11, 2018

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.

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.

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

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.

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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

Association/Homeowners documents available via e-mail

By Julia Meadows

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

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

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

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

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

FOUNDATION FOCUS

The Foundation Logo Tree of Giving

By Maxine Amundson, EVF president/secretary

The Evergreen Villages Foundation logo is a tree under the Villages Bell Arch. The arch is the support for the bell that symbolizes the rhythm of life and communicates to the village. There are 12 concentric circles representing the branches that are our 12 Villages. All circles have a common starting point, the spiral moving outward is the journey as life unfolds. The trunk represents the strength, stability, growth and wisdom of a California oak tree. Our tree represents The Villages where we live, volunteer, and play.

The EVF logo represents the EVF Board and every resident. Working with the VGCC board and the General Planning committee, EVF enables capital improvements that are not possible from your monthly assessments. We use your tax-deductible donations to build and improve assets to enhance our community for current and future residents. Now in our 10th year, EVF has supported 23 projects totally a little over \$362,000 from your contributions.

Every Villager is a member of The Foundation. Consider becoming a participant by making a yearly contribution or becoming a monthly sustaining donor. Help create your future. Visit www.evfsj.org



FROM THE TAC

WOW! Are You Ready?

On Monday morning, January 21, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Clubhouse ballroom, the Villages Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) and Villages Management will co-sponsor the next "Welcome to Our Website" (WOW) event! This event is designed to teach you about some very useful services available on The Villages' improved "Resident Portal" website. Bring your laptop or smartphone; fellow residents will provide demonstrations and clear take-home instructions to teach you everything you need to know about how to use these Villages self-service features.

This will also be your first opportunity to see and download the new Villager Smartphone App, developed by a group of San Jose State University students, which gives convenient one-click access to all the Resident Portal's important apps and services.

Thanks to the work of staffer Ken Patterson, the Resident Portal, which can be found at <https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/> has gone through a number of positive changes over the last year including the addition of a growing number of self-service applications that allow you, the resident, to communicate with Villages services easily and effectively. You can now go on-line to make a Clubhouse restaurant reservation, pay your HOA dues, place a work order, or notify the Public Safety gatehouse of incoming visitors. Interacting via the Web means no more waiting, no more long phone calls or email exchanges with staff, no more uncertainty about confirmations or replies.

General Manager Tim Sutherland is committed to adding additional self-serve applications to give you even more control and satisfaction in your dealings with Villages Management and Staff.

We schedule a WOW event every eight weeks, so watch your Villager and Fast Lane for more details on the next WOW events in coming weeks.

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.thevillagesgcc.com—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

Back to Basics—EVF's 'Gently Used' clothing sale

By Vivian Brown

If you are familiar with the original Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) clothing sales, you know that we have a variety of women's clothing at fantastic prices.

We have tried doing a one-day sale, and a designer style sale, and found that you much prefer the two-day sale of a variety of items at great prices.

Mark your calendars for March 30 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Foothill Center.

We are seeking donations of "gently used" women's clothing for our sale. If you have a donation, our sale coordinators will be happy to pick the items up at your home.

Contact Barb Weiler at barbsw745@gmail.com or Marion Whittaker at 408-234-4972.



EPC SEZ..

You need to have enough water, food and prescription drugs on hand for at least three days (preferably a week). Canned tuna, peanut butter, and protein bars are some suggested options to keep on hand.

—The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee

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

MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

New Resident Orientation Meeting

The next New Resident Orientation will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

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

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

Pedestrian Safety on our Villages streets

Walking in the Villages is great exercise and an excellent way to see our beautiful community. Walking can also be dangerous; however, one in six traffic fatalities is a pedestrian. To avoid being a statistic, take note of a few tips for walkers and drivers alike.

Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk in the road, always walk facing traffic, so you can see any car that might go out of control. Make eye contact with drivers and dress to be seen. At night, wear light or reflective clothing and carry a small flashlight.

Drivers of all vehicles must take care to respect the right-of-way of pedestrians. California Vehicle Code requires you to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk of an intersection. This does not relieve pedestrians, however, from the duty of being cautious and watching out for their own safety.

ENCROACHMENTS

The following encroachments have been submitted to the Architectural Committee and the Board of Directors:

- 3119 Lake Albano Circle—Walkway.
- 6257 Blauer Lane—Walkway.

Owners in the area are invited to comment to the General Manager's office.

HI NEIGHBOR

Please give a warm greeting to **Kimberly Sandstrom**, who moved from Cupertino to Cribari Village last July. A California native, she holds a B.A. and M.S. in Physics from UC Santa Cruz, and although she taught Physics for 10 years, she has been a pricing analyst for the last seven years. Kimberly has also lived on sailboats for 15 years, traveling as far away as Chile, to Laguna San Rafael. She states that she has not been a homeowner since the early 80s. Kimberly has three children, and in her spare time she enjoys knitting, hiking, cooking and reading.

Help us say hi to **Rose Marie Taoka**, a six-month resident of Cribari Village. A San Jose native, her career has included teaching, social work, and computer science. She has three children, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. In her spare time, she loves gardening and taking trips to see family and friends, as well as canasta and working out. She also states she loves to dog-, cat-, house-, and plant-sit.

Joellen Jarvi is one of Montgomery Village's newest residents, having moved here last summer from Cupertino. Born in Oregon, she holds a Master's in Library Science and a Bachelor's in Crops/Botany, and worked as a NASA payload manager for non-human life science experiments going on board the Space Shuttle. A mother of three, in her free time Joellen enjoys botany.

Please help us make **Gerry Marmion** feel welcome. Originally from Ireland, Gerry moved to Hermosa Village last June from Napa. This father of two and grandfather of three was the Director of Communications for IBM in San Jose. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, conversation, and visiting family and friends.

If you're in Cribari, say hi if you see **Miranda Lang**, who came to Cribari Village last July from Canada! Born in Hong Kong, Miranda is now retired from working as a casino dealer at Harrah's Hotel and Casino in Reno. In her free time, she enjoys swimming and other fitness exercises. Miranda has two children.

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Parking in the Common Area

The Villages Association Rule #2.17, Vehicle Parking addresses parking of residents' vehicles. Section 2 states, "No vehicle that is incapable of being parked within the entire boundary of the garage, carport or driveway may be parked within the Condominium Development. Temporary exceptions may be authorized by Public Safety."

Public Safety receives numerous calls from residents who advise us that all of the common parking is taken by residents. This is very common during holidays. This causes your guests to park in the larger streets and walk great distances.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Holiday Decorations notice

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free e-waste recycling event at The Villages

OLM Recycling Services will be hosting a free electronic e-waste collection in The Villages on Saturday January 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Cribari Center-East Parking Lot

If your item is too heavy, we can pick up at the house, just let us know your address and we will stop by and help. Questions? Call Lynne 408-781-3090. Call Montiel at 408-781-2211 (se habla espanol).

The Villages Cribari Center – East Parking Lot

Name: _____
 Address _____
 City, Zip _____
 Phone (required) _____

We are registered as a collector with Cal Recycle
CEWID #116641 EPA # CAL000423947

- CRTs: TVs, Rear Projector TV, Computer Monitors, Equipment w/monitor
- LCDs: Plasma TV, LCD Monitors, Laptops, including iPad, Kindle, Notebook
- Computers, Servers, Switches, Network Equipment
- Components: Memory, IC Chips, CPO, Printed Circuit Boards
- Hard Drives (we dismantle and destroy all hard drives)
- Modems, Routers
- Telecom, Household Phones, Cellphones
- Printers, Fax, Scanner
- CD Players, DVD Players, DVR Player,
- Audio & Video Equipment, Karaoke, Stereo Equipment
- Camera's, Projectors, Security Cameras
- Gaming: Nintendo, Xbox, Play Stations, including Games
- iPads, Notebooks, Tablets, Kindles
- Medical Equipment, Carts, Test Equipment, Lab Equipment
- Server Racks, Metal Carts
- Wire and Cables (all types) Surge Projectors, Adapters
- UPS, Backup Batteries, Power Supplies and Car Batteries, Laptop Batteries)
- Exercise Equipment
- Metals: Aluminum, Copper, Scrap Metal, Stainless Steel, File Cabinets
- Appliances: Dishwasher, Washer, Dryer, Oven, Water Heater, Refrigerator
- Microwave
- Satellite Dishes

We **do not** take Household Batteries (A, B, C, D)

We **do not** take Bulbs at the event.

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

Attention Committee publicity chairs: BOARD MEETINGS

To get the word out in 2019 to your membership you may list your DAC meetings in The Villager, on Channel 26 and in Fast Lane e-mail blasts.

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

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

You may also submit your articles and electronic notices on Resident Portal: www.thevillagesgcc.com

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Are you prepared for a real disaster?

Some things to think about:

- Do you have a lantern and batteries?
- Do you have a pet carrier for your pets?
- Do you have food and water for five days?
- Do you have a backup plan if you need electricity for oxygen?
- Do you have a buddy to check on you, or for you to check on?

For more information check the EPC bulletin board next to Post Office in Cribari, or the article in back of Villages Telephone Book.

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.vma-villages.org



January Programs

Hearing Screening: Hearing Life will be performing these. Registration required. Tuesday, January 8, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Montgomery Center.

POLSTS and Other Important Documents: With Grace Hospice will be presenting on these important documents that everyone should have including POLSTS, DNR, Vial of Life, etc. Wednesday, January 9, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Vineyard Center.

Grief Support Group: a facilitator from Hospice of the Valley leads this monthly grief group. Monday, January 14, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Patio Room. Monday, January 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Patio Room.

Caregiving 101: Family Caregiver Alliance will be presenting on self-care, tips on how to care for others, communicating with those you care for and more. Wednesday, January 16, 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, PhD. Thursday, January 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Patio Room.

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

Interested in trying a new life alert system that does not need to be worn? If so, contact the Service Coordinator for more information.

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 or 408-238-4029.

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

Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Study Session will be held Tuesday, January 29, at 9:15 a.m. in Foothill Center.

The Villages Association Board of Directors regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, January 29 immediately after the Study Session in Foothill Center.

Club

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Study Session will be held Tuesday, January 15, at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center.

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, January 29, 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.

Save the date...

The
BIG event
is in the works!

March 11, 2019 EVF

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

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, or go to Building B to sign up in person.

SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

California is not conforming to Federal tax law

Not surprisingly, the California Legislature has not conformed California state income tax law to any part of the Federal tax law changes which began January 1, 2018. This means that many Villagers will find filing tax returns more complicated since they will not need to itemize for Federal taxes but still need to itemize for their California taxes.

For example, the Federal standard deduction for 2018 will be \$24,000 for a joint return and \$12,000 for a single return with an additional amount of \$1,300 (married) or \$1,600 (Single) if age 65 or older. In 2017 the standard deduction was \$13,000 and \$6,350. Consequently, many Villagers will use the standard deduction rather than itemize on their Federal 1040 return.

Great, this means you don't need to go to the work of calculating your itemized deductions? Wrong. In 2018 the California standard deduction is \$8,802 joint and \$4,401 single. This is far less than the Federal \$24,000 or \$12,000. Many people will have enough itemized expenses that they will want to continue to itemize deductions for their California return while using the standard deduction on their Federal return.

On their 2017 Federal return taxpayers received a personal exemption of \$4,150. In 2018 the Federal personal exemption will be zero. But a personal exemption credit plus an additional exemption credit for a senior will still be available on your California return.

And there are more examples of differences. Federal tax law obliterated the miscellaneous itemized deduction for things such as investment advisory and tax preparation fees, unreimbursed employee expenses and union dues. Previously you added these expenses and could deduct the amount that exceeded a percent of adjusted gross income on your 1040 return. This category is still available on your California return.

If you itemize deductions, you may still deduct the interest expense on up to \$100,000 of home-equity debt even if it not used to buy or improve your home. On your Federal return that interest is no longer deductible unless it is used on your home.

We suggest you start your income tax preparation earlier than you have in prior years and don't forget to have a good supply of patience.



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 Announcement:

IRS mileage rates for 2019

Do you use your automobile for business use? The standard mileage rate for business is 58 cents-a-mile for 2019. This is an increase of 3.5 cents from the 2018 rate. The new mileage rate for deductible medical mileage expense is 20 cents-a-mile rather than 18 cents. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at 14 cents a mile.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, January 4

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 8:45 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ
 9 a.m. Villages Golf Committee MC
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER
 9:30 a.m. Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Brandeis Brdway Musical VC
 10 a.m. Quilters P
 10 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 10:30 a.m. Line Dance MMP
 2 p.m. Table Tennis MMP
 3 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal CR
 6 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
 6:30 p.m. Chinese Club Mah Jong and Karaoke RED

Saturday, January 5

9 a.m. Table Tennis MMP
 9 a.m. Ukulele Singing SEQ
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER
 10 a.m. Dog Club RED

Sunday, January 6

7:15 a.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal CR
 8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass A
 8:30 a.m. Episcopal Services MC
 9 a.m. Table Tennis MMP
 9 a.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal SEQ
 9:30 a.m. Chapel Prayer F
 9:30 a.m. Chapel Worship CR
 10 a.m. Community Chapel Services A
 11 a.m. Chapel Fellowship CR
 5:30 p.m. Catholic Little Christmas RED

Monday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. 9 Hole Women Board VC
 9 a.m. 18 Hole Women Board CR
 9 a.m. Game Day SEQ, RED
 9:30 a.m. Search the Scriptures FC
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER
 9:30 a.m. Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Republican Club Board BGA
 10 a.m. Cardio Class A
 10 a.m. Line Dance MMP

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	

10:30 a.m. Fitness Center Committee F
 1 p.m. Stitchery P
 1:30 p.m. Table Tennis MMP
 3:30 p.m. Chapel Stephen Ministry P
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED
 6:45 p.m. Yoga MMP
 7:30 p.m. Table Tennis MMP

Tuesday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Men's Golf Committee P
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ
 9:30 a.m. Acrylics & Oil Studio AR
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER
 9:30 a.m. VMA Hearing Screenings MC
 9:45 a.m. SIR 114 Board CH
 10 a.m. ADL Parkinson Class A
 10 a.m. Ukulele Advanced CR
 10 a.m. Club Rules Committee BGA
 10 a.m. Line Dance MMP
 10 a.m. Music Society Music Comm. F
 11 a.m. SIR 114 Lunch CH
 11:30 a.m. Walking Class A
 11:30 a.m. Yoga MMP
 1 p.m. Bocce Club Board P
 1 p.m. Brandeis-Presidents CR
 2 p.m. Crafters Club VC
 2 p.m. Table Tennis MMP
 2 p.m. Veteran's Club FC
 2 p.m. Piano Club Rehearsal A
 3:45 p.m. Villages Voices Board F
 5 p.m. Music Society Board F
 6:45 p.m. Band Rehearsal A
 7 p.m. Art Film VC
 7 p.m. Catholic Council MC
 7 p.m. Amateur Radio Club FC
 7 p.m. Brandeis Study Group CR

Wednesday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ
 9 a.m. VMA CR
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER
 9:30 a.m. Open Studio AR
 9:30 a.m. Ladies Prayer & Bible Study P
 10 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 10 a.m. Total Body Fitness A

10:30 a.m. VMA POLST Presentation VC
 10:30 a.m. Hadassah MC
 1:30 p.m. Movie: The Leisure Speaker CR
 1:30 p.m. EVF Board P
 2 p.m. Ping Pong Playing MMP
 3 p.m. Assoc. Policy Committee BGA
 3:30 p.m. New Resident Orientation CH
 6 p.m. Global Village Community CR
 6 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC
 7 p.m. Yoga MMP

Thursday, January 10

9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ
 9 a.m. Swimming Pool Committee CR
 9 a.m. Homeowners Board Meeting FC
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER
 9:30 a.m. Watercolor Classes AR
 10 a.m. Line Dance MMP
 10 a.m. Communications Committee F
 10:30 a.m. Walking Class A
 11:30 a.m. Yoga MMP
 12:30 p.m. 18 Hole Women Lunch CH
 1 p.m. Ukulele Club VC
 2 p.m. Chapel Bible Study MC
 3 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR
 3 p.m. VGC-Programs BGA
 5:30 p.m. Hiking Club White Elephant FC
 6 p.m. Bridge Club at the Villages RED

Friday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A
 8:45 a.m. Catholic Mass CR
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER
 9:30 a.m. Open Studio AR
 10 a.m. Quilting P
 10 a.m. Tai Chi FC
 10:30 a.m. Line Dance MMP
 1:30 p.m. Opera Lovers Movie VC
 2 p.m. Table Tennis MMP
 3 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal CR
 6 p.m. Mexican Trains Dominoes MC
 7:15 p.m. Brandeis World Discussion CR

More Hi Neighbor...

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Please help us greet **Chisoon Chung**, who has been a Cribari Villager since last August. She retired 30 years ago after working as a bakery chef for Hyatt Regency hotels in the U.S. and Korea. Chisoon has two children and three grandchildren and in her free time enjoys knitting, walking/hiking and learning harmonica.

Help us give a warm greeting to **Mary "Jo" Crouch**. Born in Mexico, Missouri, Jo moved to Montgomery Village last May from Illinois. She worked as a school worker for 30 years and exclaims she loved her job. She is a graduate of Missouri State University in Columbia, MO where she earned a Master's degree. She has two children, and loves cats and gardening.

SIR #114...

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Columbia Cancer Agency, Chicago Prostate Cancer Center, and at several national prostate brachytherapy workshops through fellowships awarded by the American Brachytherapy Society.

He will speak about the use of radiation to treat disease and relieve suffering as a radiation oncologist. Over the years, he has seen how pain and loss can be unfair and meted out without reason. However, the courage of his patients gives meaning to the inexplicable. Being able to comfort them gives him a sense of purpose. How he treats each patient is a direct reflection of all the hopes he has for his career. And each interaction with patients is an opportunity to stay faithful to why he went into medicine.

VMA to host 'Important Documents' workshop

The VMA is sponsoring a workshop to discuss documents every resident should have in case of a medical emergency. The workshop will be held Wednesday, January 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Vineyard Center.

With Grace Hospice will lead the discussion about these important documents, which include POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), DNE, Vial of Life, etc. There is no registration required.

Look What's Coming 2019

Register in Building B.

Date	Event	In Villager	Registration
1/6	Cirque du Soleil - Volta		NOW
1/26	Come From Away		SOLD OUT
2/3	Something Rotten - Broadway		NOW
2/19	Montalvo Light Show		NOW
3/3	Hello Dolly		NOW
3/13	Hamilton		SOLD OUT
4/4	Hamilton	1/10	1/14
4/7	Giants vs. Tampa Bay	1/10	1/14
4/11	Aladdin - Broadway	1/31	2/4
4/28	Giants vs. New York	2/14	2/18
5/2	Legion of Honor - Monet	2/28	3/1
5/9	Hamilton	TBD	TBD
5/17	Sandy Hackett Comedy - Clubhouse	3/14	3/18
5/26	Giants vs. Arizona	TBD	TBD
6/8	School of Rock - Broadway	TBD	TBD
6/9	Giants vs. Dodgers	TBD	TBD
6/10	Choral Project	TBD	TBD
TBD	Peter Paul Rubens Exhibit	TBD	TBD
TBD	Monet Exhibit	TBD	TBD
8/14	Hamilton	TBD	TBD

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, January 5: 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 to 8 miles on the following trails: Coyote Ridge, Gavioto, Blue Oak, Ohlone, 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, January 9 (Rambler): Wate and Johanna Bakker (408-223-2190) will lead a hike in the Shoreline Park of Mountain View. We expect to see many migratory and other shoreline birds, so bring your binoculars and cameras. Afterward we will have lunch in the Shoreline cafe. Bring water and a snack. Dress seasonably. Round trip car mileage about 35 miles. To avoid excessive traffic, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Cribari for a 9:45 a.m. departure.

Saturday, January 12: Akiko Giordono (408-238-5437) will lead long hikers on Mayfair-Catamount Big Loop Trail in Rancho Canada Del Oro Open Space Preserve. We will start on 8-mile hike from the Mayfair Ranch Trail, take the fork for Longwall Canyon/Bald Peaks Trail. This 2-mile trail takes you to the summit with panoramic views of Almaden Valley, Diablo Range and surrounding ridges. Have lunch at a picnic table and then continue on the 1-mile Bald Peaks Trail to the 1.7-mile Catamount Trail with steep and moderate stretches as it rejoins the Longwall Canyon Trail. The hike continues with a 0.5 mile stretch on the Longwall Canyon Trail which crosses over into Calero Park and takes you back to the parking area. Bring water, lunch and snack, and poles. Driving distance about 30 miles round trip.

Wednesday, January 16 (Rambler): Sy Gelman (408-532-1239) will lead a Rambler hike along Los Alamitos Creek Trail. Starting from Almaden Lake the trail follows Los Alamitos Creek on mostly level ground. Hike mileage is 3 to 4 miles. Auto mileage is about 30 miles round trip. Lunch nearby is an option. We will meet 8:30 a.m. at Cribari for an 8:45 a.m. departure.

Saturday, January 19: Rich Bainbridge will lead a hike up our hill starting at Foothill Center. Route and distance determined by weather and hikers.

Wednesday, January 23 (Rambler): Brad Hinckley (408-274-2616) will lead a hike along Coyote Creek to Hellyer Park from Blossom Hill Road on a paved trail. Total distance is about 3-4 miles. We can go out to lunch afterward. Bring water and a jacket. We will meet 8:30 a.m. at Cribari for an 8:45 a.m. departure.

Saturday, January 26: Amy Meier will lead a hike in Windy Hill.

VILLAGES AMATEUR THEATRE

Multiple auditions were completed in early December for the VAT's performances of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" scheduled for Friday, April 5, Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7. Please mark these April dates in your calendar. Plan on leaving your worries at home and spending an evening laughing as you have never laughed before. See our article in "Clubs" for more details.

What's Happening in ARTS & CRAFTS?

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

Website: www.villagesartsandcrafts.org

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

***Registration contact: Barbara Gottesman** at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

****RSVP to: Wendy Ledamun** at wledamun49@gmail.com

***** RSVP to: Judy Wessler** at judywessler@gmail.com

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

January 3 – February 7: Experimental Watercolor Studio with Linda Sieker for Intermediate Watercolorists. Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – noon. Members \$60; non-members \$65. Non-resident guests: \$60 plus \$10 Facility Usage Fee. *

January 8 -29: Basic hand building and slab work with clay. Tues. 10a.m. – noon w/Diane Finley. All materials supplied. Cost \$75 for members, \$80 non-members. Limited space. **

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

January 15: Third Tuesday Art Nights. Free. 6:30 p.m. Art Room. Diane Finley and "Decorating Ceramic Hearts for Valentine's Day." All materials furnished. Wine & Cheese snacks.

January 15 – February 19: Abstract Acrylic Painting with Jeff Bramschreiber. Tuesdays noon – 2:30 p.m. Register by Jan. 7. \$60 for members; \$65 for non-members; \$60 plus \$10 Facility Usage Fee For non-resident guests. Materials list will be sent to all who register. *

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.

CAMERA CLUB

Monday, January 8: No meeting and no photographic competition. Next competition February 4.

Monday, January 21: Program meeting on Macro Photography by Mark Grzan in Foothill Center from 7 to 9 p.m. New members welcome. Membership: Ray Blinde at rwblinde@earthlink.net.

Monday February 4: Photo competition for members. Submit projected images to the website for the categories of Pictorial, Monochrome, Travel, and Journalism by Sunday, January 27, at 2 p.m. See winning photographs at www.villagescameraclub.com, in the hallway of Cribari Center, and in the hallway to the left of the main entrance to the Clubhouse.

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 Olivas, 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



MUSIC SOCIETY: TAKE NOTE

Rehearsal/Meeting Schedule

Villages Concert Band: Tuesdays, starting January 8 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: Starting Tuesday, January 8 at 2 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Estelle Kabbani at marchstar@comcast.net or 408-238-7246.

Village Voices: Wednesdays starting January 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Foothill Center. Open rehearsals for new members. No auditions needed. Aileen Reid 408-809-4884.

**Gift Cards available
at the
Clubhouse and Pro Shop!**

2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

THE CLUBHOUSE

**For Reservations
or Information:
408-223-4687**

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

WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Happy Hour at the Bistro & Bar:
Happy Hour times are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Bistro daily.
Come down and join us for a drink!

Early Bird Specials: Get a 10-percent discount on entrées* from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
*Must be from Dinner Entrees Section or Weekly Specials. Does Not Include Prime Rib.

Offer good only in the Clubhouse Restaurant.

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

Go to:
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

**Lunch Specials
Tuesday 1-8
to
Sunday 1-13**

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

Villager Melt

\$14.00

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

Stuffed Avocado Salad

\$14.00

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

Sautéed Trout Provençale Style

\$16.00

Sautéed Trout, Tomatoes and Green Onions with White Wine Butter Sauce, Rice Pilaf and Vegetables—served with Soup or Salad

DAILY SOUP SPECIALS

Tuesday, January 8

Soup: Potato Leek

Wednesday, January 9

Soup: Beef Vegetable and Rice

Thursday, January 10

Soup: Chicken Tortellini

Friday, January 11

Soup: Fisherman Stew

Saturday, January 12

Soup: Chef's Choice

Sunday, January 13

Soup: Chef's Choice

DINNER SPECIALS SERVED ALL WEEK

**Dinner Specials
Tuesday 1-8
to
Sunday 1-13**

Chicken Saltimbocca

\$19.00

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

Lemon Pepper Tri-tip

\$22.95

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

Antipasto Salad with Prawn

\$19.00

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

ACTIVITIES

Monday January 7

No Event

Tuesday January 8

• SIR #114 Board Meeting—Sunset, Oak and Fairway Rooms—9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

Wednesday January 9

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

Thursday January 10

• Women's 18 Hole Golf Luncheon—Oak and Sunset Rooms—12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday January 11

No Event

Saturday January 12

• Private Event—Sunset, Oak and Fairway Rooms—4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday January 13

• Valle Vista Brunch—Fairway Room—11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

More CLUBHOUSE

Thanks for the holiday memories!

Ten tips to make sure your contractor measures up

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.




John Yu (center) with Linda McChesney and Susan Howe from the Montgomery Social Committee.

The Montgomery social committee would like to thank John Yu and staff for all the help with our holiday party. Even though we'd planned on approximately 100 guests or less, the guest list exceeded 125. Our committee needed to increase the food needs a day prior to the event. Food and Beverage demonstrated outstanding flexibility by not only fulfilling the request, but, also by providing cost effective, delicious and the highest quality meals.

Mary Tatum and staff generously provided guidance on room design and setup. It made our event flow smoothly and resulted in an event that not only the guests, but also the committee, enjoyed.

—Montgomery social committee

Provided by the California State License Board

1. Hire only state-licensed contractors.
2. Check a contractor's license number on line at: www.cslb.ca.gov or by calling 800-321-SCLB (2752).
3. Get at least three bids
4. Get three references from each bidder and review past work in person.
5. Make sure all project expectations are in writing and only sign the contract if you completely understand the terms.
6. Confirm that the contractor has workers' compensation insurance for employees.
7. Never pay more than 10 percent down or \$1,000, whichever is less. Don't pay in cash.
8. Don't let payments get ahead of the work.
9. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project, including all payments.
10. Don't make the final payment until you are satisfied with the job.

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



Shared Table, Complimentary Glass of Wine included with your Dinner and Great Conversations.
Please make reservations and note "Single Diners' Reservation"
Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

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

Prime Rib
Served at The Clubhouse
Every Friday and Saturday Nights



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

NO CORKAGE FEE

Clubhouse Restaurant Only

This Week	on Channel 27	Every 6-Hours starting at 1 & 7 am/pm	Midnight, 6am, Noon & 6pm Fire Safety at the Villages	Complimentary WiFi	Network: Villages Public Password: villages	Club Events & Notices on Channel 26	More information online at the Villages Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com
				5 & 11am, 5 & 11pm The Villages Fitness Center			
hr.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show My Little Margie	The Lucy Show Date with the Angels	The Beverly Hillbillies The Adventures of Kit Carson	The Jack Benny Program Topper	Sherlock Holmes Mr. & Mrs. North	The Adventures of Robin Hood The Adventures of Sir Lancelot	You Bet Your Life The George Gobel Show
2	Letter to Loretta General Electric Theater	Westinghouse Studio One	Bonanza	Climax!	Dragnet Lock-Up	Space Patrol Rocky Jones Space Ranger	Colgate Comedy Hour
3	MOVIE: Heartbeat	MOVIE: The Man with the Golden Arm	MOVIE: Daniel Boone	MOVIE: Les Miserablés	MOVIE: The King Murder	One Step Beyond	Comedy Binge - 4 Episodes The Lucy Show
4			PLUS: Miracle Riders Chapters 2 & 3		PLUS: The Green Hornet Chapters 2 & 3	MOVIE: Phantom From Space	

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Board and Committee Meetings

Date	Meeting	Time	Place
1/4	Villages Golf Committee	9 a.m.	Montgomery Center
1/7	Fitness Center Committee	10:30 a.m.	Forum
1/8	Club Rules Committee	10 a.m.	Building A
1/9	Association Policy Committee	3 p.m.	Building A
1/10	Swimming Pool Committee	9 a.m.	Conference Room
1/10	Homeowners Board of Directors	9 a.m.	Foothill Center
1/10	Communications Committee	10 a.m.	Forum
1/10	Villages Golf Committee	3 p.m.	Building A

Community Events

Date	Event	Time	Place
1/8	SIR 114 Lunch	11 a.m.	Clubhouse
1/8	Art Film	7 p.m.	Vineyard Ctr
1/9	VMA POLST Presentation	10:30 a.m.	Vineyard Ctr
1/9	Movie – “Leisure Seeker”	1:30 p.m.	Conf. Room
1/9	New Resident Orientation	3:30 p.m.	Clubhouse
1/10	18 Hole Women Lunch	12:30 p.m.	Clubhouse
1/10	Hiking Club White Elephant	5:30 p.m.	Foothill Center

See ‘Hello, Dolly!’ in San Francisco

Broadway legend Betty Buckley stars in Hello, Dolly! director Jerry Zaks’ “gorgeous” new production that is “making people crazy happy!” Breaking box office records week after week and receiving thunderous raves on Broadway, this Hello, Dolly! pays tribute to the original work of legendary director/choreographer Gower Champion—hailed both then and now as one of the greatest staging in musical theater history.

If you’re lucky enough to score a ticket, you’ll be seeing something historic. But it turns out that today is your lucky day. We have tickets for orchestra seating at the Golden Gate Theatre on Sunday, March 3 for a 2 p.m. matinee.

Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B. Cost is \$214 per person; this includes a great dinner, transportation and the musical! Departure from the Villages will be at noon, but please arrive at 11:30 a.m. in the Cribari Redwood Room to get your tickets before boarding the bus. Return time to the Villages is estimated at 9 p.m.

Dinner will be at the Pompei Grotto with entrée choices of Grilled Salmon, Shrimp and Scallop Combo, Spaghetti with Dungeness Crab tossed with garlic and 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!

See the Tony-winning ‘Something Rotten!’

Do you need a laugh or just need to do something fun? Well “Something Rotten!” is it! On Sunday, February 3, we have orchestra seating for a 1 p.m. matinee at the San Jose Performing Arts Center for this delightful musical. The cost of \$143 per person includes transportation and musical. Please register in the Community Resource Center, Building B. Departure from the Villages will be at 12-noon, with a return time of 5 p.m. Please register in the Cribari Patio Room at 11:15 a.m. to secure your ticket. This outing but the Clubhouse. There is a discount with your ticket stub. Please make advance reservations if you plan to use this offer.

The story: The year is 1595, and struggling playwrights Nigel and Nick Bottom are planning on taking Shakespeare down a peg or two. Their idea? To conjure up the one type of show that’s outside of The Bard’s wheelhouse—the musical! An uproariously irreverent and meta portrait of the Renaissance, “Something Rotten!” tracks the Brothers’ shaky progress while gleefully parodying The Great White Way’s greatest hits along the way, riffing on everything from “Phantom of the Opera” to “Les Miserables.”

This gloriously silly musical first premiered on Broadway in 2015, where it proved a hit with audiences and critics alike, garnering stunning 10 Tony nominations, and winning one for Christian Borle’s portrayal of Shakespeare. With another production transferring over to London’s West End, “Something Rotten!” is taking its doublets and ruffs on the road.

Music and lyrics come courtesy of crack brotherly duo Wayne and Karey Kirkpatrick, the latter of whom also co-wrote the book alongside British humorist John O’Farrell. The “Book of Mormon” director Casey Nicholaw steered the ship for its original Broadway production.



CANCELED!

Villages Guest Rooms available

The Villages has four guest rooms available by reservation for guests of residents. They are located in Cribari Center above the library. All rooms are furnished with queen sized beds, ensuite bathrooms, small refrigerator, complimentary coffee, complimentary Wi-Fi and cable television. Room rates are \$100 per night for a room with one queen bed and \$111 for a room with two queen beds inclusive. No pets are allowed. Reservations are available up to six months in advance. To reserve a room please call 408-754-1336.

Mark calendars for Spring Bash

The Villages community celebration will be held Saturday, April 27. The Spring Bash will feature a large classic car show, vendors, food, Art in the Park and entertainment. Circle the date on your calendars now. For more information contact the Community Activities office at 408-223-4643.

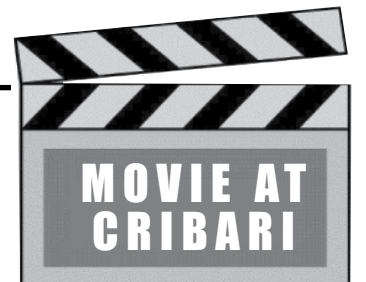
Learn how to line dance!

Have fun in the new year by learning how to line dance. This introductory class will be held on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Montgomery Center. The class will run January 8 through February 12. The cost is \$15 for six sessions (only \$2.50 per class). Enjoy dancing to a wide variety of music while exercising both body and mind.

Register now, at the Community Activities office Building B, as space is limited. No partner needed. If you have any questions, please contact the instructor Deana Megginson at 408-238-1180.

Don’t miss...

THE LEISURE SEEKER
Wednesday, January 9
1:30 p.m.



Starring Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland. A runaway couple go on an unforgettable journey in the faithful old RV they call The Leisure Seeker.



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.

Montalvo Art Center Light Show — 4 tickets left!

Montalvo Arts Center is proud to announce an astonishing new exhibition by artist Bruce Munro, featuring 10 light-based works ranging in scale from immersive to intimate. "Bruce Munro at Montalvo: Stories in Light" will utilize multi-hued waves, clusters, cascades, flocks, and seas of illumination, transforming Montalvo's historic Villa and its extensive public areas into a breathtaking spectacle of light. The exhibition will be the first time Munro's work has been publicly on display on the West Coast, and it will represent the largest number of his works ever on view at a single venue. It is made possible in part through the generous support of The Valley Foundation.

"Bruce Munro at Montalvo" blends the highly personal with the poignantly universal, aiming to transcend time and space by inspiring moments of awareness, and inviting viewers to contemplate a world larger and more mysterious than their own existence. Works on view are inspired by Munro's experiences reading C.S. Lewis's "Chronicles of Narnia" as a child, drawing on imagery that stayed with him over the years. They also reflect on personal recollections and society's collective memories.

Let's go see the new "Light Show at Montalvo Art Center" on Tuesday, February 19. The bus will depart at 4:30 p.m. for tour at 6 p.m. so it will be dark! Bring a small flashlight. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress warm! You will have approximately a half-mile walk with inclines and declines and it will be dark outside! The bus will drop and pick you up at the base of the property line as no vehicles are allowed on the grounds; there are shuttles that will take you up to and down from Montalvo. Please eat prior to leaving The Villages and maybe take a snack for bus and bottled water for your walk. The estimated return time to The Villages is 8 p.m. Remember it will be dark for your walk, so docents will accompany our group. The cost of this outing is \$44 per person. Registration begins Monday, December 24 in the Community Resource Center.

Join Walking for Better Balance (WFBB)

People who are inactive in general have a higher incidence of falling and chronic health problems. Walking is the best and most popular exercise for older adults to improve their health condition and balance and to get rid of aches and pains. WFBB is offered two days per week Tuesdays (Auditorium – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm) and Thursdays (Auditorium – 10 to 11 a.m.). This is a fast-paced class designed to improve balance, gait, walk speed, flexibility, posture, strength and endurance. Chair Fitness is also offered: Don't let health conditions, cane or walker stop you! Talk with your doctor, grab your sneakers and join the class. The cost is \$90 for a class card, issued and punched in class. Humor and music are motivation tools used to keep participants striving to maintain a quality life. Start anytime! Register in class! For information call Jane at 408-315-1179. This class sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

Learn the Art of Living with Parkinson's

Research shows that PLWP (People Living with Parkinson's) can slow the progression of the disease by exercising three days per week. The Villages Parkinson's Exercise Program offers physical and functional fitness training classes on Tuesdays (Functional Fitness - Auditorium - Monday 10 to 11 a.m.), Wednesdays (Tai Chi – Foothill Center - 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.) and Thursday's (Walking for Better Balance – Auditorium – 10 to 11 a.m.). All classes mix the ADL (Activities of Daily Living) training elements of coordination, dexterity, standing, sitting, pushing, pulling, lifting, stretching, squatting, twisting and lunging with physical fitness exercise designed to improve posture, strength, endurance, balance, gait, speed, agility and flexibility. Humor and music are motivation tools used to keep PLWP striving to maintain a quality life. Start anytime! Register in class! For information call Jane at 408-315-1179. This class sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

Take Chair Yoga/Standard Yoga classes

We are offering both Standard Yoga and Chair Yoga 30-minute classes. Exercising while seated allows each person to better control the level of effort expended on each pose, thereby minimizing the possibility of injury. Yoga 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.

Practice 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.

Get your fitness on for 2019!

Cardio Workout—January to March 2019: Join Cardio Workout with instructor Shu-Mei... here is a fun, energetic workout that combines low impact aerobic exercise and strength training with light weights and rubber band resistance to give you a great full body workout. End each workout with stretching for all of your major muscle groups. Please bring weights of 1 or 2 pounds with you to class.

Classes are on Mondays, from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$70 for 12 classes, must sign up for all 12 as cost will be the same. Classes are held in the Cribari Auditorium starting on January 7, and ends on March 25. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B.

Total Body Fitness—January to March 2019: Combine fun with fitness to increase your cardiovascular endurance, muscular power, balance, flexibility and coordination with a variety of standing, seated and mat-based exercises. Upper and lower body strength exercises with hand-held weights, rubber band resistance, and bodyweight as well as core strengthening, balance and coordination exercises using a small fitness ball give you a well-rounded workout designed to improve your overall fitness and functional ability.

Classes for January to March will be on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$70; you must sign up for all classes in session, as you will be billed for all. All classes are in the Auditorium beginning January 9 through March 27. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B.

Don't miss...

LIFE OF THE PARTY
Monday, January 21
7 p.m.

Starring Melissa McCarthy. After her husband abruptly asks for a divorce, a middle-aged mother returns to college in order to complete her degree.




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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!

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's Massage Special

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

CLUBS & EVENTS

Villager Sunni Gibbons' artwork to be displayed at San Jose City Hall



By Barb Gottesman

Sunni Gibbons has five of her paintings on display at the City Hall office of our District 8 Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas. The Councilwoman's red wall is a perfect background for Sunni's "Lettuce Picker," "Romaine Crew," "Broccoli Fields," "Teamwork" and "The Red Hat." Several years ago this series of Sunni's Agriculture Workers was displayed in the Clubhouse lobby at The Villages.

We met Councilwoman Arenas about a year ago when she was touring Cribari Center with General Manager Tim Sutherland and Assistant Manager Julia Meadows while we were setting up for the Holiday Faire. In the Art Room, I showed them our permanent collection of paintings by our locally-famous art instructors and Arts & Crafts artists who have completed more than 300 hours of volunteer work for our club. The purple wall was a great background for this permanent collection of art.

When Councilwoman Arenas said she had a red wall in her office and asked if I could find some loaner art to display there, I described and showed her the work of several art club artists. She was taken with Sunni Gibbons' painting "Lettuce Picker" because she said her father had been a lettuce picker! Sunni took some paintings to show her.

After several months of contracts, negotiations and insurance, Sunni's five paintings are now displayed on the red wall in Councilwoman Arenas' office where you can see them any day!

And oh yes—Councilwoman Arenas and her 9-year-old daughter did come back the next day and shop at Holiday Faire for two hours!

Investment Club: Stock Market Insights for 2019

The Villages Investment Club (VIC) will meet Thursday, January 17, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Foothill Center to share insights on the recent market corrections and volatility. Scott Stauffer and Andrew Howard, CFA's, from Better Wealth will discuss the market outlook for 2019, and factors to be considered in putting together a portfolio that meets individual family goals.

Members and guests are requested to arrive 15 minutes earlier than usual (9:45 a.m.) to enjoy coffee and donuts, and to get acquainted with new guests and members. Discussions both before and after the speakers presentation are planned to consider VIC sample portfolios that have been distributed to members by email. The Club library of over 20 market newsletters and reference reports will be continued to support member's investment decisions.

In addition to hypothetical portfolios, the club will also experiment with talks from various Silicon Valley companies and possible visits to local offices and plants. Club annual dues are only \$ 30 and pay for meeting costs, refreshments, and the subscription costs of the market newsletters. After the past 10 years of a bull market, 2019 is likely to require more attention to your financial management. We invite non-members to join us to participate in our monthly investment and market discussions. If you have questions, please call Investment Club President Bob Williams at 408-225-7623 or Treasurer Ken Brady at 408-238-5372.

January Art Film: 'Paris The Luminous Years'

By Pamela Oliver Lyons

On Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m. at the Vineyard Center, PBS Video's "Paris: The Luminous Years: Toward the Making of the Modern," directed by Perry Miller Adato will be presented by The Villages Arts and Crafts Association. Paris, during the late 19th to early 20th centuries, was the center of the western avant-garde revolution at all levels of culture. This Paris phenomenon resulted from waves of artists, poets, writers and musicians from across the world being drawn to the energy that was initially created by a circle of radical painters whose work threatened the old school establishments, causing riots. Picasso hid his "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon" for four years before showing it at the advice of collectors. The public scratched at the very canvas of Matisse's "Woman With a Hat." The Parisienne spirit influenced even the new areas of photography and cinema. Its touch reimagined versions of opera, theater and ballet.

World War I fractured the close-knit art community. Public sentiment roused by politicians labeled the avant-garde "foreign." The artists processed their war experiences by abandoning the threads of their older cultural movements, transforming them into even newer post war artistic expressions, such as Surrealism, and Dada. Then came Marcel Duchamp, who saw creation itself as accessory to pure intention, redefining the question, "What is Art?" The door of the 19th century's long shadow into the 20th was slammed shut.

Take Beginning Ceramics Class with Diane Finley

A fun class to learn the basics of hand-building and slab work with clay. Four week class for beginners on Tuesdays, January 8 to 29 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Cribari Ceramics Room. All materials supplied— just register and show up and we'll make clay projects for you to take home. The cost is \$75 for Arts & Crafts Association Members and \$80 for non-members.

To register, Contact Judy Wessler at judywessler@gmail.com or 408-646-3687. Class is limited, so call/email today to reserve your place.



Dog Club members—attend meeting for exciting news!

By John Colistra

Villages Dog Club members—Come to the January 5 meeting for exciting news! We are developing plans for a Dog Run. Yes, we are going to compete with the pickleballers.

I have never seen a pickleball, let alone played with one. A pickleball has never kissed my face. Nor cuddled up with me to watch TV or play catch. My dog knows when I am sad or happy. You can't say that for a pickleball. So please come to our next meeting on January 5 adjacent to the bocce ball courts at the picnic tables.

The Dog Club desperately needs new members to sustain its status as a club in the villages. There are over 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 facility next to the bocce ball courts. Bring dog(s) and poop bags!

Please call our leader, Mary Mazur at 408-608-9769 and get on our mailing list.

Hiking Club to hold White Elephant Gift Exchange and Soup Supper

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

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



Mah Jongg lessons to start in January

By Judy Rogers

Ladies and Gentlemen: A new group to learn the fascinating game of Mah Jongg is starting in January. The game is taught in a series of eight lessons. The group will meet on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at home in Montgomery Village. I have enough old cards to get us started, but you will need to order new 2019 Mah Jongg Cards from Barbara Smith at 408-270-5336.

Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a part of this group. The size of the group is limited. I will give you further information as soon as the group is finalized. Call me to reserve your place at 408-465-6776.



Ukulele Club has something for everyone

The Villages Ukulele Club has diversified! In addition to the Core group, led by Bill Rodman, that meets on Thursday afternoons, we have the Tuesday morning Advanced Ukulele group, led by John Laws, and the Saturday Morning Sing-Along group, led by Dorene Vettel. The Core group meets at the Vineyard Center from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each Thursday. The Advanced Ukulele group meets from 10 a.m. to noon each Tuesday morning in the Cribari Patio Room, and the Saturday Morning group meets weekly from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Cribari's Sequoia Room.

Bill's group is designed for people who want to learn to play the ukulele well enough to play along and sing along on at least the easier songs. John Laws provides coaching and help for beginners on a request and appointment basis. The Advanced Ukulele group, as the name implies, is for ukulele players who want to be challenged to learn more difficult chords and songs. The purpose of Dorene's group is to provide a welcoming environment for Villagers who enjoy singing and hearing some old, familiar songs and maybe some not so old songs that are becoming familiar.

Dorene's group began with just a few ukuleles to help lead the singing, but has grown to include piano, guitar, bass, harmonica and drums. The Advanced Ukulele group (also known as John's Jams) has added bass, harmonica, drums and vocalists. The Core group, historically limited to ukulele players, has recently added harmonica and drum, is open to adding other instruments, and plans to invite Villagers who may want to come and just sing along or just sit and be entertained. The Ukulele Club—something for everyone!

Jon Coupal to speak at Republican Club meeting



The Republican Club welcomes our good friend Jon Coupal as the featured speaker for its January 24th monthly meeting. The meeting will be at Foothill Center starting at 10 a.m. Once again we will be treated to an exquisite continental breakfast prepared by Vicki Harris and her team.

Mr. Coupal is President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association (HJTA) with offices in both Los Angeles and Sacramento. It is the largest taxpayers association in California with a membership of over 200,000. Founded by the late Howard Jarvis, the author of Proposition 13, HJTA's name is synonymous with tax relief and the uncompromising defense of the California homeowner. God Bless Howard Jarvis!

From 1991 to 1998, Coupal served as Director of Legal Affairs for HJTA, overseeing the organization's litigation and lobbying efforts. He is a recognized expert in California legal affairs and has argued numerous tax cases before the courts. He has served as chairman of several initiative campaigns representing the interests of taxpayers

including the campaign against proposition 88, the statewide parcel tax initiative and the successful defeat of Proposition 1A, defeated by the voters in 2009.

Mr. Coupal is a graduate of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, where he received his J.D. degree in 1982. After law school, he was an attorney with Pacific Legal foundation for nine years, specializing in tax issues and political law.

Opera Lovers: See 'Carmen'

By Bonnie Preston

Bizet's "Carmen" is the most popular opera performed worldwide today. This Metropolitan Opera production stars Elina Garanca as Carmen who has a beautiful voice and great acting skills. Her complex and controlled interpretation of this difficult role combines tenderness with viciousness and vulnerability. Joined by Roberto Alagna as Don Jose, his fine voice and acting contributed to a superb performance. Their acting in the final scene was more intense than other performances have been. He actually had tears streaming down his face in the final act. It is difficult to imagine how hard it was for these two to go through both the action and sing at the same time.

Opera Lovers invite you to join us to hear this memorable opera on Friday, January 11 at 1:30 p.m. in Vineyard Center. The meeting is open to all. It is free and requires no tickets, however a donation would be appreciated. For more information, call Bonnie at 408-531-1513.

Mah Jongg Card Countdown!

By Barbara Smith

How time flies! There are only a few days left to order the 2019 Mah Jongg Card. The final day to order Mah Jongg Cards is Sunday, January 19, 2019. The price of cards remains the same. Small print cards are \$8. Large print cards are \$9.

Barbara Smith is coordinating the sale of Mah Jongg cards again this year. Checks are made out to Barbara Smith. At the end of the sale, one large check is written and all the individual checks are deposited. Please include the number and size of the cards you are ordering in the "memo" place on your check.

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

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

Jazzercise for the New Year

By Barbara Tommaney

The New Year is the perfect time to make changes in our routines, or New Year's Resolutions. There is mounting evidence that being physically active affects how we age. Older people who exercise are typically healthier, more fit, better muscled, and less likely to develop a variety of diseases and disabilities than their sedentary peers.

Jazzercise Lite in The Villages provides the perfect setting to start your physical fitness resolution. It's fun, it's tailored to your individual level of ability, it's a place to make new, lasting, friendships, and it won't make a dent in your budget.

Jazzercisers meet three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., in Cribari Auditorium. A full month of classes, typically 12 or 13 sessions, is only \$35. Other options, such as 6 or 8 classes per month are available at a reduced price. The class is led by a Jazzercise professional instructor with many years of experience. Still not convinced?

Come for a free first class and see for yourself. Questions? Call Herito at 408-238-7511.

Attend Senior Academy's free lecture — 'Our Immune System'

How does our immune system protect us against infections? What can we do to boost our immune system so we can win the race each time we are invaded? The immune system is a double-edged sword that can cause allergies and auto-immune diseases. With aging, part of the immune system may be less robust, but that decline may help protect us from the increased incidence of autoimmune diseases seen in seniors. Questions and discussion are welcome.

Lind Caren, Biology Professor Emerita at CSU Northridge has taught at Santa Clara University, LMU and other colleges since earning her Ph.D at Stanford. She has taught Microbiology and Immunology throughout her academic career. This free event will be held at Foothill Center on Monday, January 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. No registration is required.

Group Meditation for Universal Peace—January

The Global Village Community group invites you to join us in weekly guided meditations. Our members include new meditators and experienced ones. If you're new, you'll find the group is very supportive. There are different leaders each week, so you'll have a chance to experience different approaches and techniques for meditation. We usually start with a brief talk about the benefits of meditation, do a few relaxing stretches, and then meditate for about 20 minutes.

We meet Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room. This month we meet January 9, 16, 23 and 30. There is no commitment required and no fee for participating. All Villagers are welcome.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

By Wate Bakker

"Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver: A new novel by Barbara Kingsolver is always a notable event, as she is not a bestselling author who pumps out a new novel/thriller/detective story every year. Her books are also complex and reflect the great issues of our time. "Unsheltered" is no different. The story is set in New Jersey and concerns two families, who have lived in the same house one century apart, one in the 19th century, one in the present time. Both navigate what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as a tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times, when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future. Please read the novel to find out what it is all about, as it is not possible to summarize the storylines in this short article. Fiction 2018

"Colorblind: a Jesse Stone novel" by Reed Farrel Coleman for Robert B. Parker (deceased): Jesse Stone is back from stint in rehab, returning to a series of disturbing and apparently racially motivated crimes: the murder of an African American woman and the sophisticated frame-up of his own deputy Alisha. Jesse wonders if they are uncovering an even larger, more destructive plot. Mystery 2018, large print

"Holy Ghost" by John Sanford: Wheatfield, Minnesota is a metropolis of 600 souls and change for which the word moribund might have been coined. Then the new major (campaign slogan "I'll Do What I Can) and his precocious teenage buddy come up with a scheme to put Wheatfield on the map. Should something dramatic occur—say, an apparition of the Virgin Mary at the local Catholic church—the whole town could become a shrine, attracting thousands of pilgrims, needing food, shelter and all kinds of other things. The town would get rich! What could possibly go wrong? It turns out, plenty. Find out if they can pull it off. Mystery 2018, regular and large print

"Desolation Mountain" by William Kent Krueger: This is the 17th Cork O'Connor novel. A private plane, carrying a senator and her family crashes on Desolation Mountain, killing everybody on board. Desolation Mountain is long considered by the Ojibwe tribe as a cursed place, but it is also a favorite destination for adventurous photographers and hikers. O'Connor, his son Stephen, who had a premonition of the crash, and a few Ojibwe people start a rescue operation, find the smoldering wreckage, but are sent packing by the FBI. How did they get there so quickly, are they trustworthy? Things are getting complicated quickly. True evil may be lurking in the woods. Mystery 2018

"Educated" by Tara Westover: This is the story of a young girl, who grew up in a survivalist family in the mountains of Idaho, preparing for the end of the world, living off the land for both food and (herbal) medicine. There was no one to ensure that the children received an education. Somehow a brother made it to college and came back with news of the world beyond the mountains. Thus she decided to try a new life. She taught herself enough math, grammar and science to pass the ACT and was admitted to Brigham Young University. Her quest for knowledge took her over the oceans and across the continents, to Harvard and Cambridge university. Only then would she wonder if she traveled too far and if there still was a way home. Nonfiction, 920, autobiography. 018, large print

It's A Wrap! Arts & Crafts Association holds Holiday Party



Above left: Scissors cut, ribbon curled into bows, and beautiful gift wrap paper all combined to create this busy scene in the Art Room at the recent Arts & Crafts Holiday Party, "It's a Wrap!" Right: Jan Ehrhardt shows a beautiful gift that she wrapped.

By Ciel Duke

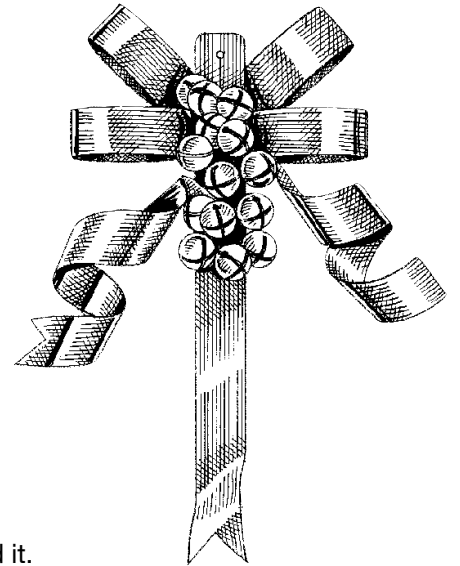
'Twas the week before Christmas and in the Art Room
The artists were dreading with increasing gloom
The onerous chore of the wrapping of gifts
To do this alone—well, it's really the pits

"Let's make this job fun," said one of the bunch,
"We'll have music and food, and I have a hunch
That this party-with-purpose will set the tone right."
So the invite went out to make merry and bright.

"Just bring all your gifts and share in the fun
Of accomplishing something that needs to be done."
The members arrived, carrying one, two, or 20,
And went straight to work cutting paper aplenty.

When in the Art Room there arose quite a clatter,
Of paper and ribbon and scissors and chatter.
The room was alive with the spirit of Christmas
Those who loved to wrap gifts helped those who despised it.

When the party was over, folks ready to go,
They stood at the door, their faces aglow.
"We turned chore into cheer, made new friends with delight.
Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Good Night."



Village Olivas holds Decoration Competition



Village Olivas held its first Holiday House and Street Decoration Competition, the winners were 8815 Wine Valley (first place), 8895 Wine Valley (second place), and 8794 Grape Wagon (third place—and shown above). Lomas Azules won for best decorated street, Olive Grove Way won honorable mention.

Brandeis National Committee presents...

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Limited Engagement - One Day Only - **Monday, January 14, 2019**, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
The Villages Clubhouse

Dr. William Flesch is a nationally recognized and much lauded professor at Brandeis University and is the recipient of numerous awards in his field. His key area of interest is the psychological aspect of literature and film. Reserve your seat today!

Admission: \$39

\$8 is a deductible contribution to "Magnifying the Mind."

Complete this form and send it with a \$39 Check made payable to BNC or Charge to your Village Account and **return no later than January 10**. Send To:

Joyce Mendel, 7316 Via Laguna, San Jose, CA 95135-1344

Questions? Call Joyce at 408- 238-7316 Email: emendel2@gmail.com

Name of attendee(s) _____
 Phone # _____ Email _____
 Please select your meal choice from the following:
 Chicken/Mushroom in Puff Pastry _____ Beef Stroganoff _____ Vegetable Quiche _____
 Table Seating Preference (seating is table of 8) _____

Friends of SJSU to host January Dinner

Mark your calendar for the first Friends of SJSU activity of the year. On January 30, 2019 at 5:15 p.m., the group will gather in the Fairway Room for food, fellowship and friendship, plus two great guest speakers from the university. Chris Burrell of the Hammer Theater will talk about the university's new partnership with the city. In March 2016, San José State University reopened the Hammer Theater as a distinctive, high-quality performance venue in the heart of downtown San José. The theater serves San Jose's community and the university through high-quality programming expressive of the unique characteristics and diverse cultures that comprise Silicon Valley. Of particular interest to the golfers in the group will be Dana Dormann, the women's head golf coach at the school. Dormann played on 1985 through 1988 teams, was a member of the 1987 NCAA Championship team, and the 1987 Pacific Coast Athletic Association Player of the Year. Professionally, she played nine years on the LPGA tour. She also played in 14 US. Women's Open Championships. Also attending will be Pat Hurst, assistant SJSU Women's Golf Coacg. Pat is a member of the LPGA golf tour.

The cost to attend is \$42 with dinner choices being Yankee Pot Roast, Chicken Picatta, and Petrale Sole. To RSVP for this event, contact Pat Smith or Luke Levers at 408-532-6414 by January 24 with your meal choice and house number.

The Friends of San Jose State is open to all alums, grads, and those interested in the university. There is no cost to join and several events are planned for 2019 including our annual golf tournament in April.

VAT: Cast auditions have been completed



The Villages Amateur Theatre (VAT) is pleased to announce that auditions have been successfully completed for performances of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" scheduled for April 5 to 7, a rollicking comedy set in ancient Rome.

We are delighted that we have four newcomers in the cast— Nelson Frick, Kenneth Marquis, Susan Pastorini and Cheryl Allmen. We are looking forward to having them join us. In addition, several members who haven't performed in a long while and some who have only done Matinee Theatre are joining the cast as well. Your Villages Amateur Theatre will be providing our ticket buyers with a very talented, dedicated, and diverse cast who are supported by an equally talented crew.

Director Tom Carson tells us that this musical comedy 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."

Please mark your calendars with the performance dates. This is a great opportunity to bring your family to the theatre and enjoy a great experience together. Plan on leaving your worries at home and spending an evening laughing as you have never laughed before.



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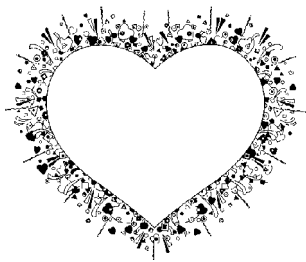
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"Your Verano Village Neighbor"

Spend Valentine's Day at Italian Club's Speakeasy



On February 14, 2019, the Villages Italian Club members and their guests will go back to The Roaring Twenties. The Clubhouse will rock while they dance to the music of the fabulous Alison Sharino Band. Our Speakeasy will serve great food, libations and special treats. The result will be a fabulous party in the style of an era that began just about a century ago. It was a time that saw the women's right to vote, the "flapper" (women who danced, drank, smoked and voted), and the Volstead Act (Prohibition). The celebrated names of the day were Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Garbo, Chaplin, Fairbanks, Jolson, Ellington,

Armstrong (Louis, not Neil) and unfortunately, Lucky Luciano and Al Capone. Invitations go out around January 14. Come to our Speakeasy and tell the Doorman "Joe sent me."

Dr. Brice Blatz to give orthopedic talk

By Chong "Albert" Chan, Chinese Club Treasurer

Maintaining independence and a good quality of life are common concerns for senior citizens and no one is better qualified to help than an orthopedic doctor. We are delighted to have Dr. Brice Blatz, a medical doctor specializing in the most advanced regenerative and interventional sports medicine, to give us an orthopedic talk on Thursday, January 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Foothill Center. Dr. Blatz became interested in how the body repairs itself and how he can use this natural ability to heal acute injuries in athletes and reverse degeneration of joints, ligaments, and tendons in active adults. He is expanding the range of nonsurgical treatments for conditions such as arthritis, tennis elbow, golfer's elbow, rotator cuff tears, plantar fasciitis, frozen shoulder, and tendonitis. His desire is to give patients leading-edge treatment options they probably haven't yet heard of—options that may help them avoid surgery and change their lives. Although this event is sponsored by the Chinese Club, we believe that all Villagers can benefit tremendously from Dr. Blatz's orthopedic talk. Thus, we are inviting all of you, not just the Chinese Club Members, to attend. There is no pre-registration required. But if you want to reserve a seat, please send an email to cchan108@gmail.com. If space becomes an issue, registered guests will have first priority.

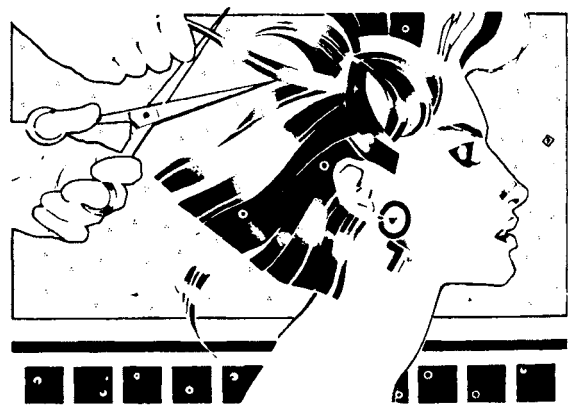
Dr. Brice Blatz currently practices at Pacific Regenerative & Interventional Sports Medicine ("PRISM"), on Hellyer Avenue, just 5 miles from The Villages. He partners with his dad, Dr. Douglas Blatz, who is a renowned orthopedic surgeon. The senior Dr. Blatz offers traditional treatments and orthopedic surgery for patients who are not helped by more conservative treatments. Stanford-affiliated Dr. Brice Blatz offers leading edge non-surgical musculoskeletal treatments. Dr. Brice Blatz also uses advanced centrifuge and processing to help him customize stem cell treatments for each patient and condition, and special image-guided orthopedic ultrasound for greater diagnostic and placement accuracy. His work is focused on helping patients of all ages return to their normal activities quickly with less pain and faster recovery.

VMA to offer caregiver workshop

Are you caring for a loved one? The VMA would like to help. Christina Irving, LCSW from Family Caregiver Alliance, will lead a discussion on taking care of others. The workshop will touch on suggestions about how to care for someone else, how to better communicate with the person you are caring for, and how to deal with challenging behavior that you may encounter. The workshop will be offered on Wednesday, January 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room. There is no registration required.

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VMA: 'Important Documents' workshop this Wednesday

The VMA is sponsoring a workshop to discuss documents every resident should have in case of a medical emergency. The workshop will be held Wednesday, January 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Vineyard Center. With Grace Hospice will lead the discussion about these important documents, which include POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), DNE, Vial of Life, etc. There is no registration required.

Senior Academy Reception and Annual Meeting

Wednesday,

January 23, at 3 p.m.

The Villages Clubhouse

Come hear about the upcoming Winter and Spring Offerings

Join Senior Academy for \$15 per year

VMA: Try a new life alert system that does not need to be worn

Totemic, a local startup, is looking for Villager volunteers to beta test their new life alert system. Similar to VMA's mission, Totemic's vision is to enable every person to live independently in their own home. Therefore, they are building a product that allows older adults to remain safely and comfortably in their own homes by utilizing a hardware device that uses radio waves to passively monitor falls and activities of daily living in the home without the use of cameras or wearable devices. Additionally, their device includes two-way voice communication; with a simple push of a button you can chat with their friendly Care Agents who can call emergency services if you need them, organize any sort of help around your home, and they are also there just to chat. There is neither cost nor work you have to do to participate in this 30 day trial. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact VMA Service Coordinator Cristina Freyer at cfreyer@ncphs.org or 408-238-4029.



Third Tuesday Art Night

FREE and open to all Villagers!

The Villages Arts & Crafts Association is proud to announce our first project in a new series of free Art Nights. Once a month, we will host an evening of free, creative, fun projects for anyone to make and take home. Everything is supplied ~ RSVP now!



Painting Ceramic Hearts

January 15th

6:30 - 8:30pm

Art Room @ Cribari

Wine & Snacks provided

Reservations required due to limited space

Email your name, address and phone number to Diane Finley dianefinley1@gmail.com

RELIGION

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

The Search the Scriptures group will be meeting Monday, January 7 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Foothill Center. For more information contact Janet Stevenson at janetz4@juno.com.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

St. Francis Winter Shelter Program. Volunteers are still needed for this program. Please contact Leona Karayan at 408-223-2325 for more information. Monetary donations may be made by placing the donation designated as "Homeless Shelter Ministry," and put it in the Sunday collection basket.

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.

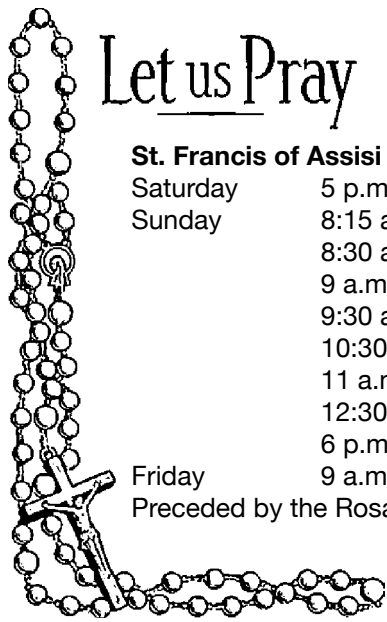
Old Eye Glasses: St. Francis is collecting used eye glasses for the Lions Club. Collection containers will be in the Chapel and Gathering Hall.

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 Ghioffi at 408-384-2701. Please submit your request at least four weeks in advance if you want it listed in the Church bulletin.

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.



Let us Pray

St. Francis of Assisi Sunday Mass times:

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

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

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church Services on Sunday at The Villages – Montgomery Center at 8:30 a.m.

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

at Trinity Cathedral – 81 North Second Street, San Jose at 10:30 a.m.

The Very Rev. David Bird, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, will officiate as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist with full choir and organ accompaniment.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

By Pastor Bill Hayden

On my way from the dumpster some time ago, I met a gentleman who lived in the neighborhood, that I hadn't seen before. We stopped, introduced ourselves to one another and in the course of our conversation we discovered that we were both veterans. So, I shared my experience in the Navy and he also shared his experience. At that moment, we made a connection and realized even though we were strangers, we had a lot in common. We stood by the mailbox for over 30 minutes engaging in each other's life stories. I told him that I was serving as the chaplain for our Village Veterans and he said that he had attended the meetings in the past but wasn't attending now for personal reasons. I told him that I was sorry that he wasn't involved any more. and I encouraged him to give it a second chance and he said, "I'll think about it."

Sometimes life throws us a curve ball especially when our expectations are set in our mind that things are going to work a certain way. There are always options. For example, we can sit on the sidelines just voicing our opinions and complaints or we can roll up our sleeves by volunteering to make a difference.

Sad to say, many of us veterans are still trying to work through the effects of life after participating in wars. I have learned that there are some circumstances that requires me to give people a little more grace because we are all broken people in need of grace. Once you have been on the battle field, you are never the same individual as you were prior to being involved in life and death situations.

A New Year has arrived with new challenges and opportunities to be a person of Grace to engage your fellowman in the struggle of living life to the fullest. All around us there are people who are in need of sympathy, encouragement, love, acceptance, forgiveness, hope and a lot of old fashion Grace. Well, you might ask, what is Grace? I'm glad that you asked. Grace is not something that we can earn or deserve. Grace is unmerited favor. When I think of the word Grace, I think of Jesus and what He would say or do.

As our world becomes more and more antisocial, the need for Grace becomes even more evident in our treatment of each other. Let us strive to be people of grace because it's too easy to be critical of each other, especially when people are not like you. Ephesians 4:7 NKJV "But to each one of us Grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift."

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 through Wednesday. Find us at <http://villagescommunitychapel.org/>

JEWISH GROUP

Friday night Shabbat Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on January 18, 2019 at Foothill Center. Rabbi Jaymee Alpert from Congregation Beth David will be conducting services and leading the discussion. We are sure it will be an enjoyable evening.

All Villagers are welcome. In addition, one of the Jewish Group's goal is to support our San Jose community in its help with the needy. We will start by bringing non-perishable food cans and packages for the Second Harvest Food bank to our monthly services. Joyce Mendel will then deliver the items to the food bank each month.

If you are interested in membership in the Villages Jewish Group, please contact Joyce Mendel at: 408-238-7316.

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SPORTS NEWS

SWINGERS

By Laura Swenson

December is usually a busy month and the later in the month, the crazier it gets. So kudos to the Swingers who showed up to play excellent golf.

On December 11, along with Joyce having two chip-ins, Anka Hoek did it too. Holes 4 and 9. I'm sorry I missed it. This is what happens when rookies write this article!

On December 18, Karen Carlson chipped in on hole 1, and Cynie Jackson on hole 3. I did say there was some excellent golf.

We all had a blast at our Holiday lunch. Beautiful décor, a magician, and all of our good friends.

I wish you a blessed holiday, see you next Tuesday.



18-HOLE WOMEN



2019 publicity writers: (left to right) Barbara Swiontek, Phyllis Mueller, Rosemary Kelley, Sue Daughtrey; (standing) Nancy Keane.



By Nancy Keane

Thanks to the diligence of our new captain Vivian Brown, this writer (who was too “wussy” to go out there) has some news about 18 hole play on December 20th.

I'm not sure how many ladies played, but Vivian's foursome teed off at 10 a.m. The sun was shining for about an hour, and then the fog hit. At times it was so heavy they could not see half-way down the fairway from the tee box and could not see the green as they approached. It was a guessing game. Seems they had lots of laughs trying to guess where the balls landed. The fog began to lift for the last four holes. As they looked off in the distance, they could see a large patch of fog hanging low between the hills and the course. It looked like a scary movie scene.

Carts were not permitted on holes 1, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12, so they easily got 10,000 steps in.

Wishing everyone a healthy, active and happy 2019!

See above for a picture of some of the publicity writers for the year.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

It's been a couple of weeks since you've heard from the Ironmen. We hope everyone had a great holiday and a fun New Year's celebration.

Thursday, December 20, was mild with lots of sunshine. A perfect day for golf. The results were as follows: **First place** was Don Bookwalter with a net score of 28. **Second place** there was a two-way tie between Tom Rossi and Mario Silva each with a net score of 29. **Third place** went to Victor Hong with a net score of 30.

There were two birdies: Dave Hathaway had both of them, one on hole 6, and one on hole 9.

Closest to the pin on hole 7: Charlie Wilson.

Thursday, December 27 was a very challenging day for the Ironmen. We had to hit a number of “wind cheaters” because it was, well, windy. Nevertheless, our intrepid group had some good scores:

Mario Silva had a net score of 26;

Bill Travis had a net score of 28;

Roger Pyle had a net score of 30;

Victor Hong and Don Bookwalter each with a net score of 31;

Dave Hathaway had a net score of 33; and

Patrick McMordie had a net score of 35.

There were two birdies today:

Mario Silva on hole 9 and Victor Hong on hole 5.

Our deep thought and/or humor and/or history lesson for today:

“Golf is an open exhibition of overweening ambition, courage deflated by stupidity, skill scoured by a whiff of arrogance.” - Alistair Cooke, British Journalist

TABLE TENNIS

A New Year Resolution

By Tony Berg

Start the New Year with a resolution to take up Ping Pong again!

Heart and body friendly exercise is a crucial part of aging gracefully and Ping Pong is the perfect way to get a little exercise with friendly and encouraging, like-minded people. Drop in on the Ping Pong group any Wednesday afternoon at the Montgomery Multipurpose Room between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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.

TENNIS TALK

By Phyllis and John Mueller

How many times can you call yourself a Champion, unless you are Jan and Debbie Champion! The grandeur, excitement and prestige of a Champion is unparalleled. You actually change your breakfast to Wheaties because of course it is the breakfast of Champions! For Tennis Club Champions, you only have one year to do your celebrating as someone else (unless you are a repeat) will take your place and feel the same joy that you did!

This year's Championship had Women's and Men's Doubles and Mixed Double. There were three categories in each division: A, B, C. Eighteen winners except the Women's A division, which is still to be decided, and hope it is a big gala for this event! **So actually 16 official happy Champions!**

- Women's B Winning Team—Helen Varenkamp and Julie Hawkinson!
- Women's C Winning Team—Farida Fletcher and Dorothy Douquet!
- Men's A Winning Team—Ken Keck and Mike Tuft!
- Men's B Winning Team—Tracy Scott and Dave Schoch!
- Men's C Winning Team—Hal Gillette and John Mueller!
- Mixed A Winning Team—Phyllis Seeger and Steve Olson!
- Mixed B Winning Team—Cheryl Diltz and Gordon Knapp!
- Mixed C Winning Team—Farida Fletcher and Tom Wilson!

Let's have a big turnout for next year's Champions and enjoy being called: A Village Tennis Club Champion!

Tennis Champions



Tracy Scott and Dave Schoch



Helen Varenkamp and Julie Hawkinson



Dorothy Douquet and Farida Fletcher



Tom Wilson and Farida Fletcher



Ken Keck



Phyllis Seeger and Steve Olson



Gordon Knapp and Cheryl Diltz



Hal Gillette and John Mueller



Mike Tuft

BOCCE NEWS



By Barbara Orlando

Your new board for 2019! We are anxious to start working on this year's tournaments and events. Your new board is as follows: President: Barbara Orlando, Vice President: Wayne Weiler, Secretary (acting): Marion Logie, Treasurer: Evonne Cook, Membership: Jeanne-Anne Whitacre, Court Manager: Paul Andersen, Tournament: Tony Orlando, Social: Gail Leslie and Leona McCaskey, Bash: Gerri McCoid, Webmaster: David Cook, Publicity: Open, Associate: Marcy Boyles. We welcome your continued support and suggestions.

Boot Camp: It's the beginning of a new year and also the start of the Bocce Club season starting in February. Anyone new to bocce is welcome to attend. Boot Camp is at the bocce courts located near the Gazebo Picnic Area each and every Saturday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through the month of February. You don't need to be a member to participate. Just show up, sign up and learn how to play bocce. Following Boot Camp on March 2 there will be a Beginner's Tournament for anyone who participated and becomes a member during Boot Camp. All you need to do is sign up and everything else will be taken care of. This will allow you to experience how tournaments are run and how much fun it is to be part of a team.



Installation Dinner: On February 9, our club will be hosting its Installation Dinner at the Clubhouse, starting at 5 p.m. Please sign up and show your support to the new board of directors for the Bocce Club. The Social committee has selected a Valentine's Theme for the Installation Dinner, so it will be festive. Your dinner will be an "All American Buffet" at \$39 per person. (See attached invitation for details, the menu and how to sign up.) I'm excited to see what our new social directors have been working on. Great job, Leona and Gail.

Spring Mixer: Jeanne-Anne Whitacre jawhitacre@live.com is in charge of the Spring Mixer and will be taking signups starting this month. Spring Mixer runs for six weeks starting on Saturday, March 9 and playoffs the week of April 22. New players and experienced players working together on the same team. Remember if you haven't been out to the new courts, don't wait, the new surfaces are different and you'll need to practice, practice, practice.

Check out everything bocce on our club's website www.villagesbocce-club.com.

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



2018 Men's Club General Chairman David Bacigalupi (left) is shown presenting David Gonzales a Certificate of Appreciation from the Men's Golf Club Executive Committee for his three years of service to the Committee, serving as Handicap and Membership Chairman.



2018 Men's Club General Chairman David Bacigalupi is shown presenting Jeff Buckingham a Certificate of Appreciation from the Men's Golf Club Executive Committee for his three years of service to the Committee, serving as Tournament Chairman one year and two years as Evergreen Chairman.

By Kyle Finley (kylefinley@outlook.com)

2019 Men's Golf Club Executive Committee:

Your 2019 Executive Committee is:

- Gary Chappell - General Chairman
- Jim Seymour - Vice-Chairman and Evergreen Chairman
- Jim Danielski - Secretary and VGC Representative
- Mike Tuft - Treasurer and Hole-in-One Chairman
- David "Baci" Bacigalupi - Handicap, Membership, NCGA and Rules Chairman
- Ray Blinde and Leo Ruth - Tournament Co-Chairmen
- Geoff Gault - Home and Home Chairman
- Kyle Finley - Publicity Chairman

These gentlemen have all volunteered to try to make your golfing experience as Men's Golf Club members all that it can be, so feel free to contact them with ideas and suggestions. Their contact information will be in your 2019 Green Handbook and will be posted in the Pro Shop Posting Room.

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 **immediately!** Men's Club members must maintain their NCGA membership through the Villages Men's Golf Club even if they are members elsewhere.

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. Because of New Year's Day falling on the first Tuesday of January, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8. 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.

FROM THE PRO

By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

#2 Tees Now Open—The construction of the new #2 Tees went smoothly. The new #2 Tees are now open. January will be a great month to "Play it Forward" and try the new #2 Tees!! Please let us know how you like hem.

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. Sign-up will start in December 30.

Save these Dates in 2019! 2019 promises to be a banner year at The Villages.

Mark your calendars for these major events in 2019:

Sunday, April 28 – Second Annual Swinging for Memories Classic benefitting the Alzheimer's Association of America

Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19 – Men's Club Member-Member...new date and Match Play Format

Tuesday, June 11 – Swingers Invitational

Thursday, July 11 through Saturday, July 13 – Men's Club Evergreen Invitational - 50th Anniversary

Thursday, August 8 & Friday, August 9 – Women's 18-Hole Golf Association Invitational

New USGA Rules of Golf Launched January 1, 2019—For those of you that follow the rules when you golf (kidding), we now have copies of the new 2019 USGA Rules of Golf available in the Pro Shop. I will also be doing presentations to our six Golf Clubs covering the new rules of golf for 2019. We will also be posting a summary of the rules changes on our Club website for your review. There are some interesting and notable rules changes, so if you haven't done any research, you might want to take a look at USGA.com for a complete summary of the updates. We follow the USGA Rules for all of our competitions, so the new rules are in effect now and going forward!

Golf Course Water Features—The golf course water features are not being re-filled at this time so that we can access their infrastructure. Our golf course water features have not had any preventive maintenance performed on them in over 20 years, and it's showing. We will be testing the integrity of the lake liners and evaluating the lake floors and sediment build up to devise a long-term plan to clean up our golf course water features. Our goal is to beautify our water features, and ensure that their infrastructure is sufficiently serving it purpose.

Maintenance Hotline - Inclement Weather—The Maintenance Hotline phone number is 408-223-4663. As inclement weather becomes a reality, the golf course conditions will be updated daily at 6:30am with the course conditions for the day. The flag at the driving range will also be updated daily depending on course conditions.

Tips from the Pro—Step by Step...

Here are six simple steps to follow before each golf shot to attain more consistency:

1. Start from behind your ball and pick a specific target.
2. Pick an intermediate target that is 2-5 feet in front of your ball and is directly in line with your ultimate target.
3. Step into your stance setting the clubface behind the ball first aiming at your target.
4. Build your grip...be sure to recheck your clubface and target line .
5. Set your feet and get comfortable.
6. One last target check and a club waggle...**swing.**

Let us know if these tips help. See you at the course!

Just For Fun 2019 Chili Open Sunday, January 27

This is a fun, non-postable golf and social event for all Villagers and Guests. Four-person teams. Scramble format.

Mixer Teams encouraged.

Sign up with the Pro Shop.

If you need a playing partner(s)

we will arrange foursomes.

Tee Times anytime, but must

complete play by 4:30 p.m.

5 p.m. Cocktails; 5:20 p.m. Awards;

5:30 p.m. dinner in the Clubhouse

Costs: Green Fee + \$5 per player Sweeps charge for prize money

+ \$35 per player for Dinner (Chili, cornbread, salad & desert)



SCOREBOARD

18-HOLE WOMEN

Ending 2018 Right!

By Diana Hallock

Seven happy Saturday Players enjoyed a gorgeous round of golf to finish 2018 with Monica winning the putting game. Millie Anne Schwerin, Marky Olson, Monica Saneholtz, Janelle Salvatierra, Mary Ann Diridon and Helen Varenkamp joined Diana Hallock who was behind the camera. Just a reminder—the new 18 Hole Women's Golf Handbooks are in the posting room. Please take the one with your name and initial the name list.



BRIDGE

Monday, December 17:

1. Dorthy Staehs/Joseph Henry 2. Mary LeGrand/Louann Partridge 3/4. Marie Chong/Jan Kiernan 3/4. Margaret McNelly/Sylvia Rozewicz

Wednesday, December 19:

1. Lorrie Scott/Mary LeGrand 2/3. Louann Partridge/Marie Chong 2/3. Alan Waltho/Maureen Waltho

Thursday, December 20:

1. Joe Henry/Marie Chong 2. Ed Logg/Roy Tsai 3. Claude Ashen/Phyllis Ashen 4. Louann Partridge/Marilyn Ribardo

Thursday, December 27:

1. Ed Logg/Jonna Robinson 2. Louann Partridge/George Welch 3. Steve Bosma/Joe Henry

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, December 19

Remy Pessah 211
Sylvia Rozewicz 289
Kit Hultquist 320
Berta Escamilla 328

Friday, December 21

Berta Escamilla 190
Vicky Linscott 286
Shirley Bellavance 260
Kit Hultquist 308

Wednesday, December 26

Vicky Linscott 202
Sylvia Rozewicz 232
Earl Magoun 378
Barbara Varner 382

Friday, December 28

Kit Hultquist 145
Vicky Linscott 241
Joanne Bennett 348

SWINGERS

December 18, 2018

Flight One:

Barber, Gisele 39
Carlson, Karen 39
Macon, Mitzi 39
Murphy, Beverly 40

Flight Two:

Alesi, Mattie 39
Begley, Carol 40
Ledamun, Wendy 40
Rem, Joy 42

Flight Three:

Yahiro, Maryann 33
Cho, Song 38
Curyea, Linda 39
Jones, Sandie 43

Flight Four:

Chastaine, Selma 40
Warren, Kathy 43
Ratcliff, Adele 43
Civello, Maria 46

PINOCHLE

Wednesday, December 19

Duane Sagen
Helen Maynard
Shirley Bellavance
Donna Vivoli

Friday, December 21

Harvey Gogol
Phyllis Ogden Sagen
Marie Spang
Duane Sagen
Donna Vivoli



FITNESS CENTER HOLIDAY CARDIO CHALLENGE

Name	Minutes of Week Ending							Total
	11/18	11/25	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/30	
John Schmidt	316	354	371	432	428	416	592	2,909
Gil Ong		60	211	445	464	511	685	2,376
Geri Wilk	120	90	150	180	225	270	200	1,235
Phyllis Bigelow	120	120	120	140	160	124	210	994
Nes Kauinana	71	85	143	153	161	150	180	943
Susan Matthews	30	30	90	125	93	186	142	696
Susan DeMartini	300	240	105					645
George Southand	165		95	75	75	140		550
Paul Miner	120	240		60				420
Jay Pinson					91	67	180	338
Ishwar Garg		125	77			120		322

The Fitness Center's Holiday Cardio Challenge is coming to a close. Check out the good cardio work that went on during the holidays! Look for the **Top Three Winners** in next week's Villager! Happy New Year!

Bocce Club's Installation Dinner

February 9, 2019 at the Clubhouse
5 p.m. Social Time, 5:45 p.m. Installation of Officers, and 6:30 p.m. Dinner
Fabulous Door prizes— "No Host Bar"
Music provided by the Island Wave Band

All American Buffet
Butter Lettuce Salad
Roast Pork Sirloin
Filet of Sole Meuniere
Scalloped Potatoes
Fresh Fruit
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Rolls & Butter
Strawberry Shortcake

All for \$39 per person
Reservations can be made online at www.villagesbocceclub.com or emailing Marion at logiem@sbcglobal.net or calling 408-274-2805. Deadline and no refunds after February 1, 2019. Your dinner will be billed to your house number. Celebrate Valentine's Day and support your new board by attending!

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5059-5089 and 5154-5195 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5196-5245 and 5258-5308 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

Cribari Bluffs — Drip irrigation retrofit, in planning.

Olive tree clean up in progress.

Cribari Heights — ADA ramps installation scheduled to start 1/7, weather permitting.

Cribari Glen — Utility flat roof replacement scheduled for 1/7, weather permitting.

Cribari Dell — Utility flat roof replacement scheduled for 1/14, weather permitting.

Del Lago

3401-3413 and 3420-3431 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

3127-3206 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

3223 and 3310 — Iron fence repairs in progress.

3307 and 3309 — Wood repairs in progress.

Estates

8822-8831 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8832-8841 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

Fairways

4017 and 4019 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

4020, 4022 and 4024 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

4011, 4014 and 4016 — Wood repairs in progress.

4001 — Roof repairs in progress.

Glen Arden

7698-7721 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7723-7739 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

7867 — Termite repairs in progress.

Heights

8482-8489 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8490-8501 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

8407 — Electrical repairs in progress.

Hermosa

8400-8405 and 8438-8447 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8334-8339 and Median Strips — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

Pinot Noir Ct; 8011-8020 — Roof replacement scheduled to start in January, weather permitting.

Starting at Pinot Noir — Concrete slicing scheduled to start January 14.

Highland

7582-7594, 7680-7691, Findhorn and behind Caledonia — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7560-7581 and 7595-7598 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

Montgomery

6282-6294 and 6332-6357 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

6295-6331 and 6358-6361 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

Montgomery Corner, Blauer Lane and Whaley Dr. — Rodent exclusion in progress.

6159 — Dry rot repairs in progress.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 12/31-1/12.

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.



Polystyrene and Styrofoam

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

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

Gutter Cleaning Schedule

The following schedule provides the approximate start and completion dates for rain gutter cleaning at the various Villages districts. Dates may be subject to changes because of weather conditions.

Village	Start Date	Completion Date
Olivas	December 17	December 29
Montgomery	December 31	January 12
Del Lago	January 14	January 26
Fairway	January 28	January 30
Cribari	January 31	February 16
Verano	February 18	March 2
Highland	March 4	March 16
Glen Arden	March 18	March 23
Heights	March 25	March 30
Club Buildings	March 28	March 30

Olivas

8691-8700, 8713-8722 and 8763-8768 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8723-8735 and 8751-8762 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

8706 — Dry rot repairs in progress.

Gutter cleaning in progress.

8729 — Dry rot repairs in progress.

Rodent exclusion to start next week.

Sonata

2049-2059 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

2032-2048 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

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

Valle Vista

Parks and Banks — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

9001-9010 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

Verano

7200-7226 — Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7300-7326 — Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/7-1/11.

Dead/missing plant replacements in progress.

Resident owned light fixture replacements in progress.

Association

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

Turf Aeration in progress, weather permitting.

Mowing and edging in progress, weather permitting.

Spraying for weeds throughout the Villages, in progress.

Debris removal due to high winds throughout the Villages in progress.

Building and plumbing inspection throughout the Villages in progress.

Club Centers

Turf Aeration in progress.

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

Golf course; 13th Tee — Creek clean up scheduled for January.

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

♠ Q 8 7 4 2
♥ A 7 5
♦ 8 4 2
♣ 9 3

WEST

♠ A 3
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ 10 9 7 5 3
♣ A 7

EAST

♠ 9
♥ Q 10 4
♦ A Q J
♣ K Q 10 8 6 2

SOUTH

♠ K J 10 6 5
♥ K J 2
♦ K 6
♣ J 5 4

Dealer: East
Vulnerability: E/W

Bidding: East	South	West	North
1 Club	1 Spade	Double*	2 Spades
3 Clubs	Pass	Pass	3 Spades
All Pass			

Contract: 3 Spades by South
Opening Lead: Ace of Clubs

Dealer has 1 loser in Spades, possible 1 in Hearts, 1 or 2 in Diamonds and at least 2 in Clubs.

Strategy: Once South has the lead, he takes out trumps and hopes East has the Ace of Diamonds and the Queen of Hearts to get extra tricks in the red suits.

West leads the Ace of Clubs, next the 7, East wins with the Queen, continues with the King, West sluffs a Diamond, and South trumps it on the board. He plays a low Spade, Jack from his hand, West, the Ace, next leads a Diamond, and East takes the trick with the Ace. He plays the Queen of Diamonds, South, the King, leads a Spade to the Queen on the board, then shifts to the Ace of Hearts, continues with a Heart, East, the 10, South finesses the Jack, follows with the King, and claims since his last 3 cards are the King, 10 and 6 of Spades. Well done! The contract is made exactly. By the way, if the opponents had gone to the fourth level in Clubs, then that bid should be doubled, and they would go down one trick.

* West's double implies having 4 Hearts and few Clubs. He could have said 1NoTrump implying an honor in Spades but that also denies having 4 Hearts. If he had 5 Hearts, he would have bid the suit.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE VILLAGER?



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



Parents and grandparents aren't the only people who travel—Great granddaughter Kendall came to The Villages for a visit with her great grandparents Doug and Doris Rowe. Here she checks out the local scene in the pages of The Villager.

Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

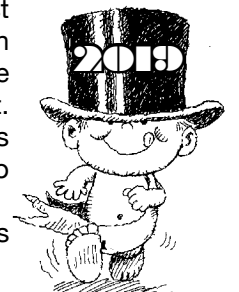
(With Tom Zades—contact him at: tomzades@gmail.com)



Every year I think back to when 1959 was about to become 1960. Some comedian had said that the coming year was going to "Go like 60." The saying caught on among my family and friends. At that time, you may recall, "Go like 60" meant to go crazily, recklessly fast—to really be a speed demon. It makes me smile to think that there was a time when 60 miles per hour was about as fast as anyone wanted to go. If I am not mistaken, "experts" were quoted as saying that traveling at more than 60 miles per hour in an unpressurized vehicle could have long-term negative effects on the human body. Au contraire. Travelling that slowly seems to have a short-term negative effect on the human mind!

I confess I resorted to a few mouse clicks to get my facts straight: Band leader Guy Lombardo hosted the New Year's Eve broadcast for 48 consecutive years, beginning in 1928, switching to television in 1956. That may have been the first year that my younger brother and I were allowed to stay up until midnight to watch and help bring in the new year. Living on Long Island, Times Square didn't seem so far away and now—via television!—it almost felt like we were there (though nice and cozy warm in our pajamas). Even in black and white, the sights and sounds were so exciting! The buildup to the start of the ball drop almost seems designed for the imagination of children. And then the countdown as it descends! I can almost relive the excitement. Then we stepped outside with some pots and pans and added to the raucous noises on our street. It was probably well below freezing, so we didn't stay out very long. I was too young to realize that many of the adults, who seemed impervious to the elements, had internalized the benefits of alcohol prior to midnight.

Here's wishing my fellow Villagers a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2019!



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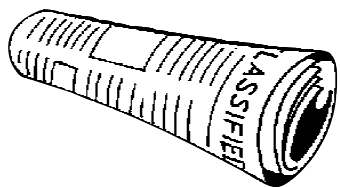
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OBITUARY

John Clyde Omel

May 13, 1948 – December 25, 2018



John Omel passed away peacefully in the presence of his family on the morning of December 25th after fighting lung cancer (sarcoma) valiantly for six years. John was born May 13, 1948 in Fremont, NE to John and Blondell Omel. He was one of three children.

As a Master's graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Industrial Psychology, his career started in Human Resources for Father Flanagan's Boys Home in Boys Town, NE. John provided human resources expertise to healthcare organizations for interim leadership, labor relations, organizational development and project and performance management. His 40+ year career in healthcare included management for Daughters of Charity Health System (Los Altos Hills), Catholic Healthcare West (Bakersfield). Independent clients included O'Connor Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital, both of San Jose; Saint Louise Regional Hospital, Gilroy; West Hills Hospital and Medical Center, West Hills, CA; Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center, Thousand Oaks, CA; Children's Hospital of Orange County, Orange, CA.

As an avid golfer, he loved living in The Villages and taking off for a round of golf from home in his golf cart. John volunteered to work at local golf tournaments for fun and enjoyed being around the golf celebrities. He also had a great passion for wine collecting and making wine. He and four of his closest friends formed the Penta Wine Cartel in 2006 and began making wine at Domenico Winery in San Carlos.

John was a wonderful husband, father, and friend. He was married to his best friend, Jeannie, for 32 years. They were a devoted team, working together and playing together. During their marriage, they traveled and shared a mutual love of great food, wine and culture. He took great pride in all of his children and grandchildren. He was hard working and kind to everyone he knew for his entire life, and enriched all who had the pleasure to know him. He will be missed immensely. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Jeannie Omel; daughters Staci Shaw (Michael) and Meg Tyree (Tim) both from Boise, Idaho; son Jeffrey Beecher (Rick) of Bakersfield, California; grandsons Jamison Shaw (15) and Alex (7); his sister Joan Wiese (Rod) and nephews Michael Wiese and Andrew Wiese of Oakland, Nebraska.

John is preceded in death by his parents John and Blondell Omel and his brother Michael (Mickey) Omel.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held in San Jose at the Villages in San Jose and in Fremont, Nebraska in the coming months.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to Camp Rainbow Gold, an organization that sponsors an annual summer camp for children with cancer while providing support and services for the families. Camp Rainbow Gold, 216 W. Jefferson Street, Boise, ID 83702

A memorial website has been set up for John; you can visit at: <https://www.forevermissed.com/john-omel/#about>

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