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*Season's Greetings!*

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

Pulse deadline is 11 a.m. on Friday of the week prior to publication. Pulse letters will be published in complete or abridged form at the discretion of the Publisher and in accordance with the editorial policies and rules established by the Club Board of Directors. (See VGCC Rule 1.30.) Opinions expressed by Pulse letter authors do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Villager Publisher, staff, boards of directors or management.

All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words. Typed or legibly written letters must include your signature and may be hand delivered to the Pulse mailbox in Administration Building B or by mailing to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

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

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

5 Pulse letters received this week.  
1 Pulse letter withdrawn by author.  
4 Pulse letters published this week.

Note: Pulse authors are solely responsible for the statements and opinions contained in the Pulse letters. The Villager does not verify the accuracy of all statements.

I agree with the writer of the 12/5 Pulse letter regarding allowing blue jeans at the practice facility. I would like to add that Friday dress down is now the everyday dress code at many Silicon Valley tech companies. And as someone that still works, I would like to be able to hit some range balls or practice putting after work without having to change from my work clothes, blue jeans and a dress shirt. In addition, many designer blue jeans now cost up to 10 times the cost of some khaki pants or golf shorts so blue jeans do not have the negative connotation they had in the past.

— Sherwin Bajao

My wife and I put up a large Christmas light display each year. Neighbors compliment our decorations, some call, others write notes. We appreciate their enjoyment as these decorations bring us so much joy; but, it appears we have a Grinch in our midst.

On Tuesday, December 10, during the night, the Grinch maliciously came skulking in the dark and cut several wires on our Christmas light displays. Funny how the season of joy and brotherly love is interpreted in the neighborhood at Via Solana and Via Portada.

— Victor Morse

I have recurrent problems with courier deliveries (USPS, FedEx, UPS), including delivery of my medications/medical supplies. Every few weeks tracking shows packages delivered to me, yet they are nowhere to be found, not even neighbors' porches/mailboxes. They're being mis-delivered, not stolen. "Lost" packages may show up on my porch days to weeks later—if ever—sometimes opened and re-taped closed. Only once has a neighbor left a note apologizing for opening something not meant for them.

Mis-deliveries result in significant effort: contacting shipper and courier, delays waiting for replacements, checking credit cards for duplicate charges, etc.

Especially during the holiday season with so many packages, I'm requesting Villagers to:

1. Make sure any packages received are addressed to YOU before opening them—especially if you're not expecting a package!
2. If a package isn't yours, please bring it to correct addressee ASAP or at least phone them letting them know where their package is—before they expend the effort tracking it down.
3. Leave a note on package with your name and address—no need for embarrassment if you opened it by mistake. This will help couriers figure out how and why packages are being mis-delivered so frequently.

— Kat Contento

Regarding a 12/5 Pulse letter declaring that the Villages is NOT a country club, I refer him to Webster's definition: "a suburban club for social life and recreation, especially one having a golf course". As a private country club, our Board has established rules to ensure that it meets the expectations of owners and potential buyers. We have the same dress code as most country clubs, and letting people wear jeans and T-shirts does not meet these expectations, and would put us on the level of public municipal golf courses with much lower standards. I think we all want to make the Villages as desirable as possible to protect our lifestyle and maintain our long-term property values.

I'm sure the Board expects all of our members and guests, including PGA professionals, to conform to golf facility rules, including not practicing chipping in the putting green area and not hitting balls into the back driving range fence. As the "long-time member" who chastised Mr. Panetta for wearing a T-shirt on the driving range, I hope other members will join me in helping enforce the rules that keep the Villages a great place to live.

— Ron Burke

## Villager Holiday Publication Schedule

The Villager will not publish the week of Christmas (Thursday, December 26). Today's paper is the last edition of 2019.

Editorial submissions received this week and next week will be published in the January 2 edition.

Classified ads are due Monday, December 30 by 4 p.m. for the January 2 edition.

For questions, call Adrienne at 408-223-4657 (areed@the-villages.com) or Scott at 408-223-4655.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Michael Phillip Myers**

**July 30, 1934 – December 6, 2019**

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 28 in the Fairway Room in the Clubhouse at 1 p.m.

(Please see obituary in the classified advertising section)

**Dr. David William Sear, Ph.D. B.Sc.**

**March 2, 1945 – November 19, 2019**

(Please see obituary 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.

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

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

**Display Ads:** Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by calling Mario at 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages web site at: www.thevillagesgcc.com.

**Delivery:** The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are usually available in The Villager office and in the Library.

Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

### POLICIES

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

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

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee "To inform and connect Villagers" develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to The Villager, including Pulse letters, Channel 26, Fast Lane and the web site. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Larry Miller at 408-238-1030, Diane Carr at 408-528-8456, Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994, Barbara Karayn 202-641-6339, Lou Lively-Singh 408-838-5555, Pamela Oliver-Lyons 408-693-9250, and Alice Tyler at 408-223-1735.

### 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.

THE WEEKLY VILLAGER is published every Thursday under policies established by the

### Club Board of Directors:

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Jan Champion   | President      |
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| Bob Wilk       | Director       |

### Villager Personnel:

|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## THE ASSOCIATION RULES COMMITTEE

Would you like a role in providing advice to the Association Board on all rules-related matters? If so, the Association Rules Committee is looking for additional members.

See Association policy/procedure 204 for the committee charter which covers term length, meetings, and responsibilities. Application is available on The Villages website and in Building A.

For additional information, please contact Duane Jones, Committee Chair, 408-270-4520, ruthduanejones@aol.com, or, Matthew Giordano, Board Liaison, 408-238-5437, mjgior@sbcglobal.net.

## Holiday closures for Villages business offices

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

Offices re-open Friday, December 27 and Thursday, January 2 in the New Year.

### "The Next Step" - Novice Golf Clinics

Winter Series December 14 – February 8

Saturdays 11am-12pm

With PGA Director of Golf, Scott Steele

Designed for all Villages novice golfers and for those who have taken our Get Golf Ready class, and are wondering, "OK, what next?"

*A different golf topic each week!*

**Saturday, December 14**

Golf Fundamentals – Grip, Stance, Posture, Alignment

**Saturday, December 21**

Driver – Grip it and Rip It!

**Saturday, December 28**

Irons vs Woods – The Compression Factor

**Saturday, January 4**

Pitching and Sand Bunkers – How to use your Sand Wedge

**Saturday, January 11**

Chipping vs Pitching – It's all About Trajectory

**Saturday, January 18**

Putting – The Great Equalizer

**Saturday, January 25**

Full Swing – How to Maximize Power

**Saturday, February 1**

Practice vs Play – The Big Difference

**Saturday, February 8**

Let's Go Play – How to Take your Game from the Range to the Course

**Only \$20 Per Clinic!! To Sign Up for one or all, call the Pro**

**Shop at 408-754-1331**

**Updated  
Schedule**

## WOW! Are you ready for January 13?

Please join us on Monday, January 13, at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse ballroom for the next Welcome to our Website (WOW) event. Bring your laptop, tablet or smartphone to explore how to use these Villages self-service features.

See how to:

Make a Clubhouse restaurant reservation,

Pay your HOA dues,

Place a maintenance work order, or

Notify the Public Safety gatehouse of incoming visitors.

Why do this? Not only will it make it simpler for you, reducing the number of phone calls lets our staff work more efficiently.

At the WOW event, our one-on-one training makes it easy to set all this up on your phone or tablet. Simplify your life!

We schedule a WOW event every eight weeks, but even if you have attended a previous event feel free to come back for a refresher. We are here to help! Light refreshments served.



## EQ1 EVERGREEN ESTATES

*Thinking of selling, moving, or downsizing?*

EQ1 Evergreen Estates can help. Call us today about our complimentary home seller's marketing consultation!



### COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES INCLUDE:

|  |   |      |
|--|---|------|
|  | Professional Photography, Aerial Drone (est. \$300-700) | free |
|  | Home Staging (est. \$1400-3000)                         | free |
|  | Your Own Website (est. \$350-500)                       | free |
|  | Zillow, Trulia, Redfin, Realtor.com, Homes.com (varies) | free |
|  | Postcards & Flyers (est. \$235-700)                     | free |
|  | Virtual Tour Video, 3D Walkthrough (est. \$650-2000)    | free |

*Notary services available!*

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## EPC SEZ..

EPC can assist you with emergency shelter, but you should have a back-up plan yourself. Where would you go during a wide-spread disaster? Where would you stay? Who would you contact? If you have questions, please contact EPC at updates@thevillagesepc.org.

— The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee

# MANAGEMENT

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Public Safety Report November 2019

| CLASSIFICATION                  | Present Month | YTD 2019 | YTD 2018 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| <b>ACCIDENTS</b>                |               |          |          |
| 1) PERSONAL INJURY              | 0             | 3        | 3        |
| 2) AUTO                         | 1             | 5        | 11       |
| 3) HIT & RUN                    | 0             | 6        | 4        |
| 4) GOLF CART                    | 1             | 1        | 3        |
| 5) MISCELLANEOUS                | 0             | 1        | 0        |
| <b>AFTER HOURS REQUESTS</b>     |               |          |          |
| 1) LIGHTS                       | 63            | 681      | 376      |
| 2) FACILITIES                   | 8             | 149      | 130      |
| 3) SPRINKLERS                   | 3             | 122      | 156      |
| 4) LANDSCAPE                    | 6             | 30       | 19       |
| 5) ACTIVITIES                   | 1             | 6        | 12       |
| 6) MISCELLANEOUS                | 0             | 0        | 0        |
| 7) GOLF MAINTENANCE             | 0             | 1        | 1        |
| 8) FOOD & BEVERAGE              | 0             | 0        | 0        |
| 9) BUSINESS OFFICE              | 0             | 0        | 0        |
| 10) PRO SHOP                    | 0             | 0        | 0        |
| 11) WATER LEAKS (OUTSIDE)       | 2             | 40       | 42       |
| 12) ALARM ACTIVATION            | 0             | 6        | 19       |
| <b>ANIMAL</b>                   |               |          |          |
| 1) COMPLAINTS                   | 7             | 91       | 71       |
| 2) TRAP REQUEST                 | 0             | 0        | 0        |
| 3) LOST                         | 1             | 3        | 8        |
| 4) FOUND                        | 0             | 5        | 4        |
| <b>CITATIONS</b>                |               |          |          |
| 1) PARKING                      | 0             | 14       | 2        |
| 2) SPEEDING                     | 20            | 485      | 539      |
| 3) STOP SIGN                    | 33            | 40       | 24       |
| 4) MISCELLANEOUS                | 6             | 46       | 34       |
| 5) ACC                          | 0             | 0        | 0        |
| <b>DISTURBANCE</b>              | 0             | 4        | 6        |
| <b>FIRE / SMOKE</b>             | 0             | 2        | 6        |
| <b>HAZARDOUS CONDITION</b>      | 0             | 8        | 7        |
| <b>MEDICAL EMERGENCY</b>        | 39            | 413      | 502      |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>            | 14            | 213      | 254      |
| <b>PROPERTY</b>                 |               |          |          |
| 1) DAMAGED                      | 5             | 53       | 45       |
| 2) LOST                         | 0             | 0        | 3        |
| 3) FOUND                        | 2             | 6        | 3        |
| 4) VANDALIZED                   | 0             | 3        | 1        |
| 5) MISSING                      | 1             | 13       | 35       |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>            |               |          |          |
| 1) COMPLAINT                    | 4             | 189      | 160      |
| 2) REQUEST                      | 24            | 274      | 244      |
| <b>RESIDENT ASSIST</b>          | 26            | 244      | 217      |
| <b>RESIDENT WELFARE CHECK</b>   | 9             | 100      | 105      |
| <b>SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES</b> | 1             | 8        | 3        |
| <b>TRESPASSING</b>              |               |          |          |
| 1) AUTO                         | 0             | 0        | 1        |
| 2) PERSON                       | 0             | 3        | 2        |
| <b>UNLOCKS</b>                  | 22            | 249      | 310      |
| <b>UNSECURED AREA</b>           | 0             | 13       | 48       |

### Property Report November 2019

| Date  | item    | Summary                                     |
|-------|---------|---|
| 11/1  | Missing | Resident reported her purse was missing     |
| 11/2  | Damaged | Resident Accidentally hit RV in RV Lot      |
| 11/7  | Damaged | Mailboxes were damaged, cause unknown       |
| 11/15 | Damaged | Delivery person knocked over some mailboxes |
| 11/15 | Damaged | Contractor ran over Resident/Guest sign     |
| 11/30 | Damaged | Tree fell on patio roof and outside wall    |

### 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 8. 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.

### Guest Bar Code renewal for 2020

It is that time of year again to renew all guest bar codes. Your current guest bar codes will be automatically renewed, at a cost of \$6 each, in January 2020. No forms required. You will see the billing on your January 2020 statement. If you do not want a guest bar code renewed, please contact Public Safety Administration at 408-239-5246, option 2 by December 13, 2019.

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

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

### Holiday courtesy rides

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

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

### 2019/2020 Christmas tree pickup schedule

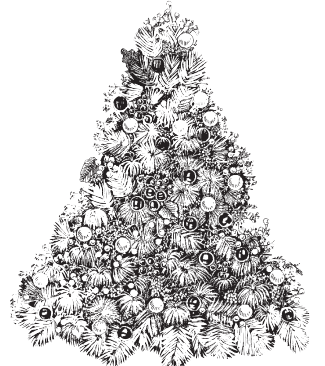
Christmas tree pickup this year will be on the following days:

- Friday, December 27 and Monday, December 30
- Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3

Place the tree at curbside no more than 24 hours before pickup day and note the following before putting out your tree:

1. All tinsel, ornaments, garland, etc. must be removed.
2. All metal/plastic stands or buckets must be removed.
3. Wood stands are acceptable.
4. Trees should be cut to no longer than 5 feet lengths.

BrightView Landscape will recycle all trees, except those that are flocked. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, but will be properly disposed. If you have any questions you can call Customer Service at 408-223-4670.



### Leash rule for pets

Residents are reminded, as per Club Rule 1.51, that pets must be kept on a leash, under control, and attended to at all times. This also applies to the Hill Lands.

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

**Please note that there will be no Villager published on Thursday, December 26.**

### Get in the Fast Lane!

Fast Lane is the Villages e-mail information blast. To sign up or get more information, contact Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson at 408-223-4681; [kpatterson@the-villages.com](mailto:kpatterson@the-villages.com), or go to Building B to sign up in person.

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of January are due to the Architectural Committee on or before December 20, 2019. See Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for January 2, 2020 at 9 a.m. The meeting is being held in the Foothill Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **December 20, 2019.**

**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**

### More COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### *Changes to Event/Class Registration and Cancellation policy*

Please be aware that the following changes from the Community Activities Department regarding department-sponsored trips, classes and events went into effect Monday, December 9.

Cancellations will no longer be accepted under any circumstances without a replacement resident registration. This change was made because the department was unable to recoup the costs for cancellations made without replacements, which affects the department's ability to provide more events, trips, and classes for your enjoyment.

If you have questions regarding the changes, please contact Ruth or Mary at 408-223-4643. Thank you for your understanding.

## **(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES**

### *Moving to accommodate a disability*

Justin's life has changed dramatically! He has a medical condition that requires him to be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. This makes living in his Villages condo almost impossible. It is a downstairs unit with steep stairs. A contractor has informed him that there is not enough room to make a legally permitted wheelchair ramp.

He has a lead on a wheelchair friendly condo that will be coming available soon. It seems like an answer to prayer, until he considers the property taxes on a new home.

Justin, 64, moved to The Villages nine years ago. He transferred his tax base from his home to his current condo. He knows this tax transfer election, called Proposition 60, may be made only once. His property tax on the possible new condo would increase from the current \$2,000 he pays annually to more than \$7,000.

An SRS volunteer suggested Justin may qualify for tax relief under another property tax law. Proposition 110 allows homeowners who are severely and permanently disabled to transfer an existing tax base to a new residence to meet the needs of their disability even if the homeowner has already used Prop. 60.

Like Prop. 60 the market value of the replacement residence must be equal to or less than the market value of the residence sold. And the replacement residence must be purchased within two years either before or after the current residence is sold.

As well as filing an application with the County Assessor to transfer his tax base, Justin will need to include a Certificate of Disability form. The top part of this form must be completed by a physician describing the patient's disability and dwelling needs. The lower half of the form is completed by Justin, as Claimant, and describes how the replacement dwelling meets his disability-related requirements. For Justin that will be simple to explain: there are two steps outside that already have a well-built Architectural Committee approved ramp over them; the doors are wide; the shower can be rolled into; the kitchen counters are low—you get the idea!

Both the Proposition 110 form and the Certificate of Disability Form are available on the web at [www.sccassessor.org](http://www.sccassessor.org) or stop by the SRS office and a volunteer can print the forms for you.

Please note that this property tax law requires a severe and permanent disability. The aches and pains of age alone will likely not qualify you.

#### **SRS Announcement:**

### *It will be age 66 and 8 months*

You can claim your Social Security benefits at any point after reaching age 62. However, you only receive 100 percent of your benefit if you wait to claim until your full retirement age.

In 2020, Social Security's full retirement age will be 66 and 8 months for people turning 62 in 2020. It increases by two months annually until it reaches age 67 for people born in or after 1960.

## BOARD MEETINGS

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

#### **Association**

The Villages Association Board of Directors monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28, at 9:15 a.m. in Foothill Center.

#### **Club**

The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28, at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center.

#### **Homeowners**

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES on page 12

Plan for the expected.  
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A Happy New Year!**

**N. Jeanette Campa**  
Broker/Owner/Notary  
Villager/Neighbor  
408-661-0203

**CAL DRE 01327014**



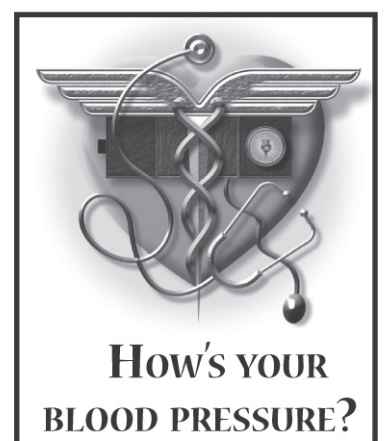
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**VMA: Join our team of Villagers helping Villagers**

Everyone needs a helping hand at some time in their life. The Village Medical Auxiliary (VMA) volunteers lend that hand to fellow Villagers. Volunteer drivers take Villagers to the doctor, pharmacy, or grocery store, deliver meals from the Clubhouse or Bistro, deliver medical equipment to Villagers at home, and staff the VMA office desk. Volunteers drivers are needed so this valuable service to our community can continue. If you have time to give, please stop by the VMA office front desk in Cribari Center to pick up an application to be a volunteer. You can choose when you drive and how often. Those who can't drive appreciate the time you give to make sure those that need it can get to appointments, the pharmacy, and the grocery store.

**Are you a Villages walker? Grab a free vest**

Now that our clocks have "fallen back" an hour and the days are shorter and darker earlier, it is important for those who are outside exercisers to be visible. If you walk in the early morning or late afternoon and evening it is a good idea to wear lighter colored clothing and wear a reflective vest or jacket. The VMA will supply you with a reflective vest for free! All you have to do is drop by the VMA office between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to pick one up. Congratulations to all of you who are out exercising. Be safe and wear reflective clothing.



## Friday, December 20

|           |                      |          |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|
| 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       |
| 9:30 a.m. | Tai Chi              | VC       |
| 10 a.m.   | Quilters             | P        |
| 1 p.m.    | Table Tennis         | MMP      |
| 3 p.m.    | Hand Bell Rehearsals | CR       |
| 5 p.m.    | Montgomery Party     | CH       |
| 6 p.m.    | Mexican Train Domino | MC       |

## Saturday, December 21

|           |                 |     |
|-----------|-----------------|-----|
| 9 a.m.    | Table Tennis    | MMP |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics        | CER |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ukulele Singing | SEQ |

## Sunday, December 22

|           |                          |     |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| 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.   | Comm. Chapel Service     | A   |
| 11 a.m.   | Chapel Fellowship        | CR  |
| 5 p.m.    | Jewish Group Chanukah    | CH  |

## Monday, December 23

|            |                  |          |
|------------|------------------|----------|
| 8:30 a.m.  | Jazzercise       | A        |
| 9 a.m.     | Game Day         | RED, SEQ |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Ceramics         | CER      |
| 10 a.m.    | Drawing Class    | AR       |
| 10:30 a.m. | Grief Support    | P        |
| 1 p.m.     | Open Studio      | AR       |
| 1 p.m.     | Stitchery        | P        |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Duplicate Bridge | RED      |

## Tuesday, December 24

|           |                       |     |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----|
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics              | CER |
| 12 p.m.   | Acrylics & Oil Studio | AR  |
| 5 p.m.    | Catholic Mass         | A   |

## Wednesday, December 25

|           |                       |     |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----|
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics              | CER |
| 9:30 a.m. | Critique, Open Studio | AR  |
| 1 p.m.    | Table Tennis          | MMP |
| 6 p.m.    | Mexican Train Domino  | MC  |
| 1 p.m.    | Open Studio           | AR  |
| 1 p.m.    | Stitchery             | P   |
| 6:30 p.m. | Duplicate Bridge      | RED |

## Thursday, December 26

|           |                        |          |
|-----------|------------------------|----------|
| 9 a.m.    | Game Day               | RED, SEQ |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics               | CER      |
| 9:30 a.m. | Watercolor Classes     | AR       |
| 1 p.m.    | Ukulele Club           | VC       |
| 1 p.m.    | Table Tennis           | MMP      |
| 3 p.m.    | Chapel Choir Rehearsal | CR       |
| 6 p.m.    | Bridge Club            | RED      |

## Friday, December 27

|           |                      |          |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|
| 8:30 a.m. | Jazzercise           | A        |
| 9 a.m.    | Game Day             | RED, SEQ |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics             | CER      |
| 9:30 a.m. | Open Studio          | AR       |
| 10 a.m.   | Quilters             | P        |
| 1 p.m.    | Table Tennis         | MMP      |
| 6 p.m.    | Mexican Train Domino | MC       |
| 6:30 p.m. | Chinese Club Karaoke | RED      |

## Saturday, December 28

|           |                        |     |
|-----------|------------------------|-----|
| 9 a.m.    | Table Tennis           | MMP |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics               | CER |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ukulele Singing        | SEQ |
| 4:45 p.m. | Brandeis Movie Disc.   | CR  |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics               | CER |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ukulele Singing        | SEQ |
| 3 p.m.    | Chapel Choir Rehearsal | CR  |
| 6 p.m.    | Duplicate Bridge       | RED |
| 7 p.m.    | Italian Club Board     | P   |
| 7 p.m.    | Folksters              | VC  |

## Sunday, December 29

|           |                          |     |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| 7:15 p.m. | Catholic Choir Rehearsal | CR  |
| 8:15 a.m. | Catholic Mass            | A   |
| 9 a.m.    | Table Tennis             | MMP |
| 9 a.m.    | Chapel Choir Rehearsal   | SEQ |
| 9:30 a.m. | Chapel Prayer            | F   |
| 9:30 p.m. | Chapel Worship           | CR  |
| 10 a.m.   | Comm. Chapel Service     | A   |
| 11 a.m.   | Chapel Fellowship        | CR  |

## Monday, December 30

|           |                          |          |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 8:30 a.m. | Jazzercise               | A        |
| 9 a.m.    | Game Day                 | RED, SEQ |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics                 | CER      |
| 10 a.m.   | Drawing Class            | AR       |
| 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 Comm.      | MC       |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics                 | CER      |
| 9:30 a.m. | Open Studio              | AR       |
| 9:30 a.m. | Quilters                 | P        |
| 10 a.m.   | Line Dance               | MMP      |
| 1 p.m.    | Table Tennis             | MMP      |
| 2 p.m.    | Matinee Theater Audition | A        |
| 6 p.m.    | Mexican Trains Domino    | MC       |

## Tuesday, December 31

|           |                         |          |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 9 a.m.    | VGC - Analysis          | BGA      |
| 9 a.m.    | Game Day                | SEQ, RED |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics                | CER      |
| 12 p.m.   | Acrylics & Oil Studio   | AR       |
| 7:30 p.m. | Mex. Train Domino Party | MC       |

## Wednesday, January 1

|           |                       |     |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----|
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics              | CER |
| 10 a.m.   | Critique, Open Studio | AR  |
| 10 a.m.   | Line Dance            | MMP |
| 10 a.m.   | Hiking Club Hike      | FC  |
| 1 p.m.    | Table Tennis          | MMP |
| 6 p.m.    | Mexican Trains Domino | MC  |

## Thursday, January 2

|            |                        |          |
|------------|------------------------|----------|
| 9 a.m.     | Game Day               | RED, SEQ |
| 9 a.m.     | AC Assoc./Landscape    | FC       |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Ceramics               | CER      |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Watercolor Classes     | AR       |
| 10 a.m.    | Line Dance             | MMP      |
| 10 a.m.    | Genealogy              | VC       |
| 12 p.m.    | 18 Hole Women Lunch    | CH       |
| 12:30 p.m. | Ukulele Club           | VC       |
| 1 p.m.     | Table Tennis           | MMP      |
| 3 p.m.     | Chapel Choir Rehearsal | CR       |
| 6 p.m.     | Duplicate Bridge       | RED      |
| 7 p.m.     | Italian Club Board     | P        |
| 7 p.m.     | Folksters              | VC       |

## Friday, January 3

|           |                          |          |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 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 Comm.      | MC       |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ceramics                 | CER      |
| 9:30 a.m. | Open Studio              | AR       |
| 9:30 a.m. | Quilters                 | P        |
| 10 a.m.   | Line Dance               | MMP      |
| 1 p.m.    | Table Tennis             | MMP      |
| 2 p.m.    | Matinee Theater Audition | A        |
| 6 p.m.    | Mexican Trains Domino    | MC       |

### EVENT LOCATIONS

|            |                    |           |
|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| <b>A</b>   | Auditorium         | (Cribari) |
| <b>AR</b>  | Art Room           | (Cribari) |
| <b>BC</b>  | Bocce Courts       |           |
| <b>BGA</b> | Building A         |           |
| <b>CER</b> | Ceramics           | (Cribari) |
| <b>CCR</b> | Cribari Club Rm.   |           |
| <b>CH</b>  | Clubhouse          |           |
| <b>CR</b>  | Conference Rm.     | (Cribari) |
| <b>CY</b>  | Corporation Yard   |           |
| <b>F</b>   | Forum              | (Cribari) |
| <b>FC</b>  | Foothill Center    |           |
| <b>FCR</b> | Fitness Center     |           |
| <b>FHP</b> | Foothill Pool      |           |
| <b>GP</b>  | Gazebo             |           |
| <b>L</b>   | Lobby              | (Cribari) |
| <b>SEQ</b> | Sequoia            | (Cribari) |
| <b>MC</b>  | Montgomery Center  |           |
| <b>MMP</b> | Montgomery MP Room |           |
| <b>RED</b> | Redwood            | (Cribari) |
| <b>P</b>   | Patio Room         | (Cribari) |
| <b>TR</b>  | Terrace Room       | (Cribari) |
| <b>VC</b>  | Vineyard Center    |           |

## Look What's Coming!

Mark your calendars and register in Building B.

| Date | Event                              | In Villager | Registration |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1/12 | Shen yun                           | NOW         | NOW          |
| 1/14 | Warriors vs Dallas Mavericks       | NOW         | NOW          |
| 1/17 | Ken Block: Comic/Impressionist     | NOW         | NOW          |
| 2/2  | Super Bowl Party                   | NOW         | NOW          |
| 4/4  | Book of Mormon                     | 2/6         | 2/10         |
| 4/13 | Warriors vs Portland Trail Blazers | 1/9         | 1/13         |
| 4/18 | Golden Gate Fields                 | 2/27        | 3/2          |
| 4/24 | Les Miserables                     | 1/23        | 1/27         |
| 5/15 | Riverdance                         | 2/27        | 3/2          |
| 5/29 | Wine Train Murder Mystery Dinner   | 2/27        | 3/2          |
| 5/31 | Giants vs. Colorado                | 3/26        | 3/30         |
| 6/14 | Giants vs. Miami                   | 4/2         | 4/6          |
| 6/20 | Come From Away                     | 3/26        | 3/30         |
| 6/27 | Choral Project                     | 4/16        | 4/20         |
| 7/4  | July 4th Celebration               | TBD         | N/A          |
| 8/21 | Holland and Coots                  | 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 8:30 a.m. from Foothill Center.

**Saturday, December 21:** Kimberly Sandstrom will lead a hike in Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve. We will do a 9-mile hike with 1550 ft elevation gain on the Mayfair Ranch, Longwall Canyon, Bald Peaks and Catamount Trails to complete a loop. If the hikers are up for it, we will detour briefly onto the Chisnantuck Trail, although expect it to be too early to spot blooming trilliums. We will enjoy expansive views of Calero reservoir and the surrounding valleys. Bring lunch, snacks, water and sticks. Wear boots and layers. Heavy rain cancels. The drive is about 35 miles, round trip.

**Wednesday, December 25 (Rambler):** Christmas Day. No Hike.

**Saturday, December 28:** Amy Meier will lead a hike in Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space. The Preserve is accessible from Bear Creek Road off Hwy 17. We will hike up Alma and Redwood Springs Trails to Madrone Knoll at elevation 2400 ft. for an elevation gain of 1400 ft. and return either on Alma trail or retrace our steps on Redwood Springs trail for a distance of approximately 7.5 miles. The trail passes through 2nd growth and old growth redwoods, Douglas fir and oak. Bathrooms are available at the beginning and end of the hike. There are no bathrooms on the trails. Dressing in layers is recommended. Bring lunch and be prepared to sit on logs or on the ground at lunchtime. Meet at Cribari at 8:15 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. due to limited parking. Rain cancels.

**Saturday, January 4:** Dan Kato will lead a long hike at Henry Cowell Redwoods state park. We will take the Eagle Creek and the Pine trails to the observation deck where we will have lunch (so bring one) and enjoy the scenic views. Returning we will likely take the pipeline road. Vertical climb is about 1000 feet and the total hiking distance 9 to 10 miles. There will be no water crossings on this one. Real flushable bathrooms available at the trailhead. Optional food stop afterward for those so inclined. Round trip from the Villages is about 80 miles. Meet at Cribari at 8 a.m. to get an early start. Heavy rain will cancel.

## 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

**Ceramics Room:** Open Studio Monday through Friday. See website for times.

**No regular meeting in January.**

**December 20:** All Arts and Crafts expense reimbursements due to Treasurer. All reimbursement checks must be cashed.

**January 14:** Art Film of the Month hosted by Pam Lyons: Joh Vanderlyn, first artist in America. Tuesday, 7 p.m., Vineyard Center.

**January 17:** New Solo Exhibit: Colleen Mirassou. Mounting 11 a.m. – noon. Juried Art Show paintings shall be picked up.

**January 21:** Third Tuesday Free Art Night. Diane Finley's Ceramic Hearts to paint and give as gifts for Valentine's Day. 6:30 p.m. Art Room. Wine and cheese snacks. \*\*

**January 27:** Monday. Advisory Board Meeting. 3 p.m. Art Room.

**Open Studio:** Mondays 10 a.m. to noon 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 6:** No meeting. The next photography competition is February 3 for Pictorial, Monochrome, Travel, and Journalism.

**Monday, January 20:** Photographer Joan Field shares what judges look for and how to write good titles.

## 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



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## MUSIC SOCIETY: TAKE NOTE

### Save the Date

All events are \$18 and in Cribari Auditorium unless otherwise noted. Ticket sales on the Saturdays stated below are in Cribari Lobby from 10 a.m. to noon.

**Saturday, January 18:** Astrid Morales, pianist, performs at 7:30 p.m. for the Concert Series offered by The Villages Music Society. Tickets sales on January 4 and 11.

### Rehearsal/Meeting Schedule

**Villages Concert Band:** Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Information: Larry Miller 408-238-1030. Midwinter break from December 15 until Tuesday, January 7.

**Villages Handbells Ensemble:** Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. Information: Kathi or Earl Levin at 408-270-5458. Midwinter break from December 8 until Friday, January 10.

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

**Piano Open Studio:** Winter break until 2020 at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays in Cribari Auditorium: January 7, 21 and February 4, 18 in Cribari Auditorium. Listeners are welcome. Information: Estelle Kabanani at 408-406-7447 or marchstar@comcast.net.

**Village Voices:** Midwinter break until Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. for an open house with finger foods and singing. All singers welcome. No auditions. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Foothill Center. Information: Aileen Reid 408-809-4884.

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

# THE CLUBHOUSE

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

2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at [www.thevillagesgcc.com](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com)

## WHAT'S COOKING?

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

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

Come down and join us for a drink!

**Early Bird Specials:** Get a 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](http://www.clubhouserreservation.com) and sign-up to make restaurant reservations quickly and easily. Confirmations are automatically sent to you via e-mail or text.

**New Year's Eve Festivities:**  
Please see our ad in this edition of the Villager for reservation and menu info on our Early Bird Restaurant Reservations and our Midnight Dinner Dance. Reservations for both are now being taken.

**Clubhouse & Bistro Holiday Schedule:** (See next page.)

## 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 12-24  
to  
Sunday 12-29*

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>Sole Dore</b>   | <b>\$14.95</b> |
| <i>Grilled Sole in Egg Wash with a Beurre Blanc Sauce</i>  |                |
| <b>Chicken Salad with Avocado</b>  | <b>\$14.50</b> |
| <i>Chicken Salad mixed with Avocado, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard Boiled Egg and Toasted Almonds over Greens</i> |                |
| <b>Linguini with Salmon and Broccoli</b>   | <b>\$15.95</b> |
| <i>Linguini Pasta tossed with Salmon and Broccoli in a Garlic Cream Sauce</i>                              |                |

### DAILY SOUP SPECIALS

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Tuesday, December 24</i>   | <i>Soup: Split Pea</i>           |
| <i>Wednesday, December 25</i> | <b>CLUBHOUSE CLOSED</b>          |
| <i>Thursday, December 26</i>  | <i>Soup: Chicken Fiesta</i>      |
| <i>Friday, December 27</i>    | <i>Soup: Corn Shrimp Chowder</i> |
| <i>Saturday, December 28</i>  | <i>Soup: Chef's Choice</i>       |
| <i>Sunday, December 29</i>    | <i>Soup: Chef's Choice</i>       |

### DINNER SPECIALS SERVED ALL WEEK

*Dinner Specials  
Tuesday 12-24  
to  
Sunday 12-29*

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <b>Mermaid Salad</b>  | <b>\$21.50</b> |
| <i>Grilled Scallops, Grilled Salmon, Prawns, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrots over Greens—served with Soup</i>                   |                |
| <b>Chicken Pricilla</b>   | <b>\$20.50</b> |
| <i>Sautéed Chicken Breast with Lemon Caper Sauce—served with Soup or Salad</i>  |                |
| <b>Tournedos Rossini</b>  | <b>\$26.95</b> |
| <i>Petit Filet Medallions with Mushroom Duxelles on a Fried Crouton with Madiera Wine Sauce—served with Soup or Salad</i> |                |

## ACTIVITIES

**Monday, December 23**

NO EVENT

**Tuesday, December 24**

NO EVENT

**Wednesday, December 25**

CLUBHOUSE CLOSED

**Thursday, December 26**

• Private Event—Fairway Room—noon to 3 p.m.

**Friday, December 27**

NO EVENT

**Saturday, December 28**

• Private Event—Fairway Room—1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Sunday, December 29**

NO EVENT

## 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 pages 9 & 19



## NO CORKAGE TUESDAYS



Bring your favorite bottle of wine and your favorite people any and every Tuesday to the Clubhouse Restaurant.

No corkage will be charged with a dinner order. One-bottle limit per two guests.

Standard size bottles only.

### Clubhouse Restaurant Only

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Friday and Saturday Nights



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Reservations: [www.clubhouserreservation.com](http://www.clubhouserreservation.com)  
408 223 4687

## Clubhouse Restaurant / Bistro To-Go Curbside Service Program

The service features:

- Lower service charge of 10%
- Reserved parking spot
- Delivery to your parked car
- Dedicated attendant
- Dedicated phone number

# RESERVED FOR

THE CLUBHOUSE  
RESTAURANT  
AND BISTRO



## CURBSIDE PICKUP

### Phone Ordering

1. Call 408-370-8553
2. Place Order

Menus can be found online at:  
[www.thevillagesgcc.com/restaurant-menu](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com/restaurant-menu)

### Order Pickup

1. Call 408-370-8553 and tell employee you have arrived
2. Food will be delivered to your vehicle

## 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"

**Reservation is Required**

Every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

## What's Cooking...

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### Clubhouse & Bistro Holiday Schedule:

#### Tuesday December 24:

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

#### Wednesday December 25:

Bistro & Bar is Closed  
Clubhouse Restaurant is Closed

#### Thursday December 26:

Regular business hours for all operations  
Tuesday December 31:

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

#### Wednesday January 1:

Bistro & Bar is Closed  
Clubhouse Restaurant is Closed

#### Thursday January 2:

Regular business hours for all operations



### New Clubhouse Hours

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

### Early Bird Specials

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

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




|     |  |                                       |   |   |                                     |  |  |   |
|-----|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| hr. | Monday   | Tuesday                               | Wednesday   | Thursday                                      | Friday                              | Saturday   | Sunday                                     | <b>This Week</b> on Channel <b>27</b><br>Every 6-Hours starting at 1 & 7 am/pm<br>Daily Fire Safety at the Villages<br>Midnight, 6am, Noon & 6pm<br>5 & 11am, 5 & 11pm<br>The Villages Fitness Center<br>Complimentary WiFi<br>Network: Villages Public<br>Password: villages<br>Club Events & Notices on Channel <b>26</b><br>More information online at the Villages Resident Portal:<br><a href="http://resident.thevillagesgcc.com">resident.thevillagesgcc.com</a> |
|     |  |                                       |   |   |                                     |  |  |   |
| 1   | The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show<br>The Mickey Rooney Show | The Lucy Show<br>Date with the Angels | The Beverly Hillbillies<br>The Adventures of Kit Carson | The Jack Benny Program<br>Meet Corliss Archer | Sherlock Holmes<br>Mr. & Mrs. North | The Adventures of Robin Hood<br>The Adventures of Sir Lancelot | You Bet Your Life<br>The Bob Cummings Show |   |
| 2   | Letter to Loretta<br>Suspense                                    | Westinghouse Studio One               | Bonanza   | Your Hit Parade<br>MOVIE: Romeo and Juliet    | Dragnet<br>Lock-Up                  | Boris Karloff's The Veil<br>Tales of Tomorrow                  | The Colgate Comedy Hour                    |   |
| 3   | MOVIE: The Christmas That Almost Wasn't                          | MOVIE: Scrooge                        | MOVIE: Kentucky Rifle                                   |   | MOVIE: Seven Sinners                | MOVIE: Phantom Planet  | Comedy Binge - 4 Episodes<br>The Lucy Show |   |
| 4   | PLUS: Ace Drummond Chapter 13                                    | PLUS: Life with Elizabeth             | PLUS: The Three Musketeers Chapters 11 & 12             | PLUS: Topper                                  | PLUS: Douglass Fairbanks Presents   | PLUS: Radar Men From the Moon Chapters 11 & 12                 |  |   |

# 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           |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 12/20 | Villages Golf Committee            | 9 a.m. | Building A      |
| 12/31 | Villages Golf Committee – Analysis | 9 a.m. | Building A      |
| 1 /2  | AC Association /Landscape          | 9 a.m. | Foothill Center |
| 1/3   | Villages Golf Committee            | 9 a.m. | Montg. Center   |

## Community Events

| Date  | Event                     | Time    | Place           |
|-------|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 12/20 | Montgomery Party          | 5 p.m.  | Clubhouse       |
| 12/22 | Jewish Dinner             | 5 p.m.  | Clubhouse       |
| 1/1   | Hiking Club Potluck       | 10 a.m. | Foothill Center |
| 1 /2  | 18 Hole Women Lunch       | 12 p.m. | Clubhouse       |
| 1/3   | Matinee Theater Auditions | 2 p.m.  | Auditorium      |

## Get assistance for Santa Clara County Alerts

Staff from the Office of County Supervisor Dave Cortese will be available the first Mondays of January, February, and March at Cribari Lobby to help any residents subscribe to our County's Emergency Alert System. Bring your cellphone and visit the office's table from 2 to 3 p.m. on January 6, February 3, or March 2 to sign up for real-time emergency alerts sent directly to your mobile device, landline, or email. Alerts can include fire, earthquake, severe weather, crime incidents, or instructions during a disaster. Please contact Community Activities at 408-223-4643 for additional information.

## Village Dolls: Broadway—here we come!

In January, The Village Dolls (Dancers) will learn a fun Broadway routine. It will be a cane dance choreographed to the song "One" from the musical, "A Chorus Line." Bring a cane to class (if you have one). However, some canes will be available in class.

Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m., beginning on Monday, January 6, 2020 in the Cribari Auditorium. (No class on January 1 and 8.) The full schedule with locations will be available in class. The fee is \$64. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B.

Also, we have been invited to perform with the Village Voices (May 2-3) so performance opportunities are available.

Each month we will have fun with a different dance style: Broadway, Jazz, Hula, Flamenco, Lyrical, Ballet, Latin...the choice is yours. As a group, we will vote on the dance style for the following month's choreography.



## Warriors—new seats available!

I recently had the opportunity to tour the Warriors' new home. Wow, what an impressive home they have! I know the price is high for the game but if you are a Warrior fan you should go at least once even if they are not doing as well as in past...a fan is a fan!

We will see the new Chase Stadium and watch the Warriors host Dallas on Tuesday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. Please arrive at Cribari Center at 4:30 p.m. for a 4:45 p.m. departure, with an estimated return time of 11:30 p.m. to The Villages.

The price per person includes transportation and game ticket. Upper section includes food/drink in price. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B.

Lower seats are again available (Section 110, Row 25) for \$218. For the upper section, I have changed the section to the Modelo Cantina with your food and drink included with the price staying at \$228. Elevators are available! Comfy seats as well! If you have already signed up for lower section and would like to switch to upper section you may do so but change must be made by December 20.

## Back in Form Holiday Special!

This holiday season, how about giving the gift of health! Give a "Back In Form Personalized Fitness Program" to the ones you love! Contact Hartmut, Back in Form at 408-455-2887.

**Don't get left behind. Register early!**



## Join the Super Bowl Party!

Super Bowl Party at the Clubhouse on Sunday, February 2, 2020, come on down! Wear your colors, bring your neighbors, bring your family and root for your favorite team! Game time is 3:30 p.m. and we watch on giant 10x10 HD screen. Freshly popped popcorn and pretzels will be available for the duration of the event.

Grill station at the Sunset Patio complete with grilled burgers and hot dogs served with tomatoes, lettuce, onions, relish, banana peppers, cherry peppers and cheeses; BBQ grilled chicken breast; potato salad; corn on the cobb; baked beans; desserts included with assorted pies and cakes. Food will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. and then get ready for game time!!!

At check-in, you will receive one Football Pool square for door prizes!!! Receive one premium draft beer per person (21 years and over only). Full bar (no-host) will be available for your pleasure. Water, coffee & hot tea, iced tea and lemonade station for your enjoyment!

Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B! If you wish to reserve a table just let Rebecca know at the time you are registering! The price is \$46 per person!

## Take Total Body Fitness

### January—March

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 through March will be on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost is \$72; you must sign up for all classes in session, as you will be billed for all. All classes are in the Auditorium beginning January 8 through March 25. Register in the Community Resource Center, Building B.

## Upcoming Evening Movie

The following movie is shown free of charge at Vineyard Center at 7 p.m. on the dates and times designated. For information, contact the Community Activities office.

**Monday, January 20 - "POMS":** Starring Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver, Celia Weston. POMS is a comedy about a group of women who form a cheer leading squad at their retirement community, proving that you're never too old to 'bring it!' Rated PG-13.

## 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.

## Join Villages Yoga Hiking Adventure

The Villages Golf and Country Club has 1200 acres of glorious views and 450 acres of hills for us to enjoy. You will hike on regular trails and practice Yoga throughout the hike. Join this two-hour “mat-free” class and you will make new friends, stay motivated and add variety and adventure to your fitness program. This class starts January 10, 2020 and will meet every Friday. The Yoga-hike will start at the Villages Stables at 10 a.m. and returns at noon. Bring a water bottle, towel and good walking shoes. The cost is \$100 for four yoga-hike sessions. For information call Jane at 408-315-1179. Pre-registration is required. Sign up in Building B. This class sponsored by the Community Activities Office.



## Comic/Impressionist Ken Block on January 17

Comedian/Impressionist Ken Block is re-scheduled for Friday, January 17! If you wish to keep your table and reservation you held for the October 11 show...please email or call Ruth DePonzi.

Ken Block is one of the most versatile Comic/Impressionists on the scene today. If you need proof, check out his website at kenblock.net like we did! With over 100 impressions ranging from singers, comedians, politicians, television and movie stars in his repertoire you are sure to be entertained. Ken has a versatile combination of comic impressions, standup comedy and musical parodies perfectly suited for our audience at the Villages.

Ken will be coming from Florida to entertain us on Friday, January 17 at the Clubhouse. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. dinner at 6 p.m. with Ken taking the stage following dinner.

We will enjoy a wonderful buffet with Chicken Marsala, Filet of Salmon Buerre Blanc and Chateaubriand Carving Station along with assorted rolls, Caesar Salad, Fresh Fruit, Mediterranean Pasta Salad, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee and Hot Tea.

Get a table together and sign up in the Community Resource Center, Building B. The cost per person will be \$84.

## Community Activities — cancellation policy

Unable to participate in a Community Activities event? Please let Building B know you'd like to cancel. If we have a waiting list, we will try to get a replacement. If you have a replacement, this replacement must come in to register with Community Activities. All residents signing up for events and classes do sign a release stating all sales are final unless a replacement can be found. Recently information was posted on Neighborhood Next Door directing people to Building B for an excursion ticket as the resident could not attend. While this is not prohibited, Community Activities was not notified this was happening, leading to some confusion. Please be aware any tickets must be sold or given to a resident and the new resident ticket holder is required to sign a Community Activities program registration liability release prior to the event/trip/class. If you have any questions about our cancellation policies, please contact Building B.

## What and where is the Community Resource Center?

The Community Resource Center offers a wealth of information to Villagers, including information about clubs and committees, insurance, recycling, the Villages website, board notices and Villages events. We also have maps and information for new or prospective residents.

If you have a question, call us, and we'll be happy to assist. The Community Resource Center is located in Building B near the tennis courts. The phone number is 408-754-1336.

In addition to the above, we offer the following services:

**Photocopy service:** Basic photocopies are 5¢ for one-sided copies and 8¢ for double-sided copies. A selection of colored paper is available at an additional 2¢ per copy. We can also do reductions or enlargements for an additional charge. (Publications can only be copied with written consent from the author.)

**Fax service:** The fax number is 408-274-2843. You can send or receive a fax for \$1 per page.

**Documents for sale:** Villages telephone directories are for sale.

**Payment options:** We accept cash, or you can charge to your house or club account. (Please advise your club treasurer prior to charging to a club account.)

**Class/trip/event registration:** Register for the classes, trips and events sponsored by the Community Activities Office.

**Guest Room reservations:** There are four guest rooms available to residents and their guests. Rooms can be reserved up to six months in advance.

**Villager editorial/advertising support services:** When *The Villager* staff is unavailable, the Resource Center can assist you when placing ads or submitting articles. Current issues of *The Villager* newspaper are available in the lobby as well as a limited supply of past editions.

**Correspondence mailboxes:** District advisory committees (DAC) and other Board-appointed committees have mailboxes in the lobby. This is also the location to drop off **Pulse letters** in the Communications Advisory Committee box.

Remember to give us a call at 408-754-1336 for any questions or concerns that you may have.

## Line Dance — Beginning Class

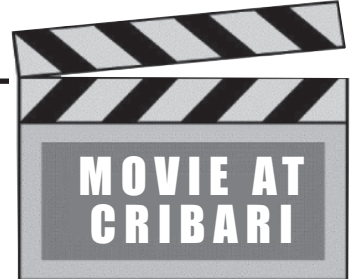
Start the New Year right by learning how to line dance. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, January 8 through February 12 in the Montgomery Multipurpose room from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The cost is \$15 for six sessions (only \$2.50 per class). Have fun 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. If you have any questions, contact instructor Deana Megginson at 408 238-1180.



## Don't miss...

**POMS**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 8**  
**1:30 p.m.**



Starring Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver, Celia Weston. POMS is a comedy about a group of women who form a cheer leading squad at their retirement community, proving that you're never too old to "bring it!" Rated PG-13.

**Wednesday, January 22 - "The Lion King":**  
Starring Donald Glover, Beyoncé, Seth Rogen. After the murder of his father, a young lion prince flees his kingdom only to learn the true meaning of responsibility and bravery. Rated PG.



## Shen Yun 2020 — you asked for it! Four more tickets!

You asked for it—see “Shen Yun” present colorful and exhilarating performances of classical Chinese dance and music. A performance by Shen Yun is a presentation of traditional Chinese culture as it once was: a study in grace, wisdom, and the virtues distilled from the five millennia of Chinese civilization. Our outing is planned for Sunday, January 12, 2020. Departure from Cribari Center's east parking lot at 12:45 p.m., matinee is at 2 p.m. Register ASAP in the Community Resource Center, Building B. **The deadline to sign up is December 19, 2019.**



The performance will be at San Jose Center for Performing Arts with excellent seats starting in row 18 of the orchestra! The price, including transportation, is \$150 per person.

Tenors, sopranos and other award-winning vocalists perform piano-accompanied solos, along with a regular favorite—the stirring melodies of the two-stringed erhu, also known as the Chinese violin.

Shen Yun's one-of-a-kind orchestra, with its all-original compositions, blends East and West like no other. The distinctly Chinese sound of ancient instruments like the erhu and the pipa are bathed in a rich sea of Western strings, percussion, woodwinds, and brass. The result—two great classical music traditions producing one fresh, unexpected sound.

One of the features that strike audience members most is Shen Yun's colorful costumes. These hundreds of gorgeous, hand-made garments span China's dynasties, regions, and ethnic groups. Even leading fashion designers leave the show excited with new inspiration.

## EVF FOCUS



### Doing the Donor Dot!

By Diana Hallock, EVF Board member

No, not a new dance craze! Bev Poellot, Larry Martinson and Mike Poellot (at left) are enjoying a free glass of wine as they wait for their dinner in the Clubhouse dining room. Their server, Jim Tran, was glad to bring them complimentary wine because they are all Sustaining Members of the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF). Other membership benefits include discounts in the Pro Shop and an invitation to special EVF events. Sustaining Members have made a commitment to EVF on a monthly basis. Monthly donations range from \$5 to \$100+ and are processed with your monthly Villages invoice.



If you'd like to join the growing number of EVF Sustaining Members, please go to our website at [www.evfsj.org](http://www.evfsj.org). We'll get a donor dot to you promptly!



From the VGC:

### New golf 'Registered Guest Program' begins January 1

Beginning January 1, 2020, we will be instituting the new golf **Registered Guest Program (RGP)**, which will replace the discontinued "Preferred Unaccompanied Guest Program" (PUGP). In an effort to improve our community security we will begin this new Guest program, which will still allow The Villages to share our golf course and its amenities with selected sponsored guests but in a more controlled

and monitored fashion than was provided under the previous PUGP.

1) The Villages resident will still be able to **register any number of guests**. After approval by the Pro Shop and VGC, these registered guests will be able to play and make reservations independently of a Villages member.

2) The **Annual registration** of each guest will incur a **\$10 administrative fee** chargeable

to the Villages sponsor. The registration will be *only* good for the **calendar year** beginning January 1 and ending December 31 (no prorated fee applies). *All* registered guests will be purged from the system by January 15 of the following year and it will be up to their sponsor to reregister them for continued independent play.

3) The Registered Guest and their individual guests will only be granted access to The Villages, the golf course and its amenities (driving range, putting green, and short game areas) on the date **they have a reserved tee time and their names are on the daily play sheet**.

These changes in our RGP are for the sole purpose of improving our community security. The VGC and the Pro Shop still look forward to continuing our valued relationship with all guests but in a more orderly manner. Thank you for your understanding.

### Next EVF Clothing Sale drop-off

The Evergreen Villages Foundation will have a clothing drop off at the back of the RV lot on January 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be tables set up and ladies available to accept your clothing.

All women's "gently used" clean clothing will be accepted except lingerie, bathing suits, pajamas, suits, blazers, T-shirts with advertising and high heeled shoes. However, **new** (never worn) lingerie, robes, pajamas, under garments and

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Please note that the VMA office will be closed on the following days: **Christmas Eve (24th), Christmas Day (25th), day after Christmas (26th) and New Year's.**

### Coming in January

**Grief Support Group:** a facilitator from Hospice of the Valley leads this monthly grief group. Monday, January 6, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Patio Room. Monday, January 27, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Patio Room.

**Blood Pressure Clinic:** Come have your blood pressure checked. Wednesday, January 8, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Forum Room.

**Parkinson's Caregivers Support Group:** Meet with other caregivers of those with Parkinson's. Wednesday, January 8, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Building A in Conference Room B.

**VMA Board Meeting:** All Villagers are welcome to attend. Wednesday, January 8, 10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Cribari Conference Room.

**Achieving a Good Night's Rest:** Presented by With Grace Hospice. Wednesday, January 15, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Cribari Conference Room

**Hearing Screening:** Performed by Hearing Life. Registration required. Tuesday, January 21, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Montgomery Center.

**Caregivers Support Group:** a group designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for all caregivers facilitated by Villager, Judy London, Ph.D. Thursday, January 16, 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 22, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Cribari Forum Room.

**Managing Diabetes:** Presented by Ready2Nurse. Tuesday, January 30, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Montgomery Center.

The VMA would like to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Holiday season!

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

socks will be accepted.

We will also be accepting men's casual clothing such as golf attire, polo shirts and casual jackets.

Several drop off dates will be scheduled prior to the July 3rd and 4th clothing sale.



As we celebrate the Holiday Season, we want to thank each of you for your continuing support of

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Best Wishes to all of you for good health, happiness, and prosperity in the New Year!  
—Mosen & Efi

# CLUBS & EVENTS

## *Genealogy Club to discuss photo books*

What can we do with all those family photos if we want future generations of our family to see them? How can we share both photos and genealogy at the same time? Creating an online photo book that you can have printed is one answer. Linda McMullen will share how she has created photo books to share genealogy with her family. Please join us on January 2 at 10 a.m. in the Vineyard Center to hear Linda's presentation. Please note change of meeting room to Vineyard Center.

Our group meets to discuss and share tips on doing family history research. Please join us and start the search for your family's history! For any questions about the Club or the presentation contact Linda McMullen at lindavillage8392@gmail.com.

## *D.A. Jeff Rosen to speak to SIR 114*

On Tuesday, January 7, Jeff Rosen, District Attorney of Santa Clara County, will be the speaker at the SIR 114 luncheon in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse. Guests are invited to attend and should come to the Clubhouse around 12:30 p.m.

Since 2011, Jeff has overseen the large Santa Clara prosecutor's office. Jeff is a nationally-recognized leader in criminal justice reform and he and his employees have successfully prosecuted some of the most difficult, complex and high-profile criminal cases. These include the first-degree murder convictions and life sentences against the murder-for-hire defendants in the Los Gatos businessman Mark Achilli slaying, prosecuting former County Supervisor George Shirakawa, prosecuting Stanford swimmer Brock Turner, and prosecuting the killer of 15-year-old Sierra Lamar. Jeff can also give insight on the recent California State law resulting in early release of drug convicts from prisons due to overcrowding. Jeff created Family Justice Centers throughout the county making sure domestic violence survivors have easier access to legal help and other resources.

Jeff has been with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office since 1995. Before joining the District Attorney's Office, he worked for prominent law firms in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. He received his undergraduate degree from UCLA and law degree from UC Berkeley School of Law. Jeff's wife serves as a Superior Court Judge for the State of California and they have two daughters.



## *Sign up for Computer Classes*

Would you like to take courses on Windows 10, iPhone and iPad, Android phones and tablets? Computer Classes for Adults registration day is January 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Almaden Community Center, 6446 Camden Ave, San Jose. Please visit almadencca.org for more information. Call 408 674-1401 with any questions. There are many different classes offered. All are taught by volunteers and the classes are small in size. The session begins the week of January 21.

## *Mark your calendars for an important "Meet and Greet"*

January 7, Vineyard Center, 2 to 5 p.m.  
District 8; Senate District 15 and  
State Assembly District 27  
Sponsored by The Villages Republican Club

## *January Art Film: John Vanderlyn: America's First Artist*

By Pam Oliver Lyons

On Tuesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. in the Vineyard Center, the Villages Arts and Crafts Association will present "America's First Artist: The Life and Times of John Vanderlyn," a film by Toby Carey. By the time John Vanderlyn was born in 1775, his family lived in the Kingston, NY and worked as artists for three generations.

As a talented portrait painter of the area's influential citizens, Vanderlyn acquired the patronage of Aaron Burr. This resulted in Vanderlyn formally training in Paris rather than London which was the preference. Burr supported France as an ally to American interests against Britain. Vanderlyn became the first American artist to study at the École des Beaux-Arts, the first to be awarded a medal for his painting Marius Amid the Ruins of Carthage. Also on exhibit at the Salon was his painting, Ariadne Asleep on the Island of Naxos, praised by the French but this public introduction to the nude genre scandalized Colonial America. French color techniques for skin tones were far too superior.

Today Vanderlyn's works are displayed at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, The MET, and Capitol Rotunda, Washington D.C. His most ambitious work, America's first 360-degree panorama 165-foot painting, Palace and Gardens of Versailles, is on permanent exhibit at The Met. Napoleon and historic figures are shown strolling the grounds.

This is a film for both artist and history buff alike.

## **You're Invited to Brandeis' University on Wheels January 10, 2020**

**Professor Joel Christensen presents:  
"The Many-Minded Man: A Modern look at the Odyssey"**

Join us for a BNC Odyssey.

The 2019-2020 "Louie" Award will be presented to the Chapter at our UOW.

Join us for our lunch buffet at the Rinconada Hills Club House,  
100 Avenida Del Sol, Los Gatos, CA 95032.

Menu: Chicken Cavatappi and Marinara Cavatappi, Caesar Salad, Beverages and Desserts.  
\$35 per person (\$20 tax deductible)

For reservations, send checks payable to BNC to:  
Judy Stein, 8656 Solera Dr. San Jose, CA 95135

**RSVP by January 5.**

Questions? Call Judy at (home) 408-270-0726 or (cell) 408-218-7736.

**Please bring your Greater Garment Donation (adult & children's socks, PJs, undies, etc.)**



## *Give yourself the gift of Jazzercise*

As the holiday season approaches, we are occupied with selecting gifts and treats for our family members and friends. But do we ever consider giving ourselves the gift of fun, friendship, and fitness? Take my advice and include yourself on the gift list by joining the Jazzercise Club. It's a gift that lasts the whole year long. Jazzercise meets three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Cribari auditorium. That leaves you a full day for your other activities. Come to your first session as our guest. See how much fun exercising can be.

Jazzercise is led by an experienced professional and starts with a warm-up routine, followed by an aerobic segment, strength training, and final cool down. A full month of classes will only cost you \$35. Lift your spirits and improve your health with the gift of Jazzercise. If you have any questions, Herito will be happy to talk to you. Call her at 408-238-7511.

## *Save The Date! Italian Club's Valentine Event*

**February 14, 2020**

Spend an evening and "Boogie on Down"  
with Alison's Sharino Band.

Invitation to follow.

In the meantime get your  
bellbottoms ready!



## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

By Linda Schlageter

**“Blue Moon” by Lee Child:** “This is a random universe,” says Jack Reacher, “Once in a blue moon, things turn out just right.” This isn’t one of those times. Reacher is on a Greyhound bus minding his own business, with no particular place to go, and all the time in the world to get there. Then he steps off the bus to help an old man who is obviously just a victim waiting to happen. But you know what they say about good deeds. Now Reacher wants to make it right. An elderly couple has made a few well-meaning mistakes, and now they owe big money to some very bad people. One brazen move leads to another, and suddenly Reacher finds himself a wanted man in the middle of a brutal turf war between rival Ukrainian and Albanian gangs. He teams up with a fed-up waitress who knows a little more than she’s letting on, and sets out to take down the powerful and make the greedy pay. It’s a long shot. The odds are against him. But Reacher believes in a certain kind of justice, the kind that comes along once in a blue moon. Mystery 2019.

**“The Guardians” by John Grisham:** In the small Florida town of Seabrook, a young lawyer named Keith Russo was shot dead at his desk as he worked late one night. The killer left no clues. There were no witnesses, no one with a motive. But the police soon came to suspect Quincy Miller, a young black man who was once a client of Russo’s. Quincy was tried, convicted, and sent to prison for life. For 22 years he has languished in prison, maintaining his innocence. But no one was listening. He had no lawyer, no advocate on the outside. In desperation, he writes a letter to Guardian Ministries, a small nonprofit run by Cullen Post, a lawyer who is also an Episcopal minister. Guardian accepts only a few innocence cases at a time. Cullen Post travels the country fighting wrongful convictions and taking on clients forgotten by the system. With Quincy Miller he gets far more than he bargained for. Powerful, ruthless people murdered Keith Russo, and they do not want Quincy Miller exonerated. They killed one lawyer 22 years ago and they would kill again. Fiction 2019.

**“Daughter of Molokai” by Alan Brennert:** Honolulu 1917. Standing on the porch was a tall unfamiliar sister in a rain-soaked habit. She was holding a bundled child, its face tucked into her shoulder. “Her name is Ruth Utagawa,” Sister Catherine said, “and we’ve come from Kalaupapa.” Infant Ruth arrives at the Kapi’olani Home for Girls after being taken from her mother, Rachel, who has spent most of her life quarantined at the isolated leprosy settlement of Kalaupapa. Ruth is adopted by a Japanese couple who raise her on a strawberry and grape farm in California. She later marries, but in the midst of WWII her world is turned upside down as she and her family face internment at Manzanar Relocation Center. Then, one day after the war. Ruth receives an unexpected letter. The signature at the bottom reads, “Rachel Utagawa.” This rich and spellbinding novel tells the story of the 22-year-long relationship between two women who never expected to meet, much less come to love each other. Fiction 2019.

**“The Long Call” by Ann Cleeves:** In North Devon where two rivers converge and run into the sea, Detective Matthew Vern stands outside the church at his estranged father’s funeral. On the day Matthew left the strict evangelical community he grew up in, he lost his family too. Now as he turns and walks away again, he receives a call from one of his team. A body has been found on the beach nearby: a man with a tattoo of an albatross on his neck, stabbed to death. The case calls Matthew back to the people and places of his past, and deadly secrets hidden in their hearts are revealed. His new life is forced into a collision course with the world he thought he had left behind. “The Long Call” is a spectacular new novel, told with deep compassion and searing insights. Mystery 2019.

## Happy Holidays from the Crafters Club!

By Diane Goodrich, Crafters Club Secretary

On behalf of the Crafters Club, a big “Thank you” for your support all year long. Our Holiday boutique on November 23 was a big success, as the Cribari auditorium and conference rooms overflowed with happy shoppers. It was a pleasure to feel the excitement of the season, as you filled up your shopping bags, checked off your lists, and bought all your needed gifts and cards and merchandise (some people actually sold out of goods).

Congratulations to Nadine Margoles who won the \$100 Clubhouse gift certificate!!

Don’t forget—if you need any last-minute items, don’t hesitate to call or email the vendor, and they would be happy to accommodate. For further information about any of the artists, please call me at 408-219-7056.

**Until then, we all wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season, and look forward to seeing you in 2020.**

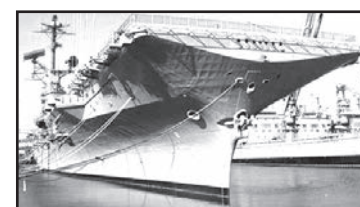
**Dates for 2020: March 14, July 11, September 26 and November 21.**

*Our crafters feel a sense of satisfaction and appreciation in making their crafts for you.*



### Veterans Club: Learn about USS Hornet CV-12

The Villages Veterans Club meeting on January 7 at 2 p.m. at the Foothill Center will feature a program on the USS Hornet CV-12, a WWII Aircraft Carrier. The ship participated in actions in 1944 in New Guinea, Palau, and Turk and most notably in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, known as the Great Mariana Turkey Shoot. Post-war, it recovered the Apollo 11 and Apollo 12 astronauts as they returned from the moon. The ship is currently a floating museum docked at Alameda and is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for three holidays. Besides the ship itself, there are many aircraft on display from the WWII and Vietnam era.



The speaker will be John Suckow who currently volunteers as a docent at the Museum. He is still working with 39 years in the printing business for California Printing, Califorms, Corporate Express, and Sierra Office Supply and Printing. John will share a unique view, as he was a Navy pilot from 1964 to 1971 with combat experience in the Vietnam era in 1967 and 1969. He had over 150 catapult launches and carrier landings on four different ships. More specifically, he flew missions from the USS Bon Homme Richard, a sister ship of the USS Hornet. We are sure he will explain why there is an escalator on the ship as one might think steps or elevators are quicker!

On January 16, The Veterans Club will lead a tour to the Museum and signups for attendance will be available at the meeting. If you are interested in joining our group for the tour and you cannot make the meeting, call Al Girolami at 209-531-6553 to be included. We welcome all veterans to join us in these activities.

#### Did You Know?

### Villages author publishes memoir

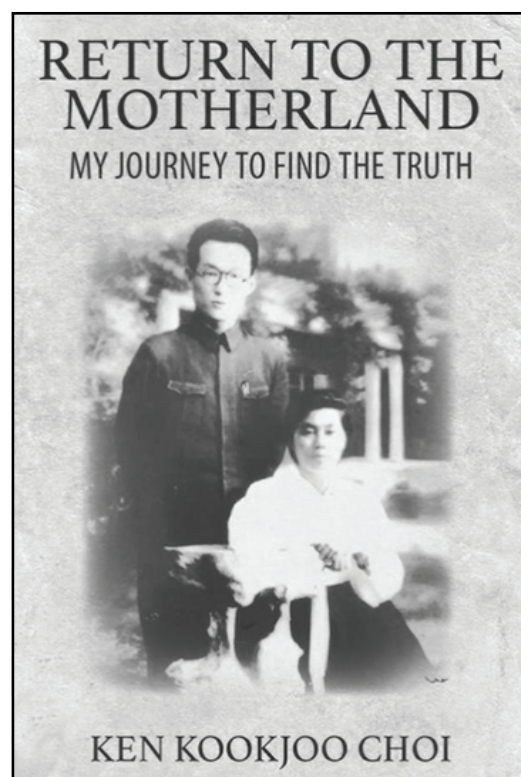
Villages author Ken Kookjoo Choi has published a personal memoir about his parents’ lives and sacrifices and his immigration to the United States. Published in July of 2019, the book “Return To The Motherland, My Journey To Find The Truth” tells the story of his father, a South Korean journalist and politician captured by North Korean soldiers in 1950. His father, a comrade of Kim Il Sung—first leader of North Korea from 1948 until his death in 1994—disappeared without a trace after his capture.

Ken’s story describes the hardships that he and his mother endured in Korea and his arrival in Portland, Oregon in 1969 as a penniless immigrant. His personal hardships continued, even though he became a very successful entrepreneur in America.

In 1993, 43 years after the author’s father disappeared, Ken and his mother were invited to Pyongyang to re-unite with his half-brothers and attend a surprise luncheon with Kim Il Sung, and an honorary burial service for his father. While in Korea, Ken searched for the answer to the question of who killed his father.

The book takes you along on the author’s journey as he experienced human suffering in times of war and during his other tribulations; constantly stabilized by familial love, he continued toward his eventual destination of success through achieving the American Dream.

The book is available in the Villages Library and is available for purchase on Amazon.com. For more information you may contact Bong Chang at 408-960-6007.

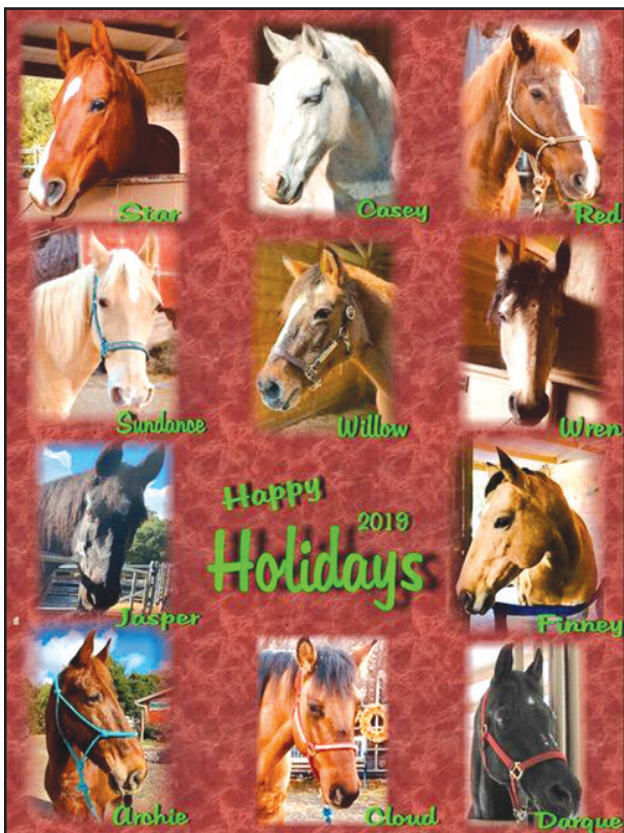


# "It's a Wrap" Holiday Get-Together!



Margot Paoli and Marilyn Williams putting finishing touches on gifts.

More than 100 gifts were given an elegant treatment with sparkling gift wrap, impressive bows, and sleigh loads of creativity during the recent "It's a Wrap" holiday get-together. This second annual was sponsored by the Arts & Crafts Association. Members, friends, and all Villagers were invited to share wine and cheese while making happy work of the chore of gift wrapping!



# Happy Holidays



The Villages residents of the Barn wish the residents of The Villages a happy holiday.

# Christmas Open House at the Villages Barn



Have you always wanted to feed a horse a carrot or horse cookie? Your chance will be at the Christmas Open House at the Villages barn on Saturday, December 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The horse owners will let you know which horses can have the treats, as some of the horses are on a special diet. The horses will be wearing their "Christmas clothes" and would love to see all villagers. Light refreshments will be served.

## HOLIDAYS

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Ladies Luncheon  
will be held on March 28.

*Please save the date!*

**Time to order Mah Jongg cards**

By Barbara Smith

Don't put it off! Now is the time to order your 2020 Mah Jongg Card! More people in The Villages are playing Mah Jongg every year...even men! The window for ordering next year's card is from now through January 21, 2020. The price of cards remains the same.



Small print cards are \$8. Large print cards are \$9. Barbara Smith will be 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 mailed to: Barbara Smith, 2067 Folle Blanche Drive, San Jose, CA 95135 or given to Barbara on Monday when so many people play at Cribari Center.

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

**Scarlet Sirens host San Jose firefighters**



The Scarlet Sirens red hat club invited the firefighters from outside the gate for a Toys for Tots lunch on Friday, December 13.

**Ukulele Club celebrates the holidays**



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# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

**Christmas Mass:** At the Villages, the Mass for Christmas will be on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. Come early for a musical presentation by the choir at 4:30 p.m. There will be no Mass at The Villages on Christmas Day.

**Home Visits:** Fr. Matt Stanley has been visiting parishioners, who live in The Villages. If you would like to have him visit you at your home, please call Marilyn Rodman at 408-274-4521.

**Eucharistic Adoration** at St. Francis of Assisi is 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.

**New to the Villages?** To find out more about our Ecclesial Community, contact Marion Burry at 408-528-8231 or marion93940@aol.com.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like offer a Mass for someone, contact Jean Gillette at 408-270-5723. Please submit your request at least four weeks in advance if you want it listed in the Church bulletin.

**Friday Mass at 9 a.m.:** On the first three Fridays of every month there is a Mass in the Cribari Conference Room, which is preceded by the Rosary at 8:30 a.m.

**Home Communion:** For home communion, call Marilyn Rodman at 408-274-4521, and we would like you to know that if you are homebound, a priest is available to come to you for home Reconciliation. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

### St. Francis of Assisi Sunday Mass times:

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

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

## JEWISH GROUP

### Jewish Group's Chanukah Celebration at Clubhouse

**Reminder: The Villages Jewish Group will celebrate Chanukah this Sunday, December 22 at the Clubhouse at 5 p.m.** Reservations were due December 17.

Candle lighting will begin at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., dinner will be served. We will start with a mixed green salad with pears, dried cranberries, candied walnuts with Raspberry Vinaigrette. Entree choices include Beef Brisket, Grilled Pacific Salmon, or Vegetable Napoleon. All accompanied by Latkes, green beans and red peppers. Dessert tops off the meal with Sherbert and Jelly Donuts.

Entertainment to be provided by the Plaid Brothers will include Klezmer selections as well as popular music.

The all-inclusive price is \$43 billed to your house. Children are especially welcome with dinners for children age 6 to 12 only \$19. Children under the age of 6 are free, guests of the Jewish Group.



## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### 'The Gift That Keeps Giving'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Out of all the gifts you have received over your life time, which one do you value the most? Like most people, many of the gifts that you have received are broken, outgrown, passed on or you can't remember who gave you the gift.

Most of us look for the best deals and when there is an abundance of the same products on the market, you may buy duplicates. Sometimes you may even receive duplicate gifts or when you have purchased a gift for yourself, another person buys the same gift for you.

I remember the time that I wanted a Timex watch as a Christmas gift. It was advertised as a very dependable watch because the ad said, "It takes a licking but keeps on ticking." I wonder where that watch is today, and I wonder if it's still ticking? As a wedding gift my wife received a hand mixer for baking that we still use today, which is over 51 years old. They don't make them like that anymore, as the saying goes.

As the years roll by, you may prefer to buy your own gifts because you are a better judge of what you would like. My wife and I decide to buy our own gifts for the most part, but it's fun when we break the rule and surprise each other. We receive more joy being the givers and I guess this shows our age.

There aren't too many things that last over time these days. Manufacturers would not make money if they made very dependable products that last long enough to pass on to your grandchildren. Technology keeps pushing us ever forward by offering better and better products that only last a few years before becoming obsolete and being replaced by the next, better version.

The current generation has been labeled the "Throw Away Generation." For example, shoes that look good on the top that may need a little repair on the sole or heel are tossed into the rubbish bin. I have shoes that I have had for over 30 years which I still wear because when they needed a little repair, I provided it, because they were well made.

If life teaches you anything, it is that everything made by man is temporary, even our life span. Life takes its toll on everything. Recently, I looked at some photos of myself in my 20s and compared them to now.... well, you get the picture.

Once again, this Christmas Season some people will continue to receive gifts that will decrease in value over time. Allow me to offer you a gift to consider of great value, The Gift That Keeps Giving that you can pass on to the following generations. During this time of year, everyone is reminded of this Eternal Gift that has been provided for all people. The only cost to us is our pride.

John 3:16 NLT "For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

### Have a Very Merry Christmas And Enjoy the Gift!

Please join us at the Villages Community Chapel in the Cribari Auditorium each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The chapel is a place for Needs to be Met, Faith to be Affirmed and People to Love. You will be glad that you did! We would love to meet you. If you would like to make an appointment with Pastor Bill call the office at 408-238-3079 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. To learn more about the Villages Community Chapel visit our website at [villagescommunitychapel.org](http://villagescommunitychapel.org). You can hear previous and current Sunday Sermons.

## 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. We are part of Trinity Cathedral (downtown San Jose) and all are welcome to join us in the glorious celebration of God's word. Each week you will receive an uplifting and spiritual message from either Rev. Gerad Flynn or Rev. Penelope Duckworth. Join us after the service for fellowship and breakfast in the Clubhouse.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## 18-HOLE WOMEN



**Maxine Amundson, 2019 Most Improved Player**  
Photo by Nancy Keane

### By Laura Swenson

Only 23 women played under cloudy skies this Thursday. Some of us were either too busy, or too cozy at home. My friend Pam McCarthy says there are really 13 months in a year...it's just that two months' worth of everything happens in December!

There were no birdies to report, but we did have two ladies with chip-ins: Jay Lee on #3, and Gail Tuft of #10. Good shooting ladies.

Beginning in January our new Captain Vicki Krattli will be signing up every Thursday alone on 1B. She would like to encourage everyone to play with her at some point next year.

Also, a new idea for the coming year. The 18 hole ladies will all be earning points toward our Solheim Cup Tournament. We will be awarded one point each for playing golf and having lunch on our play day. The 16 women with the highest points for the year will participate in this tournament later in the year. More details to come!

Missing from last week's awards was our most improved player of the year, Maxine Amundson. Congratulations, Maxine!

## PICKLEBALL



## SHONIS

### By Tom Zades

Indoor lunch was more popular than outdoor golf this Tuesday, December 10, as nine Shonis plus one new qualifier (Robin Fish) teed off today. Sweeps were in play, and so was Captain's Trophy, which went to Jonna Robinson—a good way to start the new "competition year!" (No birdies were reported.)

Thirty Shonis enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Clubhouse Sunset Room after sweeps play. Nanci Newell and Betty Hall did a great job of organizing and decorating. Table decorations that included mini-golf carts with mini-Christmas trees on top were a big hit. People were happy with their meal choices (chicken piccata, meatloaf or Cobb salad) and everyone liked the butternut squash soup and the turtle cheesecake.

Highlights of the awards ceremony included nice trophies for Jan Ehrhardt (2019 Club Champion) and Jeanie Kane (Most Improved for 2019). Their names are added to the Shoni plaques, as is Julianna Wahlgren's—the player with the most monthly Captain's Trophy wins for 2019 (after a tie-breaker round with Tricia Hardt and Betty Lanctot). All three received mini captain's trophies, however. There was no tie-breaker for the two-way tie for most birdies (Betty Hall and Pauline Robertson). Instead, both were surprised and delighted to receive pairs of socks with bird designs.

The festivities included the introduction of the new Board for 2020. Bonnie Evans will continue to serve as Captain, supported by her new Co-Captains, Betty Lanctot and Betty Hall. Fran Schumaker continues as Secretary. Our new Treasurer is Delma Juarez. Vivian Wilczak, our wonderful photographer, brought a backdrop and took many festive photos. She also brought the History Album for people to see pictures of past years' events. The 2020 Handbook was distributed. Meg Rogers and Delma Juarez did an amazing job. For the first time, in addition to the hand outs, members will have e-handbooks emailed to them!

Shoni sweeps competition resumes on Tuesday, January 7. In the meantime, if you are in town and want to play the par 3 course, contact Bonnie Evans or Teddy Morse, or check the practice list posted on the Shoni bulletin board in the Posting Room. If you want to try the long nine, contact Barbara Karayn or Tricia Hardt for someone to play with. You don't have to be a Shoni to come out and practice with us. All are welcome.

**Chip shot:** Handicap Hell: Since poor swings come in groups of three, a fourth poor swing is actually the beginning of the next group of three.



**Most birdies—Betty Hall and Pauline Robertson**



**Most Captain's Trophies—Betty Lanctot, Julianna Wahlgren and Tricia Hardt.**



**2019 Club Champion Jan Ehrhardt**



**December Captain's Trophy winner Jonna Robinson**

By Laura Swenson

Decent weather greeted us for Tuesday golf. We all met afterward for our annual Holiday Lunch. Joan Needham did a fabulous job. Beautiful nutcrackers graced our tables along with other festive decorations. Good food too, of course.

We met our new board members and found out who our *big* winners for the year are. Renee Woolard is our club champion, Song Cho won our Captains Trophy Tournament, and Virginia Myatt is our most improved player. Great job ladies.

Our championship flight winners were Susan Sunzeri in flight one, Giselle Barber in flight two, and Charlotte Waugh in flight three.

One more Tuesday to play together in this year. Seems impossible that this year is almost gone.



**2019 Club Champion Renee Woolard**



**Luncheon Chairs Joanie Needham and Laura Swenson**



**Song Cho, 2019 Captain's Trophy Winner with Pam Leonard.**



**Virginia Myatt, 2019 Most Improved Player**

## TENNIS TALK

By Tracy Scott

Having just completed another of Ken DeHart's walk-on clinics I'm reminded what a wonderful opportunity The Villages Tennis Club offers its members and non-members who are residents of The Villages.

The Villages Golf and Country Club delegates the responsibility to the Tennis Club for the day-to-day operation of the courts and for making recommendations to The Villages Club Board regarding the use of the courts, rules and improvements to the tennis court area.

More simply stated: The Villages owns the facility and we as Tennis Club Members run it. Good deal for everyone.

My tenure as TC President is drawing to a close. During the past year I felt that I was learning on the job. The Tennis Club Board made sure that I was learning. They kept me corralled, at least partially, and pointed in an appropriate direction and for that assistance I will always be grateful. There are others who are not on the current Board (too many to mention here) who provided guidance where and when required.

Things we did this year: 1) made a donation to the VMA using funds raised through a competitive event, 2) held an Open House and started new members on the path to inventing or reinventing their game, 3) held a fundraiser for the highly regarded Scholarship Program, 4) hosted a match with The Villages' staff, 5) held a popular social event: Bocce/BBQ which included a general meeting, 6) held a Mixer Tournament which became a Friday night social along with tennis, 7) held a Golf Tournament along with a picnic at Gazebo park, 8) put tournament winners names on the Club Championship plaque in the Bistro, 8) brought the Rossmoor Plaque back, 9) hosted the Silver Creek boys' and girls' tennis teams for an exciting match with our men's and women's teams, 10) and, as is traditional, held the popular Holiday Dinner Dance last week. Busy year for sure.

Now back to Ken Dehart's clinic: "Watch the spin on the ball as it approaches—if you can see the spin you are truly watching the ball, move the feet—stationary feet do not add momentum (and speed) to the shot and hit the ball over the net—any other way never works."

Happy Holidays to all.

## BOCCE NEWS



By Barbara Orlando

**Happy Holidays from the Villages Bocce Club** wishing everyone in 2020 a Healthy and Happy New Year!

**Winter Play** is every Thursday throughout the months of December and January. The courts have been reserved from noon to 3 p.m. for anyone wishing to play a few frames of bocce and meet some new friends, weather permitting.

**Boot Camp** is for anyone new and interested in learning how to play bocce or just needs to get out in the fresh air. It all begins Monday, February 3 and continues through February, every Monday and Thursday at the same time 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friendly and knowledgeable instructors will help show you how to play. Questions can be directed to George Paris, Tournament Director at 510-396-2925 or email at geonio68@gmail.com.

**Tip from the Courts:** The 2020 Calendar can be viewed at the club's website at [villagesbocceclub.com](http://villagesbocceclub.com).

## IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen play every Thursday afternoon; check-in time is 12:30 p.m. and tee off at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 12, was cloudy but mild. Another great day for golf. Despite rain during the week, we had a good turnout. **The results are below:**

First place went to Rob Boyles with a net score of 25.

Second place there was a two-way tie between John Eige and Dave Hathaway each with a net score of 27.

Third place there was a two-way tie between Al Bruno and Mike Kane each with a net score of 28.

**There were two birdies:** Andy Altman on hole 2 and Jerry Weltzin on hole 9.

**Closest to the pin:** Roger Pyle.

**Deep thoughts:**

"I regard golf as an expensive way of playing marbles." - G.K. Chesterton, English writer and philosopher

"Golf: A plague invented by Calvinistic Scots as a punishment for man's sins." - James Barrett Reston, American journalist

## PINSEEKERS

By Tim Short

The days may be getting colder, but the competition for the big money in the Pinseekers Men's Long Nine sweeps is really heating up. Tuesday, December 10 saw eight players tightly bunched in the top four slots, led by Lee Leonard's net 33. Leighton Horio and Greg Stewart were close behind at net 34, then Don Lee at 36, followed by Roy Wash, Lawrence Chin, Martin Hoek and Frank Garcia in a four-way tie at 37. Congratulations to all!

Ring in the Season



# TABLE TENNIS

## It's New Year Resolution time again!

By Tony Berg

The New Year Resolution season is coming up fast!

Most of us need more exercise than we get, so why not add Table tennis to your Resolution for 2020 fitness and health? And why wait for the New Year?

Table Tennis in the Montgomery Multipurpose Room is now a fully Drop in and Play activity. Club members are only expected to collect all the balls at the end of play and may have to put up the nets.

Drop-in Table Tennis is available in the Montgomery Multipurpose Room:

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

(Wednesday 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for newbies and social Ping Pong players.)

If you are not a member, drop by anyway and a member will invite you in to see what Table Tennis has to offer as an enjoyable way to keep fit and stay healthy.

So take your pick of times, but remember that: **The best dose of exercise is the one that gets you coming back for more.** If you find a way to stay active that you enjoy, you are doing it right!



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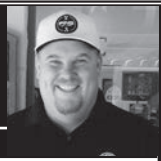
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## FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

**World Handicap System 2020**—Remember that starting January 1, 2020, our handicap system is being completely revised. The system will go dark from January 1 to 5 and everyone's handicaps will be updated. Upon re-launch, here are some of the new elements to the WHS... Handicaps will be derived by using the best 8 out of the last 20 scores, tournament scores will weigh the same as any other score, abnormal course and weather conditions will have impact on a player's posted score, handicaps will be updated daily instead of bi-monthly, there will be a limit of Net Double Bogey as the maximum hole score (for handicapping purposes only), a maximum handicap limit of 54.0, regardless of gender. I am conducting presentations for our six golf clubs explaining these changes, and please feel free to ask us in the Pro Shop any time. And yes, this will affect everyone's handicap, including yours!

**Christmas & Holiday Schedule**—Remember that on Christmas Eve, the Pro Shop closes at 1 p.m. The last golf cart rental will be at 10 a.m. Anyone playing after 1 p.m. will be asked to sign in on the Pro Shop door.

On Christmas Day, the Pro Shop, Driving Range, and Clubhouse are all **closed** for the day.

On December 26, open play starts at 7 a.m.

We are open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day as normal.

**Happy Holidays from the Pro Shop! 2020 Resident Golf Activities Calendar**—The 2020 Golf Activities Calendar starting January 1, 2020 is now available for your review on the website. Remember that this is a fluid document so as the schedule changes or events are added, we will update the calendar on-line. We will also be posting the calendar 2-months out in the golf Posting Room for your review. If your group wants to schedule a golf event for 2020, please contact PGA Director of Golf, Scott Steele in the Pro Shop.

**New Registered Guest Program**—The new and updated Registered Guest Program will go into effect January 1. What does that mean?

The current database of Preferred Unaccompanied Guests will be completely purged. All Registered Guests will have to be re-signed up, and will now be referred to as "Registered Guests."

The Registered Guest signup form will be new and every resident will have to complete the new form.

There will be a \$10 annual fee for all Registered Guests. Registered Guests will be able to reserve tee times on their own up to seven days in advance. Registered guests will only be permitted to practice on the day they play. All Registered Guests and any one in their party must be added to the Chelsea tee sheet by name in advance or they will not be allowed through the gate...i.e. everyone playing golf must be listed on the tee sheet.

**An "Unaccompanied Guest" is defined as a guest of a resident who plays golf without the resident...**the resident must make all reservations. A "Registered Guest" is defined as a regular guest of The Villages who has completed the Registered Guest Form and paid the \$10 fee, and may make reservations on their own without resident involvement. Let us know if you have any questions.

**Tips from the Pro—Here are some tips to battle against the wet golf course conditions...**

**Driver:** Strive for a higher trajectory. Play the ball 1 inch more forward than normal. Tee the ball one notch higher than normal. Tilt your right shoulder down more at address = more vertical shoulder tilt. Loft your driver up 1 degree using the wrench and hosel adjustment.

**Approach Shots:** Play the ball 1 inch further back in your stance to be sure you hit the ball first. Play 1-2 clubs more than normal from the same yardage (the ball will not fly as far nor roll out as much as in summer months). In the rough, grip it a bit tighter as wet rough can grab and manipulate the club-head through impact.

**Short Game:** The greens are slower and thicker, so hit it harder! When chipping or pitching go down one club...i.e. instead of a lob wedge, use a 54 degree; or instead of an 8-iron bump and run, use a 7-iron. When pitching, chose a landing spot that is a bit closer to the hole.

**Putting:** Try gripping it a bit tighter to impart more force into the ball. Make your backstroke longer to allow the ball to roll out more. Strive to putt past the hole on your first putt.

**Here are some other wet weather tips and things to experiment with:**

1. Try using a firmer, less spinning golf ball...for instance instead of a Titleist ProV1, try an AVX or Tour Soft. Some less spinning high performance balls are: Titleist AVX or Tour Soft; Callaway ERC, Srixon Q-Star or Soft Feel, Bridgestone E12.

2. Try aiming for the first cut of rough. I know this sounds "crazy" but hear me out. Take a 40 yard pitch...I much prefer being in the light rough for this shot than in a short cut fairway, as it's simply easier to hit. Well think of a fairway approach in wet conditions...wouldn't you much rather have a nice fluffy lie in the light rough than a tight and wet lie in the fairway? It's OK to think outside the box as I do...and nobody cares if you hit the green from the fairway or rough.

3. Wear soft spikes instead of spikeless shoes. Balance and traction are key in wet conditions...so set yourself up to succeed by wearing soft spikes and leave those spikeless shoes in the closet until the summer returns.

4. Clean your clubs off. Don't let your clubface and grooves get full of mud or wet grass as this will negatively affect your shots. So bring a brush and a towel, and clean your clubs after every shot.

Let us know if these tips help!



# SCOREBOARD

## BRIDGE

**Monday, December 9:** 1/2. Louann Partridge/Jonna Robinson 1/2. Annie Dandavati/Dinesh Chandra 3. Marilyn Ribardo/Maureen Waltho

**Wednesday, December 11:** 1. Jan Kiernan/Marilyn Ribardo 2. Louann Partridge/Jonna Robinson 3. Alan Waltho/Maureen Waltho

**Thursday, December 12:** 1. George Welch/Roy Tsai 2. Dorothy Staehs/Joe Henry 3. Ed Logg/Jonna Robinson

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

### Wednesday, December 11

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Berta Escamilla  | 187 |
| Jennifer Biskind | 188 |
| Kit Hultquist    | 218 |
| Sylvia Rozewicz  | 226 |

### Friday, December 13

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Remy Pessah     | 144 |
| Theresa Meditch | 188 |
| Beverly Wharton | 234 |
| Kit Hultquist   | 243 |

## PINOCHLE

### Wednesday, December 11

Shirley Bellavance  
Duane Sagen  
Wesley Umeda  
Tony Orlando

### Friday, December 13

Mike Cox  
Phyllis Ogden Sagen  
Tony Orlando  
Shirley Bellavance  
Barry Andersen

## SHONIS

### Tuesday, December 10

**Flight One:**  
Jonna Robinson 24  
Nancy Chesterton 27

## SWINGERS

### Tuesday, December 10

**Flight One:**  
Barber, Gisele 38  
Paris, Helen 40  
Swinyard, Caryl 40  
Corsello, Carleen 41

**Flight Two:**  
Wagle, Mary 31  
Driskell, Sheryl 35  
Omel, Jeannie 36  
Karlsten, Rita 39

**Flight Three:**  
Nelson, Diane 36  
Lamanno, Linda 37  
Garcia, Betty 37  
Waugh, Charlotte 38

**Flight Four:**  
Holland, Jan 36  
Warren, Kathy 41  
Leonard, Pamela 41  
Chastaine, Selma 43

## MEN'S CLUB

### Holiday Tournament Saturday, December 14

**Flight One:**  
Paul Swinson/Robert Spoor 42  
Richard Fisher/James Brigham 39  
Ted Briscoe/Kyle Finley 38  
Ken Rem/Bud Sanders 38  
Bill Drabik/Brian Sullivan 36

**Flight Two:**  
Gary Sharps/George Olsen 36  
Clayton Krinard/Jon Ramirez 35  
David Bacigalupi/Nick Corsello 35  
Ken McDougall/Lisi Bettencourt 32  
Gary Swenson/Mickey Wagle 32

**Flight Three:**  
Ray Blinde/Shel Schumaker 39  
Mike Singleton/Noel Lanctot 37  
Terry Barnhart/Robert Dando 37  
Jim Castle/Bob Maass 37  
Ken Peters/Ron Burke 36

### Closest to the Pin Hole #11

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| HDCP 0-14 Ted Escobar | HOLE-IN-ONE! |
| HDCP 15-19 Mike Foss  | 6'7"         |
| Sheldon Rosenblum     | 4'7"         |

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Kyle Finley (kylefinley@outlook.com), website [www.villagesgolfers.com](http://www.villagesgolfers.com)

**Holiday Thoughts From The Men's Golf Club:** Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Very Happy New Year for 2020 from all the members of the 2019 and 2020 Men's Golf Club Executive Committee, including Jim Seymour, David "Baci" Bacigalupi, Gary Chappell, Jim Danielski, Geoff Gault, Kyle Finley, Ray Blinde, Leo Ruth, Mike Tuft, Larry Dorsey, and Ken Peters! AND, my special message to Santa...This year I would like a *high* bank account balance and a *low* golf score. Please don't mix them up like last year!

**Holiday Tournament Results:** Our Holiday Tournament was held last Saturday, December 14. We played two-man teams, one best ball net, Stableford format with everyone playing from the #3 tees. Congratulations to the following teams:

- First Flight winners **Paul Swinson and Bob Spoor** with 42 points
- Second Flight winners **Gary Sharps and George Olson** with 36 points
- Third Flight winners **Ray Blinde and Shel Schumaker** with 39 points
- Closest to the Pin winners on Hole #11:  
HDCP 0-14: **Ted Escobar with a hole-in-one! Wow! Congrats!**  
HDCP 15-19: Mike Foss, 6' 7"  
HDCP 20+: Shel Rosenblum, 4' 7"

Congratulations everyone! See all the results in the Scoreboard section elsewhere in this Villager.

**Miscellaneous:** Don't forget to convert your Sweeps Credits, including the sweeps that were just won at our Holiday Tournament, to a gift card before December 31! Use them or lose them. \*\*\* See you in 2020, as there will not be a Villager next week.

**Golf Course Activity Calendar:** Did you know that you can see the entire monthly and yearly golf course planned activities on The Villages website? Check out the following link: resident.[thevillagesgcc.com/golf/gacal/](http://thevillagesgcc.com/golf/gacal/)

### Upcoming Events

**Executive Committee Meeting:** The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Cribari Patio Room. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7. The meetings are open to all members. Also, remember to visit our website at [www.villagesgolfers.com](http://www.villagesgolfers.com) for the latest Men's Golf Club information.





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# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

Cribari Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5320-5363, 5400-5432 and 5489-5499—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/23-12/27.

Cribari Dell—Pine tree removal complete with final cleanup and landscape repairs in progress.

Olive tree pruning throughout the district in progress.

Cribari West—Perimeter oleander hedge trimming in progress.

5528-5529—Re-plumbing in progress.

5516—Roof repairs in progress.

Laundry rooms—Dryer vent cleaning scheduled for 12/26-12/27.

### Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/23-12/27.

E-2 Lake—Renovation project in progress.

3364 and 3365—Reconstruction in progress.

3351—Retaining wall replacement in progress.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 12/23-1/4, weather permitting.

### Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/13-1/17.

Water Feature—Landscape beautification planting project in planning.

### Fairways

4001 and 4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

4017—Roof repairs in progress.

### Glen Arden

7698-7867—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/3-2/7.

### Heights

8470-8519—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/20-1/24.

8476, 8477 and 8482—Corrugated underground drain removal and replacement in progress.

Resident light fixture installation project in progress, weather permitting.

### Hermosa

8005-8032 and 8100-8121—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/20-1/24.

8323—Retaining wall in progress.

8065—Stucco wall painting in progress.

8066—Stucco wall replacement in progress.

Laundry rooms—Dryer vent cleaning scheduled for 12/26-12/27.

### Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/13-1/17.

7886—Retaining wall in progress.

7547-7548—Rodent exclusion in progress.

### Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/13-1/17.

6006-6007—Re-routing exterior gas lines in progress.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 12/16-12/21, weather permitting.

Laundry rooms—Dryer vent cleaning scheduled for 12/26-12/27.

### Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, in progress.

8738-8753—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/23-12/27.

### Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

2025-2031 and 2065-2101—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/23-12/27.

2091-2092—Rodent exclusion in progress.

## Roof & Rain Gutter cleaning schedule for 2019-2020

The following is an approximate start and completion date schedule for rain gutter cleaning in The Villages, weather permitting. Gutter cleaning services are provided by J&M Gutter, Inc. For questions or more information, please call Maintenance Services at 408-223-4670.

| Village            | Start Date | Completion Date |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Montgomery         | 12/16      | 12/21           |
| Del Lago           | 12/23      | 1/4             |
| Glen Arden/Heights | 1/6        | 1/11            |
| Fairway            | 1/13       | 1/15            |
| Cribari            | 1/16       | 1/18            |
|                    | 2/4        | 2/9             |
|                    | 2/23       | 2/29            |
| Verano             | 1/20       | 1/25            |
|                    | 2/10       | 2/15            |
| Highland           | 1/27       | 2/1             |
|                    | 2/18       | 2/22            |
| Club Buildings     | 3/4        | 3/9             |

## Christmas tree pickup schedule for 2019 / 2020

Christmas tree pickup this year will be on the following days:

- Friday, December 27 and Monday, December 30
- Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3

Place the tree at curbside no more than 24 hours before pickup day and note the following before putting out your tree:

1. All tinsel, ornaments, garland, etc. must be removed.
2. All metal/plastic stands or buckets must be removed.
3. Wood stands are acceptable.
4. Trees should be cut to no longer than 5 feet lengths.

BrightView Landscape will recycle all trees, except those that are flocked. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, but will be properly disposed. If you have any questions you can call Customer Service at 408-223-4670.

### Valle Vista

9001-9018—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

9019-9036—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/23-12/27.

Zone 1 and 2—Fire fuel hillside soil erosion control project in progress.

9067-9072—Painting in progress, weather permitting.

### Verano

7007-7060—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7001-7006, 7300-7326 and 7389-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/23-12/27.

Via Laguna Hillside—Jet mulching in progress.

7057-7060 and 7357-7361—Rodent exclusion in progress.

### Association

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels in progress.

Mowing is scheduled for every other week, weather permitting.

Christmas tree curbside pickup scheduled for 12/27-12/30 and 1/2-1/3.

### Club Centers

Mowing is scheduled for every other week, weather permitting.

Cribari, Montgomery and Foothill pool and spa—Closed for the winter.

Cribari Center—Painting in progress.

Foothill Pool—Heater replacement in planning.

Upper Gardens—Irrigation meter relocation in progress.

Clubhouse—Painting in planning.

ProShop—Painting in progress.

Golf court restrooms; 4th and 8th Tee—Painting in progress.

## 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.

|              |              |  |             |  |
|--------------|--------------|--|-------------|--|
| <b>NORTH</b> |              |  | <b>EAST</b> |  |
|              | ♠ 9 6 4      |  | ♠ J 10 8 7  |  |
|              | ♥ 10 9 6 3 2 |  | ♥ Q J       |  |
| <b>WEST</b>  | ♦ A Q 10 7 4 |  | ♦ 5 3 2     |  |
| ♠ 5          | ♣ —          |  | ♣ A K Q 3   |  |
| ♥ K 8 7 4    |              |  |             |  |
| ♦ K J 8      |              |  |             |  |
| ♣ 9 8 7 5 2  |              |  |             |  |
| <b>SOUTH</b> |              |  |             |  |
|              | ♠ A K Q 3 2  |  |             |  |
|              | ♥ A 5        |  |             |  |
|              | ♦ 9 6        |  |             |  |
|              | ♣ J 10 6 4   |  |             |  |

Dealer: East

Vulnerability: North/South

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

Contract: 3 Spades by South  
Opening Lead: 9 of Clubs

Dealer has maybe a Spade loser, 1 in Hearts, 1 in Diamonds, and at least a Club loser.

Strategy: When South looks at his hand and his partner's, it appears this deal has distributional issues. So to ensure his contract and maybe get extra tricks, he will try to set up the Diamond suit and rough some Clubs before dealing with trumps.

West leads the 9 of Clubs, South trumps, switches to a Heart, wins with the Ace, tries a finesse with the 9 of Diamonds from his hand, hoping West has the Jack and the King. West plays the 8, 4 of Diamonds from the board, East the 3, and South continues with his last Diamond from his hand, West, the Jack, Queen from the board; and then plays the Ace and sluffs his losing Heart from his hand. He leads a Heart, trumps it in his hand, follows with a Club, trumps it on the board, plays a Heart, East, the 7 of Spades, and South wins with the Queen. He then leads a Club, trumps it on the board, follows with another Heart, East covers with the 8 of Spades, South, the King, next plays the Ace of Spades, then the Jack of Clubs, and East wins with the Ace. He then leads his last card, the Jack of Spades and captures South's little Spade. Great! The contract is made with 2 overtricks. If South uses the Queen of Diamonds on the first Diamond finesse, he will only make 3 Spades due to not being able to sluff a Heart before the opponents get the lead.

\* Some West players might bid 3 Clubs, and they should go down 2 tricks or less but this isn't too bad since they are not vulnerable, and South might not bid any further. Another scenario is that South could double the 3-Club bid.

**Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane**

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

Once upon a time, we all sent and received dozens of Christmas cards each season. I remember as a young married couple how we would carefully log all cards received and sent on lists that tracked them year to year. We watched for any new ones to ensure that we reciprocated. And we watched for anyone who stopped sending to us at least two years in a row and would then stop sending to them. It was easy to be cynical and note via the mailing dates which people had planned to stop the exchange, but lost their nerve when they received one from us. I knew because we did the same thing! As a teenager I had been oblivious to this whole process, except for how Mom would string the cards received and loop them across the entryway into the kitchen. Sandy and I did the same thing most years back then.

For the first ten years or so of our marriage, from the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s, we received a Christmas card each year from a couple named Thelma and Lefty. And each year I would ask Sandy to remind me again who these people were. She would patiently explain that Thelma was a cousin of "Grandpa Fitz" (Fitzhenry,) her maternal grandfather, who had already passed away. She hadn't seen Thelma for many years and didn't remember ever meeting Lefty. For a few years after the mid-1970s the cards were signed only by Thelma, and we knew that Lefty must have died. The year finally came when there was no card from Thelma at all, and we knew she was gone, too.

Along the way, I gained an appreciation for the little lifelines that these Christmas card rituals represented. My cynicism was revived, however, during my last working years when a client's computer faithfully sent Holiday Greetings to my computer. I knew they had never met.



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**FEATURE****'Any Tree—\$25'**

By Tom Zades

Christmas time comes with a flood of memories each year. Our children remember most of them, too, and they let me tell the stories of what we shared all those years ago.

In 1975 we moved with our three children to Almaden Valley. Our oldest started kindergarten that year, while our youngest learned to walk. We were nestled in the foothills of Mount Umunhum and could see the radar tower at the top of the hill. The tower operated from 1962 to 1980, watching for hostile aircraft during the Cold War. We generally ignored the red blinking light during the year, but it played a key role on Christmas eves from 1975 to 1980. The bedrooms were luckily on the second floor. Standing on the bed or being held by me, we could see the blinking red light from the windows.

We naturally began to wonder whether we were seeing Santa Claus and his reindeer flying toward our neighborhood. Maybe the red light was Rudolph! By 1980 the oldest was 11 and the youngest was 6, so that Christmas tradition was ready to end, anyway. What hasn't ended, though, is our fond memories of that time. I used to tell the kids that no one had ever seen Santa, but if you close your eyes only about half way, Santa might think you were asleep and come in to leave presents, and you would see him! That of course put them to sleep fairly quickly.

I remember the annual trek up the mountain to get our tree.

It was always the day after Thanksgiving. Our favorite lots sold

"Any tree - \$25." We had a vaulted ceiling, so the room could handle a pretty big tree. And my natural tendency was to get the biggest tree that could possibly fit in our house for \$25. We still remember how our oldest would not give in until she had seen every tree and was convinced that the one we had chosen was the best. Only then did Dad use the saw and claim the tree.

Well, Mount Umunhum is becoming a regional park now; our oldest just turned fifty; and most of us pull a fake tree out of storage each year now. But don't we all decorate the trees with memories and mementoes? Don't we like to tell the stories again, especially to the grandkids, who want to experience Christmas the way their parents did when they were children? Don't we all wish each other a blessed holiday season again this year?

**HI NEIGHBOR**

Please say hi to **Alisa Luong**, a widowed Villager who moved to Village Montgomery this past June from Santa Ana. Born in Vietnam, Alisa graduated from East Bay Hayward in 1990 and has worked a family advocate for the Head Start Program for 26 years. She has two grown daughters in college. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking and reading.

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Please help us greet **Alina Kujawinska**, a Poland native who moved to Village Montgomery this past October from Redwood City. Alina considers herself a mathematician and worked as a math teacher, but spent most of her career working as a chip/layout design engineer for companies such as Sun Micro, AMD, Global Foundries and Intel. In her free time, she likes gardening, swimming, cruising and family activities.

Please say hi to **Nancy Deleray**, one of Village Montgomery's newest residents. She moved here last October from San Pedro and works in investment, real estate. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, she grew up in West L.A. in the San Fernando Valley and attended Scripps College in Claremont. She married, had two children, and became widowed at 33 years old. She now has five grandsons. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, yoga and dancing.

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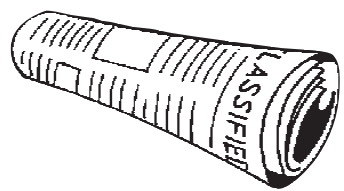
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**OBITUARY**

**Michael Phillip Myers**  
 July 30, 1934 – December 6, 2019

Michael Phillip Myers passed away at 1 a.m. on December 6, 2019. He died peacefully in his sleep of natural causes.

Mike was born in Portland, Oregon on July 30, 1934 and was the eldest son of Merle and Dorothy Myers. He was preceded in death by his younger, and only brother, Dennis. Mike spent his childhood living in several places including Portland, Camas Valley, Washington and Richmond, California. His father, Merle, was a construction foreman and worked on several projects as Mike grew up.

Upon graduation from Camas Valley High School, Mike joined the army and served for several years. After leaving the military, Mike went to work at Boeing in Seattle, Washington where he met his future wife Donna Tatley. Mike and Donna were married in 1959 and were married for 60 years. They moved to Sunnyvale, California shortly after their marriage and in July of 1960, their only son, Michael Dennis Myers was born.

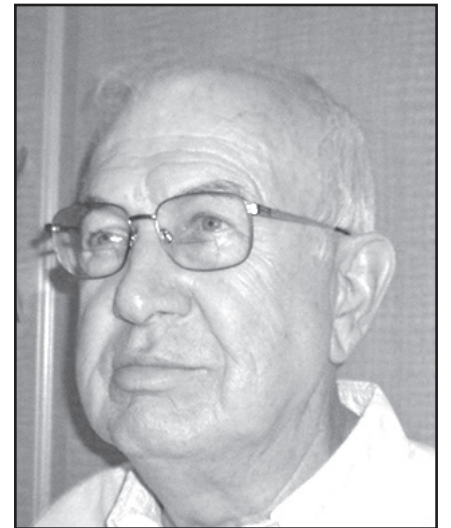
Soon after their arrival in California, Mike began a 30-year career at Lockheed Missiles and Space where he worked in finance with a particular emphasis on budgeting and planning. His wife Donna began a long teaching career in the Sunnyvale School District that culminated in the position of principal.

Mike was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast and became accomplished enough in golf to win the annual Lockheed Golf League. He was also an avid reader and enjoyed playing bridge and poker with his friends and was always a fierce competitor.

Mike retired from Lockheed in 1989 and at the age of 55 became a dedicated walker who would not let a day go by without walking 5 miles. He and Donna moved to The Villages in San Jose shortly after that and Mike pursued his love of golf and cards with many of his fellow Villagers.

Mike is survived by his wife, Donna, son, Michael and daughter-in-law Helen Yang. He is also survived by his grandchildren Julianne Myers, Michael Myers and Michele Myers.

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 March 2, 1945 – November 19, 2019



David was born on March 2, 1945 in Wakefield, Yorkshire, England where his family had been evacuated during the London Blitz. David's early years were spent in London. He later studied at the Northern Polytechnic branch of London University where he lectured, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree, and a Ph.D. in Solid State Physics. David worked for several years in the UK, and married his childhood sweetheart, Pat, in London in 1966. They welcomed a daughter, Lisa, in 1968, and a son, Jon, in 1970.

The family immigrated to the U.S. in December 1976 and settled in San Jose. David worked in the Semiconductor industry in the early years of the Silicon Valley. He achieved success over the following years, becoming CEO of two public companies and managing several startups.

David was a friend and mentor to many. He was always willing to offer his advice and expertise, and throughout his career and private life never lost his integrity or sense of fair play. David was an intelligent man, a deep thinker, a teacher, and a truly compassionate person. His family always came first, and he was never one to seek material things.

David and Pat moved to The Villages in 2012 where David stayed active in the community, attending countless Board meetings, serving on the Association Board, Finance Committee, and, lastly, serving as President of The Highland DAC. His primary mission was to find ways to reduce the monthly dues, which were becoming a hardship for many.

David lived a good life, and is now at peace finally finding the answers to the questions he was so intrigued by whilst alive. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Pat, and leaves the legacy of a loving son, daughter-in-law, daughter, six amazing grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He will be in their hearts forever. A private funeral service has been held; however, donations to the VMA in his memory will make him smile.



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