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FROM THE PRESIDENT
Terry Bales tbales01@gmail.com



Ho, Ho, Ho, Lakeview Villagers

As we begin the final weeks before Christmas, take a moment to think about the meaning of Christmas. Christmas can mean whatever *you* have in your heart that is good, pure and in the spirit of giving. We have just given thanks for our life's bounties. Now let's contemplate on what we can do for each other here in our Village.

A gift for a neighbor may be to run to the grocery store or to pick up a prescription. Another gift may be to help them rake up the leaves from the yard. It can be an anonymous plate of cookies. The Christmas spirit can be contagious. One kind Christmas act can create a ripple effect of goodwill. No matter how you celebrate, do it with love and charity. It just feels good.

We have so many wonderful new residents who have joined our Village this past year. Let's open-up and share with them the joys of the Christmas Spirit here in Lakeview Village. All of you, old and new residents, take a look at the content of The Crier and the loose calendar to confirm the activities in the Village this Christmas season.

Here is a little more about the origins of Christmas. Without going to the library or consulting my old Funk & Wagnall Encyclopedia set, I did some online research. Here are some interesting aspects of Christmas that you may not have known, or at our age, forgotten.

Christmas is a global holiday celebrated on December 25th that blends religious and secular traditions, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ for Christians while also involving widespread cultural practices like gift-giving and decorating. Many modern Christmas traditions have roots in ancient festivals, such as the use of evergreen trees from winter solstice celebrations and the exchange of gifts from the Roman festival of Saturnalia. The holiday has evolved over two millennia into a major cultural and commercial event that includes festive decorations, family meals, and the figure of Santa Claus.

Religious Origins

- **Anniversary of Jesus' birth:** For Christians, Christmas is a sacred holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader.
- **Biblical narrative:** The Christmas story, as told in the Bible, involves the angel Gabriel's message to Mary, Joseph's dream, their travel to Bethlehem for a census, and the birth of Jesus in a stable.
- **The Magi:** Later, wise men (Magi) followed a star to Bethlehem to present Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Secular and Cultural Traditions

- **Winter Solstice Roots:** Many traditions stem from ancient winter solstice celebrations in the Northern Hemisphere, which marked the shortest day of the year.
    - **Evergreen trees:** The use of evergreen boughs was a symbol of life

in the darkest days of winter, a tradition that evolved into the modern Christmas tree.

  - **Candles:** The idea of decorating trees with lights can be linked to pagan traditions of lighting bonfires on the winter solstice to welcome the sun's return.

- **Gift-Giving:** The practice of exchanging gifts during the holiday season has roots in ancient Roman celebrations like Saturnalia.
- **Santa Claus:** The modern image of Santa Claus has developed from figures like Saint Nicholas and incorporates traditions from various cultures and figures.
- **Modern Celebrations:** Today's celebrations are a mix of old and new, featuring festive decorations, Christmas trees, family gatherings, festive meals, and Santa Claus. Many people in the Southern Hemisphere, like in Australia, celebrate by going to the beach or having backyard barbecues, as it is summer.

Santa Claus is a legendary figure who brings gifts to children on Christmas Eve, embodying the spirit of generosity. His popular image, a jolly man in a red suit who lives at the North Pole with elves, stems from Saint Nicholas, a 4th-century Christian bishop known for his secret gift-giving. Today, Santa is a beloved symbol of the Christmas holiday and a source of joy for many.

How did Santa come to be? There has been much speculation.

- **Origins in Saint Nicholas:** The character of Santa Claus is based on the historical figure of Saint Nicholas, a bishop who lived in the 4th century in what is now Turkey. He was known for his generosity and the legend grew around his secret acts of giving.
- **Evolution of the legend:** Over centuries, stories of Saint Nicholas evolved, blending with other figures and traditions to form the modern Santa Claus. The Dutch name "Sinterklaas" was a key influence on the name "Santa Claus".
- **Modern-day persona:** In the United States and Canada, Santa Claus is depicted as a jolly old man who lives at the North Pole. He is said to manufacture toys with his elves and travel the world in a sleigh pulled by reindeer to deliver them to children.
- **Symbol of Christmas:** Santa Claus represents the themes of joy, charity, and giving that are central to the Christmas holiday. His story has become a global phenomenon, uniting the celebration of Christmas for people around the world.

From The Lakeview Villagers Board of Directors, we wish each of you a Merry Christmas.



Terry Bales, President

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FROM THE EDITOR
Linda Evans



On behalf of the entire Crier team,



I wish you a joyous holiday season.

MORNING WAKE UP REMINDER
Leslie Beecher



This month we will have a SPECIAL EDITION of Morning Wake Up…this has become a very popular event for folks to gather, and have coffee and donuts 🍩 with friends!

We might even decorate for the holidays, add hot cocoa, and you can come in your jammies, or dress up as your favorite reindeer if you like…(remember, this is all about having FUN)

Again, I want to thank everyone who continues to show up and support MORNING WAKE UP…This is a free event for residents as a thank you for being you.

DECEMBER 10th
10 a.m. to 12 noon-clubhouse

—No Agenda

—No Tickets to buy

—No Waiting in line

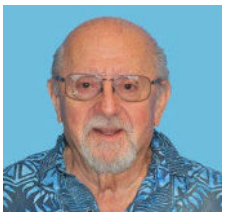
—Slippers are OK

—Jammies OK (PG please)

—And FUN

So please show up on December 10th for our Special MORNING WAKE UP and stay tuned for our 2027 dates. We can't wait to see you!

SHENANIGANS BAR
Al Fichera



Hi from Shenanigans,

Shenanigans will take part in the **Holiday Open House this year on December 12th** and for the coming years as well. December can be and usually is a full month of activities for all of us. We thought a Holiday Sing-along would be a fun thing to add to the Happy2Hour, and the Holiday Open House mix this year.

We will be bringing back our Christmas Punch for the event again, it has Vodka, Cranberry-Pomegranate juice, orange juice, and 7UP for the bubbles. It will put a smile on your lips!

This year New Years Eve will try something many have asked for or at least suggested for us to think about doing. When I pour the free champagne for you at 10 p.m., we will celebrate the New Year along with those Chicagoans; it will be midnight there! We are not cutting short the evening, just starting earlier and ending at 10 p.m. Many of us will enjoy the earlier celebration, those with more energy can enjoy an extended midnight party with their neighbors and friends at home or at block

parties. I remember block parties, they were fun!

For New Years Eve, Shenanigans will be serving the famous Cosmopolitan Cocktail at the Signature Bar for only $3.00 and of course, the FREE 10 p.m. toast of Champagne to the New Year 2027.

Thoughts behind this month's Crier cover:

Santa Claus has always been my favorite holiday character to paint. I was thinking about that fascination not long ago, wondering where that might have come from. I do vividly remember my earliest fascination with him. I was only three and a half years old at the time. Talk about a long-term memory, huh! It was Christmas Eve, also known as I better get to bed if I expect Santa Claus to come with gifts for me and my baby sister. I certainly went to bed without a peep, but could I sleep, nope! I was so excited because I asked the store Santa for a tricycle and he said he was sure I'd be getting one for being such a good little boy.

That night I heard a noise coming from the front of the house near the Christmas tree; was it Santa? I had to peek out of my bedroom door but not being seen doing that too. I was a smart three-year-old! Well, down where I heard the noise in a dimly lit room, had to be Santa Claus because he was putting a tricycle near the tree; I knew it, I just did. Santa didn't lie to me, and it pays to be a good little boy sometimes. I scrambled back into bed, but I was so excited I may have stayed awake the whole night.

In the morning, I was the first up to see a big red bow on a tricycle just the right size for me. It wasn't a dream, I did see Santa!

But my biggest and bestest present of all wasn't the tricycle, it was my daddy! He was on a short leave from the Navy and the big war for Christmas. Of course, in the years to come, I had to realize it was my daddy not Santa Claus putting my tricycle near the Christmas tree, but my Santa fascination never dimmed.

Some years later, when I was twelve years old, I painted my first almost life-sized Santa on my parent's business window in the shopping center. There is a whole story about how that happened, but this column is getting too long.

For the past few years, the December Crier cover had an interfaith theme built into the design. This year, I just wanted to create a Santa image checking his naughty and nice book. If you notice, Santa is looking directly at you before he checks your page. He looks very serious in his quest. I did want to announce the coming activities in December once again, so I chose to write them on a scroll. Some of you might notice that it is a Hebrew scroll, and that's about as interfaith as I'm getting this year.

FROM DIANE'S KITCHEN

Diane Perry



This is the time of year that I look back on some traditional recipes that I started cooking in the early 1950's. I started baking cookies first. One of the first recipes tried was Russian Teacakes. You may also know this recipe as Mexican Wedding Cakes or Snowballs. Just recently I read an article that said nobody makes these cookies. I beg to differ I've made them every year. This month I'm sharing my absolute favorite cookie recipe.

Russian Teacakes

Ingredients

- 1 cup soft butter
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2-1/4 cups sifted flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup finely chopped nuts, preferably pecans
- Extra powdered sugar

Directions

1. Toast & finely chop pecans.
2. Cream butter, sugar and vanilla.
3. Sift flour and salt together and add to butter mixture.
4. Stir in pecans. Chill dough for 1 hour in refrigerator.
5. Preheat oven to 400°.
6. Roll chilled dough into 1-inch balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet.
7. Bake for 10 – 12 minutes until set, but not brown.
8. Roll in powdered sugar twice, once while still warm a second time when cool.

Kitchen News

I hope you enjoyed the Craft Fair on November 7 and the wonderful creations of our talented residents. The Kitchen Magicians served delicious sandwiches for lunch. Many thanks to Cindi Johnson, Lori Withers, Diane Weber, Glenda Markert, Gina Boyle, Beth Ghent, Cathy Wheeler, and Regina Devine for helping in the kitchen on Friday and Saturday. Four days later, the Kitchen Magicians returned to help with the veterans' breakfast. Thank you to Cindi Johnson, Renee Schoch, Diane Weber, Gina Boyle, Lori Withers, and Peggy Hillis. It truly takes a village!

FARMER'S MARKET
Diane Perry

The Lakeview Villager Farmer's Market is usually open Fridays from 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the lunchroom. **The market will be closed for the holidays on Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1.**

All items are donated and available free of charge. Donations of surplus food, including potatoes, bananas, canned goods, and packaged food, are always welcome; homegrown vegetables are especially appreciated. Please check use-by dates before donating, as we cannot distribute outdated items. We recently received a bulging can—a warning that the contents are spoiled and unsafe to eat. If you bring nonfood items to share, please check the clubhouse after the market and pick up any remaining items by 3 p.m. Friday afternoon. Elaine Mattes, Jeri Rowland, Rick Shafer, Renée Schoch, and JoAnn Ford volunteer every month to keep the Farmer's Market open.

WALKING AEROBICS UPDATE
Diane Perry

Winter is coming and this is a great time to join the Lakeview Walking Aerobics/Chair Yoga group that meets every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the clubhouse. Each session starts at 4:00 p.m. with a one-mile aerobic walk, followed by a short break and Chair Yoga at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call or text Diane Perry at (408) 242-3502 via call or text.

NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS
Duane Coller

I HAVE A NEIGHBOR who perhaps is like you or one of your neighbors. He considers

the people on our street his privilege and responsibility to look after and assist with keeping our street looking good and free of debris. He is able-bodied and eager to use his quality tools to help anyone who has a project where he can help. He and I have become great friends over the 5 years we have lived across the street from each other. While we each cancel each other's votes in most elections and sometimes banter back and forth, we have concerns for each other that are far more consequential and rewarding than our political differences. We remain happily committed to each other as friends and neighbors. Ultimately--though election outcomes are important and will shape the future of our governments, our two individual votes will not alone determine who governs. But how we value and treat each other greatly impacts both of us as individuals, and shapes the atmosphere of our neighborhood.

On another subject: As for our proposed security upgrades, we continue to await the decision on the purchase of the park.

NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS COMMUNICATION: I invite all residents to email me about your security experiences or concerns, and to suggest ways to enhance our neighborhood's appearance and function. DCOLLER58@gmail.com. Email provides a record of two-way conversations that is helpful for productive follow-up.

THE ADVOCATES
Roger P. Johnson

You are invited to a meeting of the Lakeview Village Advocacy Group (a.k.a. – The Advocates). This meeting is open to all Lakeview Village Residents to discuss any issues or topics of concern. There are NO MEMBERSHIP FEES - ALL RESIDENTS ARE MEMBERS! Come join us to discuss what You want…

The meeting will be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday, December 16th, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will be discussing topics of interest to Lakeview Village home owners. ALL home owners are invited to attend.

Water and coffee will be available. Look forward to seeing You there

SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Peggy Hillis



2026 is almost over and 2027 is on its way. Another new year will bring us many new events but let's talk about what fun events are planned for December 2026.

We start decorating the clubhouse Christmas tree on **Tuesday, December 1st.** Glenda Tinsley, our decorating chair will start the tree decorating at 11:00 a.m. Please plan on stopping by and putting a few decorations on our beautiful tree.

Thursday, December 3rd is the Teddy Bear potluck luncheon. Lakeview Village gives back to our community by giving donated teddy bears and stuffed animals to the Citrus Heights Police and Fire Department. They give the toys to children in stressful situations. The Citrus Heights City manager, and Police and Fire departments are all invited to enjoy a few hours with us and have lunch. I hope you will bring a lunch dish for the potluck and bring a teddy bear. It is the time for giving!

Saturday, December 12th is the Holiday Party along with a Happy2Hour. Please read the committee's article in this Crier for the time.

Now for the big **New Year's party**! This year the party will start at 5:00 p.m. and finish at 10:00 p.m. We are celebrating the new year Chicago time with a Roaring 20's theme. If you would like to dress as a Flapper and Gangster, please do so or in a comfortable attire. As per previous years, please bring an appetizer to share. The cost of a ticket is $10.00 per person. **Tickets will be on sale 12/15, 12/16 and 12/17** in the clubhouse from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** B Side band will be playing our favorite music for the evening.

January's Crier will be filled with 2027's events.

TECH 4 SENIORS GROUP
Phil Crowe

We've had a wonderful 2026 at Tech 4 Seniors, with plenty of lively tech conversations and helpful information to share. We usually meet on the **first Wednesday of each month**, but we're taking December off to make room for holiday preparations and events. With a change in leadership also underway, this break gives us time to get ready for another great year of exploring technology together.

If you missed the November 4th meeting, we discussed AI assistants, SIM cards versus eSIM in cellphones, public Wi-Fi security at coffee shops, and common digital scams. Members also suggested future topics: getting more from smartphones than just calls, a guide to cables and peripherals (what each one does), smart home cameras, and password managers. As you can see, Tech 4 Seniors isn't just about getting the best out of our computers, it's about learning and getting the best from technology.

Join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, January 6, 2027**, and bring your technology questions. If we don't know the answers, we'll find them together.

Phil Crowe
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SCOTT'S THOUGHTS
Scott Hillis*



First, I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who sent get-well cards, messages, and good wishes following my recent surgery. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have meant a great deal to me. I'm still recuperating, but I'm doing great and getting a little stronger each day.

During the six years Peggy and I have lived in Lakeview Village we have made many wonderful friends. Those friendships have been especially meaningful these past few weeks. So many of you graciously offered to help us during my recovery, and we are truly grateful. It's times like these that remind us what a special community we have here at Lakeview Village.

After many enjoyable years, I have stepped down as facilitator of Tech 4 Seniors. I'm pleased to announce that Phil Crowe has taken over the leadership of the group. I'm confident Phil will do an excellent job and be a valuable resource for our members. I plan to continue attending meetings and will gladly lend Phil a hand whenever needed.

I will also continue collecting used computers and related equipment for Computers 4 Kids in West Sacramento. If you have a computer or components you no longer need, please give me a call. It's a wonderful way to give old technology a new purpose.

And now, here we are, approaching another holiday season. It seems that each year goes

by a little faster than the last! The holidays offer us a wonderful opportunity to slow down, appreciate the good things in our lives, and enjoy the company of family, friends, and neighbors.

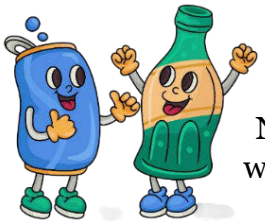
We may not always agree on everything, but that's part of life. What matters most is how we treat one another. A little kindness, a friendly smile, and a willingness to set aside our differences can go a long way toward making our community an even better place to live.

As we look forward to a new year, let's be thankful for the friendships we've made, the challenges we've overcome, and the opportunities ahead to strengthen the bonds that bring us together.

Peggy and I wish each of you a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year! **Vice President of the Lakeview Village Board of Directors*

BOTTLES AND CANS

Bob Hossack (916) 220-8654



Way to go Lakeview Village!

November's collection was a success. Thanks to all who donated. Thanks to our hardworking volunteers, who collect, sort and recycle our bottles, cans and plastics each month.

We made **$424.77** total or the month. **Collected 545 lbs. of glass, 291 lbs. of plastic and 166 lbs. of aluminum cans.** I have noticed a lot more people have been participating. Thanks everyone who donated to this fundraiser. Next pickup day is **Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 9:00 a m.**

We pick up at **9:00 a m.** and our volunteer drivers are leaving to go to the recycler at **10:00 a.m.** Please have your bags out by **9:00 a m.** or drop them off before **10:00 a.m.** If you miss the time, you'll have to keep them until the next pick up. There is no space to store them. If you would like a reminder, text or call me and I will put you on my list. I will call the day before our pickup.

Thanks for taking the time to sort your bottles and cans. Please make sure there is no trash in bags containing your donation of redeemable bottles, cans and plastics. We have had an uptick of trash, non-refundable items and liquid in the containers. Taking these measures to minimize trash will make it easier on our volunteers.

Remember, don't remove the labels from your recyclables. The recycler will refuse to take them. Look for the letters: **CA CRV** on the label of the container to see if it qualifies for recycling for money. If the container does not have **CA CRV**, put them in the recycle bin for the weekly pick up. Most plastic milk jugs do not qualify. We got quite a few this month and we have to dispose of them. State law does not allow us to dump them at the recycler.

I want to thank our three new volunteers with trucks this month, Bryan and Lynda Sloss and Terry Villareal. It really makes a big difference. And thanks of course to all of our fabulous volunteers, who work tirelessly every month. **We meet at: 6153 Oak Lakes Lane at 9:00 a.m., on the second Tuesday of every month.**

We have not had any reports of theft for the last few months. If anyone sees or knows about bags being taken or disappearing, please let me know. I have been going around early to pick up bags to minimize

theft. I drive a white Ford F150 pickup. If you see me don't worry, I'm on it!

Again, thanks to everyone who donated to our fundraiser.

Bob Hossack
(916) 220-8654

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
Norm Schoch (Hazardous Hairy)



Hello again, fellow Lakeview Village Friends and Neighbors.

Well, your LVV Dukes of Hazardous are back in business. We will be back on our monthly schedule (the last Saturday of the month). This month you'll find us in front of the clubhouse on **Saturday, December 19th.** This is a week earlier than usual to avoid any conflict with the Christmas Holidays. As usual, we will be in front of the clubhouse from 11:30 until noon to accept your items.

As always, we do take some small e-waste items, computers, cell phones, printers. If you have any questions, call Norm at (916) 801-1937.

Thank you to all who participate for keeping our wonderful little community free of hazardous materials.

Your friendly
LVV Dukes of Hazardous
Norm, Ken, and Don

PET CORNER
Melinie di Luck



The Best Cat and Dog Books to Give This Holiday Season

Heartwarming memoirs, tearjerking novels, and smart science for the animal lovers on your list.

As many of you know, I have two passions: cats, and books about cats and dogs. This year, I am sharing some of my favorites, including three books I reread every year. For anyone who shares a home with a cat or dog, a book about the animals they love is one of the most personal gifts you can give. Whether your recipient wants a good cry, a cozy read by the fire, or a better understanding of their pet, there is a title for them. Here are some of my favorites for Christmas giving.

BOOKS FOR CAT LOVERS…some oldies, but goodies

Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat That Inspired the World by Vicki Myron
A true story about a kitten left in a library book-return slot in Spencer, Iowa, who won over the holiday and, eventually, the world. It is a perfect pick for readers who love nonfiction and feel-good stories.

The Traveling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa
Nana, a former stray, and his owner Satoru take a road trip across Japan in this profound, moving novel about connection between people and animals. Keep tissues handy.

The Cat Who Came for Christmas by Cleveland Amory
A memoir about a curmudgeonly man whose life is changed by a stray cat. As the title suggests, it is a natural fit for a holiday stocking.

The Fur Person by May Sarton
A classic, witty tale for anyone who has ever felt judged by their cat. It is also an affordable paperback, ideal for a small gift.

The Cats Let Me Stay! Brenda Wunsch: True stories of six cats and the human they put up with.

Making Rounds with Oscar by David Dosa M.D. True stories of Oscar the cat who lives in a Nursing home in Rhode Island. He seems like a typical cat most of the time, but he has an uncanny ability. I'll let you read about it in this heartwarming book.

The World According to Bob by James Brown. You need to read these three true books about a remarkable cat and his street person.

We'll Prescribe You a Cat by Syou Ishida. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this charming book and agree with the principle that having a cat will cure you no matter what is wrong with you.

My last cat book that I'd recommend is one of my favorites. It is so special that I reread it yearly along with two special books about dogs. The book is **Henrey's World.** A three-legged cat's view of human absurdity **by Cathy Conheim...Cat Scribe.**

My two favorite books about dogs are so special that I reread them once a year. The first is **The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein.** I'd recommend having a box of tissues next to you. They also made a movie from the book...another tearjerker. This is a beautifully written book about relationships, both with a dog and a human.

Merle's Door Lessons from a Freethinking Dog by Ted Kerasote has been available for some time, but I never get tired of rereading it yearly. It's the story of Ted and Merle and how they found each other in the Utah desert.

The Best Dog in the World by Alice Hoffman was one of my favorites this year and written by one of my favorite authors. Be prepared to shed some tears...but reading this book makes them worth it. Have tissues nearby.

Congratulations Your Dog Has Trained You by Matty Spencer. I feel that you would know just the person to gift this book to.

This Dog Will Change Your Life by Elias Weiss Friedman. This uplifting and emotional book will show you how dogs make your life better by making you a better person.

I hope that I've given you some idea for some great books to give to your family or friends...or even you. Enjoy your reading. Until next December.

BOOKS FOR DOG LOVERS

Dog Lessons by Hersch Wilson
Part memoir, part essay collection, this warm and humorous book shares what a lifetime with dogs teaches about love, rest, and play.

Christmas at Corgi Cove by Annie England Noblin
A cozy seasonal novel set in a small Texas lakeside town, where quirky residents and lovable dogs band together to save a family inn.

The Best Dog in the World, edited by Alice Hoffman
Fourteen well-known authors, including Isabel Allende, Jodi Picoult, and Amy Tan, write essays celebrating their canine companions.

Inside of a Dog by Alexandra Horowitz
For the curious owner, a cognitive scientist explains how dogs see, smell, and know their world.

Find MOMO by Andrew Knapp
A "Where's Waldo"-style photo book featuring a border collie hiding in each

scene. It is a fun coffee-table gift for all ages.

Gifting Tips

- **Match the mood.** Choose novels like *The Traveling Cat Chronicles* for readers who enjoy emotional stories, and light picks like *Find MOMO* for casual browsers.
- **Consider the reader's age.** Younger readers may enjoy *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo.
- **Pair it with a treat.** Add a toy, a mug, or a bag of treats so the pet gets a present too.

Sources: Pet Parenting (Trupanion), Best Friends Animal Society, Simon & Schuster, and Barnes & Noble book lists.

BINGO
Cathy Wheeler

Hi all you BINGO enthusiasts. We will be having evening Bingo 2 times this month. They are a week apart due to the Teddy Bear Luncheon falling on the same day as what was scheduled. So, mark your calendar for **December 10th and 17th.**

The **17th session will have a gift exchange**, so if you bring a gift, you get a gift. Also, a dauber will be given to each Bingo player with your buy in. Hope to see you there.

Ho, Ho, Ho!

BUNCO
Val Lea (408) 460-6345

Merry Christmas to all our Bunco Players. **December Bunco will be held on Dec 15th at 1:00 p.m. sharp, late players not permitted.** If you would like to participate in our holiday ornament exchange, please bring a wrapped ornament and you will go home with a different one. Only players who bring one go home with one. If you feel like dressing up in a Christmas sweater then we will have a small prize for the ugliest one.

If we don't see you have a happy and safe holiday. HO, HO, HO!

NOTE: Someone to take over running Bunco is needed for the New Year. Two helpers are available. If interested, RSVP to: marmadukeval@yahoo.com

CORNHOLE
Peter Beeman



Just Merry Christmas to one and all! We will be playing **Cornhole on December 8th this month.** We are taking the 22nd off to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ's birth. May you experience joy and peace this Christmas 🎄.

JAM SESSION
Cathy Wheeler

Jam Session **will return on Saturday, December 5th** for your toe tappin' pleasure. We provide snacks or you can feel free to bring your favorites to share. This is a fun, casual event. Hang out for a while, enjoy the music and visit with friends. Hope to see you.

LIBRARY
Judy Ludwick

SEASONS GREETINGS!! The holidays have arrived early in the Lakeview Village Library, with gifts for all ages! Browse the "newly-loaded" shelves with donations of more than 90 "new-to-us" paperback and hard cover books, religious and spiritual-themed publications, as well as puzzles, games and book surprises for younger

readers. Contributions from estate sales and several bags and boxes of additional books have refreshed our collection.

Consider doing some holiday shopping in our library! Many of the recent acquisitions are recent releases in new or like-new condition. Writers including Ann Patchet, Kristin Hannah, Stuart Woods, David Baldacci, James Patterson, Janet Evanovich, Bill Bryson.

If you aren't familiar with our library, the wall of shelves to the left of the inside door beyond the Community Puzzle table feature sections on Autobiographies, Biographies, Non-Fiction, History, and Military. New books are regularly added. Health-related books are on the bottom shelf. Books for youth and teens are a few steps farther.

The library is a PUZZLE GIFT bonanza: with literally hundreds of puzzles ranging from 300 pieces to 500, 600, 750, 1000, 1500, 2000, 2500 pieces! Puzzles provide mental stimulation, focus and relaxation. New puzzles sell for $14ish to $30ish! You can't beat the price and variety right here at home.

Special thanks to Betty Rentsch and Larry Carter for their ongoing library support.

THE BOOK CLUB

Glenda Tinsley (831) 252-9440



The Lakeview Book Club will be **Friday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m.** at the cozy couches and chairs in the clubhouse.

VETERANS' GROUP
Diane Weber

The November Veterans Day event was incredible, with a potluck brunch, music, pictures from the past and present, and of course, Veterans in attendance. December's **Veterans' meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17th at 10:00** in leu of the regularly held meeting on the 4th Thursday due to the holidays. We look forward to seeing you there.



If you have any questions, please call Diane Weber at (530) 828-5777.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION
Lizette Masters*



Why Wait Until January?

January 1st gets an awful lot of credit and attention. Apparently, that's the magical day we'll suddenly want to exercise regularly, organize our homes, drink more water, and become the people we've been meaning to be.

But what if we gave ourselves a little head start?

December might seem like an unlikely time to begin anything. Our calendars fill up, our routines get shuffled, and someone is always arriving with something delicious. Still, tucked between the festivities are opportunities to try a few small changes that could make everyday life happier, easier, healthier, or more fun.

Think of it as a little sampling menu for your life.

Here's the invitation: Make a list of things you've been meaning to do. Then, for seven days—starting December 1st—try one small

thing each day. You don't have to keep adding yesterday's activity to today's assignment. Just give each idea a turn and notice how it feels.

Need a few possibilities?

- **Take a little walk.** Give the dog that outing you keep promising, invite a neighbor along, or enjoy a few minutes outdoors at your own pace.
- **Make water easier to remember.** Keep your glass or bottle somewhere visible and pay attention to whether you're drinking regularly.
- **Give tomorrow morning a gift.** Spend five minutes putting away the things scattered around your main living area before bed. Imagine greeting the day without yesterday's coffee cup and three mysterious piles. (I call it resetting the room")
- **Expand your bubble.** Look through the community calendar and choose something you've never attended. Your first step might simply be asking a neighbor, "Would you like to go with me?"
- **Lend a hand.** Ask about helping with a committee, club, or upcoming event. You get to choose your level of commitment. Even a small contribution can open the door to new friendships.
- **Make room for movement.** Put a manageable gym visit or class on your calendar. Or try setting a reminder to stand up and move around during long stretches of sitting
- **Choose a little joy.** Pick up the hobby supplies waiting in a drawer, play music while making dinner, or call someone who makes you laugh. Enjoyment deserves a place in our routines, too.

You can also borrow my favorite approach to those little household tasks: If it takes five minutes or less, consider doing it now. I say "consider" because I'm working on this one myself! And yes, December offers its own practice opportunities. Enjoy a favorite treat, then step away from the snack table. Choose water between festive drinks. Before accepting another invitation, pause and ask whether you actually have the energy and desire to go.

"No, thank you" is a perfectly lovely answer. You're allowed to leave space for peace.

After your seven days, ask yourself: What helped? What did I enjoy? What would I like to repeat? Choose one or two things and give them a familiar place in your day—perhaps a short walk after breakfast or a five-minute reset before brushing your teeth.

These are obviously just some examples…you build your own list. Some ideas won't fit. Some days you'll forget. You can adjust and begin again.

By January, you may already have a small routine you want to carry forward—and perhaps a new friend, a clearer countertop, or a happier dog.

That sounds like a pretty good head start to me.

**Member of the Lakeview Village Association Board of Directors*

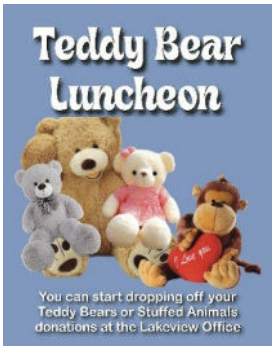
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Renée Schoch reschoch@gmail.com

CRAFT FAIR
Laurie Skahill

It Takes a Village – Thank You!

As the saying goes, "It takes a village," and our Holiday Craft Fair was a perfect example of just that! It takes many helping hands, generous hearts, and willing volunteers to bring an event like this together, and we couldn't have done it without everyone's support.

We would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our wonderful vendors and families who participated and helped make this year's Holiday Craft Fair a success. Your participation and support are what make our community events so special.

A special thank-you goes to **Renée Schoch and Ann Sandler** for organizing and working so hard on the Bake Sale. We also want to recognize our amazing Kitchen Crew, who kept things running smoothly and everyone well fed: **Diane Perry, Cindi Johnson, Lori Withers, Diane Weber, Regina Devine, Beth Ghert, Gina Boyle, Glenda Markert, and Cathy Wheeler.** A big thank-you to our cleanup crew: **Jean and Phil Crowe, Marina Ryabova, and Reina Wheeler** for staying behind and helping get everything back in order. We also appreciate **Dave Wheeler** for putting out the signs and banner to help spread the word and direct everyone to the event.

Last, but not least, **Sam Kuykendall**. Without Sam's hard work and dedication, this event would not have been possible! I hope to work with Sam on this event for years to come!

Every contribution, whether large or small, played an important part in making the day a success. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people willing to pitch in and make things happen! And the results speak for themselves! Thanks to everyone's hard work and support, after expenses the Holiday Craft Fair raised **$1,947.68 for our association!**

Thank you again to everyone who volunteered, participated, shopped, donated, and supported this event. It truly takes a village, and Sam and I are grateful to be part of such a giving community.

Until next year – thank you for making it all possible!

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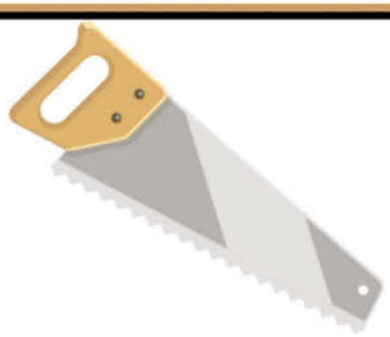
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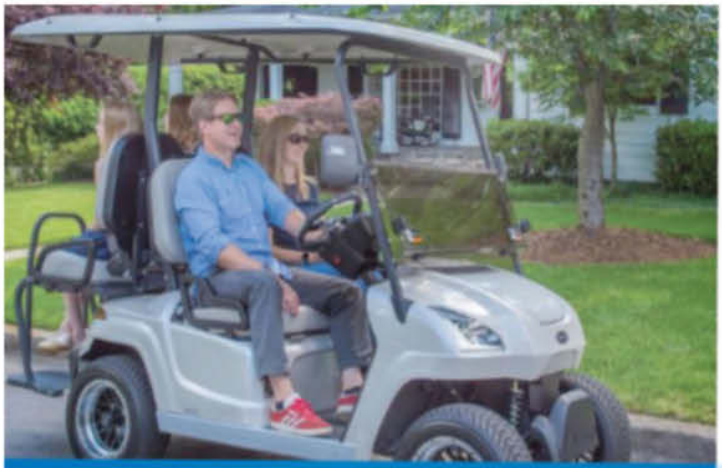
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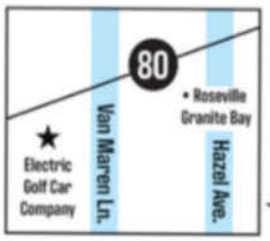
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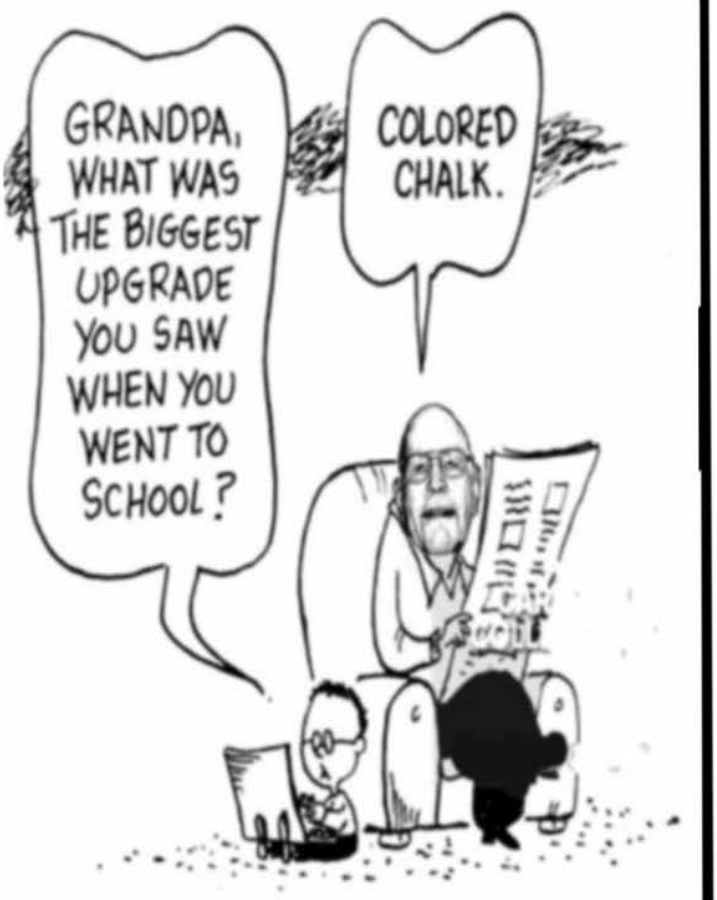
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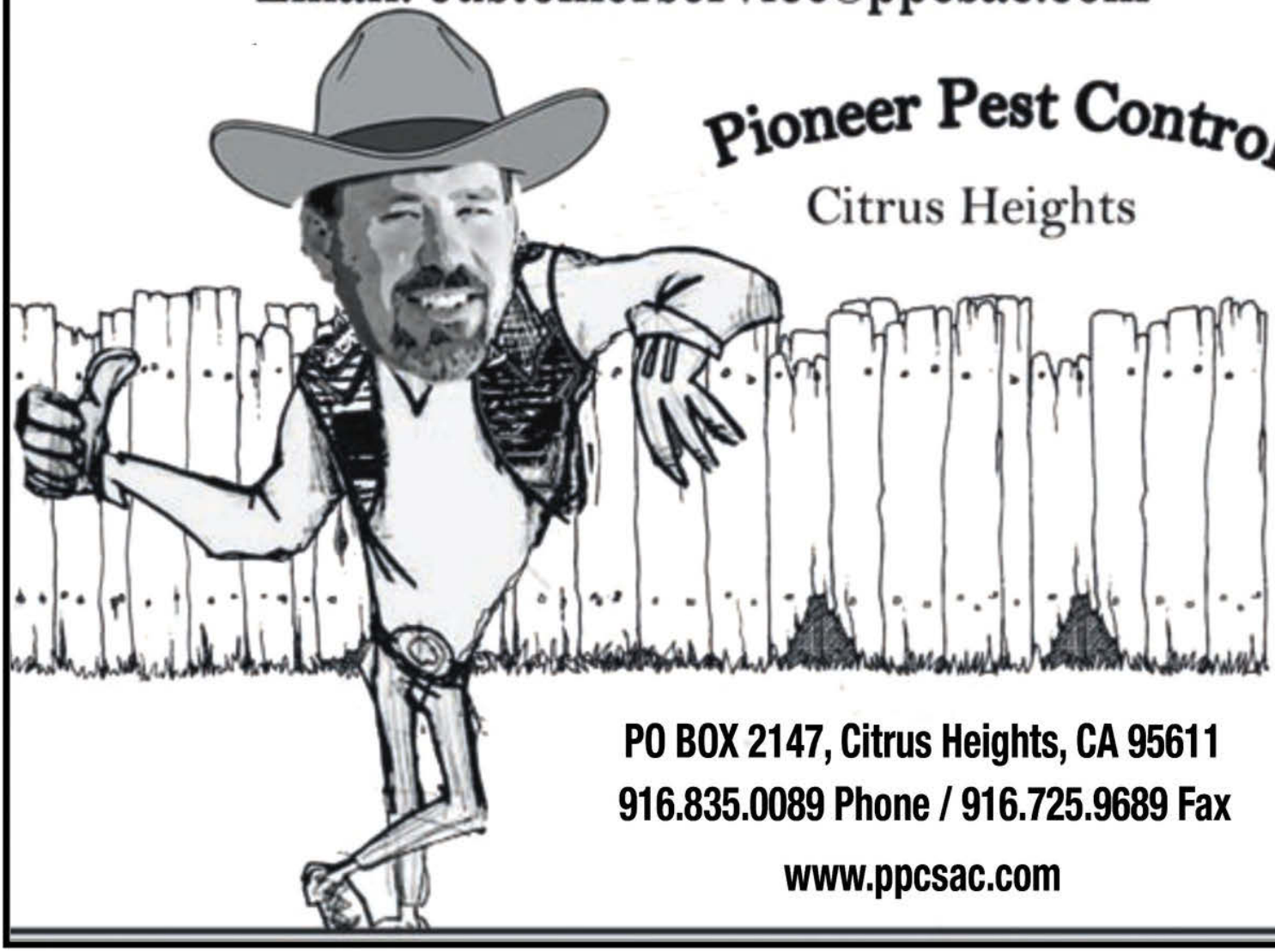
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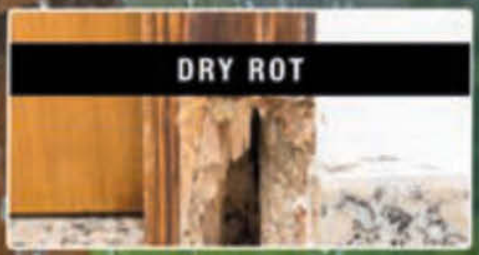
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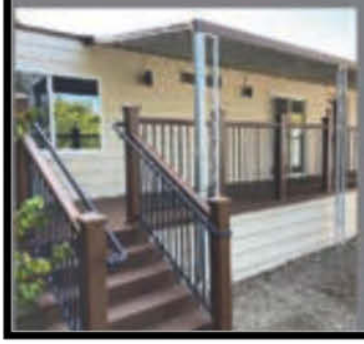
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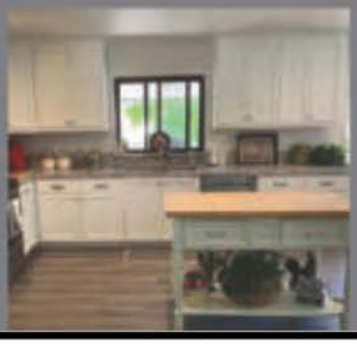
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