



# THE CRIER

**November 2022**

## **BOARD PRESIDENT**

**Leslie Beecher**



The weather has turned cool and gentle breezes surround us.

This is the month in which we give thanks. Let's remember to be thankful every day for all that we have. HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE.

I want to comment on budgets first of all. Please remember that if you have a monetary request of the association, it must first be approved by the board. Since the board only meets once per month, please give us advance notice so that we can vote on it.

As I mentioned last month, Cathy Wheeler and Judy Wilson are spearheading the new Fundraiser Committee. They are in charge of getting you the information you need to get your fundraiser started. We have a list of great fundraiser ideas (new and previously done) in place already. Please contact them first so that we can get it on the calendar and go through the proper steps to make it happen.

I'd like to mention again that we still need more advertisers for the Crier. This is an ongoing need. Please understand that many of our advertisers don't advertise on an ongoing basis. These folks come and go as their advertising needs arise. So the bottom line is that we should

always be looking for new advertisers to replace ones that are lost.

Here's how you can help us with Crier advertising: if you are at your hair salon, barber, or have a favorite dog groomer, etc.

- 1). Show them a copy of the Crier
  - 2). Ask if they would be willing to advertise in it.
  - 3). Give this information to Linda Evans
- Thank you in advance for your help!

Last, but not least, I would like to mention SCAMS. Coming into the holiday season, we will be seeing more of this. Phone calls, emails, texts all asking for money, gift cards, donations, personal information, etc. If you do not know these folks, hang up or delete the emails. PG & E, FED EX, and UPS, etc. are all companies we have had problems with in the past. If the information looks legitimate, but feels wrong, call the company or the sender to confirm. If it feels suspicious, it probably is!

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

**Linda Evans**



It's time for a change – a TIME CHANGE, that is. On Sunday morning, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 a.m. we set our clocks BACK one hour to standard time again. The only good thing about this is we get another hour of sleep. The bad thing is it gets darker earlier. I'll try to remember to send an email to remind you again so you'll be on time for church on Sunday.

I have a couple of messages from management this month. First, Joy asked me to remind you to be sure to come into the office and fill out a form in the vendor book whenever you have work done on your property. This book, with your comments (bad or good), is a valuable resource for your fellow residents when they're looking for someone to work on their homes.

Joy's second notice is all golf carts are NOT ALLOWED in any common areas, that is greenbelts, sidewalks, and no parking zones.

I also want to remind you the office still has some of the toilet leak detection kits, and they're free. These kits contain disks you drop into your tank to help find hidden leaks. Not all leaks are obvious.

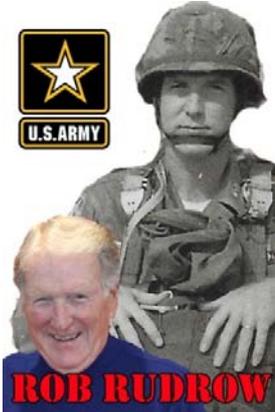
Don't forget the upcoming Teddy Bear Potluck Luncheon in December. Please bring new stuffed animals to the office now until the luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, we collect these stuffed animals and give them to police and firefighters to take with them on calls and given to children in crisis situations.

## **VETERANS' GROUP**

**Diane Weber**

### **UNEXPECTED REUNION**

This is a story of two good friends at the beginning of their relationship. Around 2002, Rob Rudrow had just moved to Lakeview Village and was attending a campout in the gritty little campground known as Dunnigan on I-5 north of Sacramento sitting on the porch with his wife and his martini. "Up walks Ron Hale who introduces himself and his wife and begins a conversation by asking how long we had lived in Lakeview. I told him we had just moved in and were new to the area. While getting acquainted, Ron asked if I had ever had any military service and I responded that I did and had 28 years in the Army, to which he responded, 'wow that's interesting; I served 25.'



We then went through the *getting to know you* regimen that veterans who have never met enjoy doing and learned that we had both served in Vietnam. I asked him when he was there, and he responded '1968 to

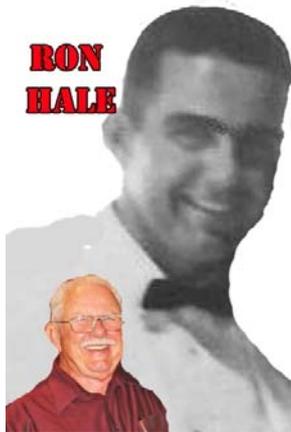
1969.' I was surprised because that was the same period of time that I had been there. While marveling over the coincidence we uncovered the fact that we were both in the 101st Airborne Division at the very same time. I asked Ron what he did, and he told me that he flew Chinook helicopters. I said, well that's interesting because I was the Division Chemical Officer and I was responsible for the conduct of many airborne missions to include napalm flame drops. He responded that he really hated that mission every time he had to fly it.

At this point I must interrupt the story to explain the flame mission that I am referring to. This mission involved hooking a cargo net filled with ten 55-gallon barrels of napalm to the hook underneath the helicopter and then carrying that out to the operation area where US forces were in contact with an entrenched enemy. When we were in position over enemy forces we opened the cargo net, dropping the napalm barrels onto enemy fortifications. Immediately upon release the crew dropped live thermite grenades which would ignite the barrels when they hit the ground. The helicopter pilot had to do a rapid getaway because when the napalm lit off, (the air density would thin out and we would be in danger of dropping into the fire), or a great deal of heat and flame would erupt below the helicopter.

Since there is a high risk of dropping this cargo on or near friendly forces, I accompanied every mission and spoke with the Battalion Commander on the ground over radio to ensure the safety of our troops. When we arrived in the area, I radioed the Battalion Commander and told him that we were at 1,500 feet and hovering. I needed him to tell us where to move the helicopter in order to position our drop properly. He would then respond with the yardage and the direction the pilot would have to move the helicopter while hovering. Once he gave us the OK, we dropped the napalm.

Apparently, this was the part of the operation that was very distasteful to pilots since we were a sitting target for 50 caliber fire while hovering and repositioning. I asked Ron why he disliked

the missions so greatly and he told me that every time he had to hover, the 'SOB in the back of the helicopter' would direct him to move 500 yards north or south and another 100 or 200 yards east or west in order to get over the enemy position. At that point I looked at Ron and held out my hand and said, shake hands with the SOB in the back.



His face reflected the stunning fact (as I'm sure mine did) that these two guys talking to each other after 40 years, who didn't know each other, had met once again in this remote little campground. Neither of us could believe it. Since that time, we both have become very, very close friends, and he has not

forgiven me for making him hover over enemy territory with a huge bag of napalm hanging under him.”

**NOTE:** “If I ever have to do that again I would ask for Ron Hale to be my pilot – he always brought us back.”

**Note from Ron Hale:**

“Imagine yourself sitting in a helicopter high over the jungle, trying to hover over something you can't see! You can't look down because you're strapped inside the helicopter. You can only look out at an angle and the Chinook hovers with a 5 degree nose up attitude so you don't know what straight down is... The only thing you can do is try and pick a tree in the jungle to use as a guide. While you're doing this, some guy in the back is telling you to move 50 feet to the left and you're not sure that the NVA commander on the ground got the memo not to shoot at the hovering helicopter!

I am glad I did it then, and glad I don't have to do it again. But the SOB in the back is one hell of a guy and I would do it again for only him.”

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Kathy Cooley and Peggy Hillis**



We want to remind all residents that every event is organized and presented by resident volunteers. We welcome all of you to come to the Social Committee meetings **held the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse.** We always welcome new ideas and members to volunteer. Please feel free to call Kathy at 503-522-2447 or Peggy at 805-888-9461 should you have any concerns or suggestions. Thank you to all of those who attended our October meeting. It is always nice to see everyone!

The Concert in the Park was a big success! Crystal Image was great and will be returning for our Valentine's Day dinner dance. The day was HOT and so were we! However, that did not stop us from dancing, drinking our beverage of choice and enjoying the beautiful weather. It's nice to see everyone have a great time no matter what the temperature is. Thank you to all of you who came out to help set up for the event. You are MARVELOUS!

It's hard to believe we are beginning “Tis the Season!” We will be celebrating our wonderful, traditional holiday events for all to enjoy.

The social committee does a lot of work behind the scenes to make our events successful. Aside from planning the event, we coordinate with property management to reserve the clubhouse for the events dates and times. Setting up tables and chairs are done by the LVV maintenance crew. We thank them for all their help! Decorating for the events is always done by Glenda Tinsley and her group of volunteers. Bar coordination and his famous “theme” drinks are done by Al Fichera and his wonderful GANG.

Food preparation done by our resident extraordinaire, Diane Perry and her marvelous crew is always delicious and creative. Let's not forget Paul and Pat March, who are always ready, willing, and able to prepare delectable and tasty dinners for our dances.

After ALL events the clean-up includes a little mopping, taking out the trash and collecting items left on the tables, all performed by our wonderful, dedicated volunteers who stay a few minutes after the event. You are **AMAZING** and **APPRECIATED!!**

**The Farmers Market will be closed Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veteran's Day) and Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving weekend). However, Panera Bread will be delivered to the clubhouse between 11:00 a.m. and noon on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Veteran's Day Breakfast tickets are \$8.00. A free breakfast will be given to our park veterans. The bar will open at 8:30 a.m. Al and crew will be serving mimosas with breakfast. Baileys Irish Cream will be on hand to enhance your coffee enjoyment. All breakfast proceeds will be donated to a local veterans' organization. Donation containers will be available.

**We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events...**

**November, 2022**

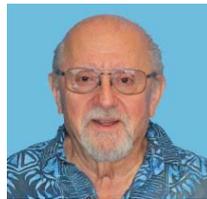
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>t</sup> Farmers Market
- Veterans Day Breakfast Ticket
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sales
- 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner Ticket Sales
- 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Craft Fair
- 9<sup>th</sup> Social Committee Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> Association Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Breakfast
- 12<sup>th</sup> Happy 2 Hour
- 19<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner

**December, 2022**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decorate Clubhouse
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Happy 2 Hour
- 8<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bear Potluck Luncheon
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Larks Christmas Show
- 14<sup>th</sup> Social Committee Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> House Decoration Judging
- 31<sup>st</sup> Decorate Clubhouse
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve - Appetizers

**OUT FROM BEHIND SHENANIGANS BAR**

**Al Fichera**



It's November if you are reading this, and Thanksgiving is around the corner. Perhaps you are expecting to entertain and like a beverage idea. Check out the

three recipes below.

I chose these cocktails because they shouldn't break the bank on the ingredients needed. Perhaps some of which might already be in your pantry, or wherever you hide the booze.

There's a few beverage options I'm listing here, hopefully, one will be perfect for you. I'm thinking MULLED, as in mulled cider or wine. But I'm also thinking more adult beverage, as in BOOZE. So what else would I be pushing anyway! Stick with me and I bet I'll come out smelling like a mulled rose!

Let's start with simple apple cider, mulled for too long can produce a very sweet beverage, like curl your hair sweet. I have an idea, switch the apple cider with hard cider, less sweet and a little kick to appeal to your adult side. Just a thought since cider is in all the recipes. But hang in there, I've got a few more ingredients to talk about yet.

Can you imagine how great the house smells when there's something being mulled in the

kitchen. Hey, you know alcohol doesn't need to be used in case that doesn't appeal to you. The following recipes are for four, or two thirsty people, or just you and Netflix for the night.

It doesn't take a lot of equipment to pull this off at home, a small saucepan works, perhaps a small crockpot if you plan on many guests. Just double or triple the recipe. Let's get started with the most common version, plus Bourbon.

Don't forget always very low heat, we are not cooking just warming to take the chill off.

In your saucepan, combine the following: 8 ounces of hard cider or regular cider; 6 ounces of the bourbon you've been hiding from you know who; and one to two ounces of honey, that'll depend upon how sweet you want the drink, if using regular cider you can eliminate the honey. Stir occasionally and when it reaches temperature, pour into four cups, garnish with a cinnamon stick. *(Cinnamon might be the most expensive ingredient lately!)*

The next recipe features Dark Rum and Angostura Bitters. Due to the nature of dark rum, the resulting beverage will be a bit richer and fragrant. And your house will smell good enough to eat!

In a small saucepan, you know the same one you just used above, if you're not into dishwashing.

Combine the following: 8 ounces of Hard Cider or regular cider; 6 ounces of dark rum, perhaps Meyers Rum or less flavorful regular dark rum; and one to two ounces of simple syrup; and 12 dashes of Angostura bitters. *(If you don't want to buy simple syrup, just combine equal parts of granulated sugar and water, heat until the sugar is no longer visible, there you go easy to keep in the refrigerator simple syrup.)* Once warmed through pour into four cups and garnish each with an orange peel, a couple of whole cloves, and three allspice berries. If you have some on hand, one star anise really makes the drink look cool and smells good too!

My last version is for all of you Vodka fans and includes some fresh Ginger as well. Perhaps bourbon or rum is a little too strong for your taste, consider using Vodka instead. This recipe includes the surprise of fresh ginger.

In a small saucepan, you might want to wash it this time, you know, rum and bourbon, big flavors! Anyhow, in the sauce pan on that same low heat, I guess you know the drill now; 8 ounces of hard cider or regular cider; 6 ounces of your favorite Vodka; and one or two ounces of simple syrup; add four half-inch thick slices of fresh ginger. Once warmed through enough, remove the ginger and pour into four cups. If you're one of the adventurous types, consider adding a long thin slice of fresh ginger. You'll get a little kick from the flowery ginger, beside ginger is really good for you. I'd just lick the ginger and re-dunk it often and repeat. This is one all day sucker that will not disappear on you.

## **COMPUTER USERS' GROUP**

### **Rosalie Ingle**



The Computer Users' Group will tackle the question – How did you learn to “compute”? - at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 2.

We meet from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the clubhouse. After the meeting we will be going to Boston Pizza for a no-host lunch.

However you get on line, you are invited to attend the Computer Users' Group. We had several new attendees in October which made the meeting really fun. Ask your questions. We don't just answer or help, we show you where to go to get a good answer.

Bring your unit to the meeting. We will be setting up tables and encouraging everyone to show us something new.

**FROM DIANE'S KITCHEN**  
**Diane Perry**

**My Sauerkraut Dilemma**



As we were planning the Octoberfest Happy Hour, we knew we wanted sausage, beer cheese, and pretzels. However, something was missing, sauerkraut. I'd never cooked it before, and I knew

I couldn't just open a can. It had to be special. When I have a cooking question I go to Google. I read several recipes and use parts of them and my cooking experience to develop a recipe. I have a few rules. Everything tastes better with garlic. Use stock instead of water for better taste. And don't be afraid to experiment. The sauerkraut turned out delicious and I was asked to put the recipe in the Crier.

**Ingredients**

- 1/2 lb. thick sliced bacon diced
- 3 cups diced onions
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 3 cups low sodium chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- 3 – 15-ounce cans sauerkraut
- 4 Gala apples peeled and cut into chunks

Rinse sauerkraut and drain completely. Fry bacon until almost crisp. Remove from pan. Add onion, pepper, and sugar. Cook until onion softens, then add garlic. Cook for 1 minute. Add apples and sauerkraut. Cook for 4 minutes. Add chicken stock 1 cup at a time until you reach the consistency you want. It shouldn't be soupy. Stir in bacon. Cool and refrigerate. Let it sit overnight and adjust seasonings when you reheat it. We added garlic powder, pepper, and some extra bacon bits. The measurements aren't exact. You can add caraway seed to taste.

Hope you enjoy making this.

**NOSY ROSIE**



This month's person of interest is indeed an interesting person! She came our way just a few years ago and jumped right in to our active community. As it turned out she had been quite active socially in the community she came from. Well, she is a single person, so what would you expect? (More about that later, gentle reader!) She also got involved in organizing a Neighborhood Watch when that became needed. She can be quite the busy body when a cause arises. And that didn't stop when she arrived in our village.

So I first remember her joining Jon Zwanziger's team, who were actively protecting us at that time. Do you remember those days? Not long after I moved here Jon was sporting battle wounds after a run-in with an unsavory individual. I think he was (and still is by the way) an amazing guy. Thank you, Jon.

Eventually, our person of interest took the helm of the Neighborhood Watch. The committee became known as "Neighborhood Awareness." Activities included monthly meetings with Citrus Heights police and other speakers sharing useful information to help us stay safe and protect our property. We've also continued to enjoy neighborhood parades honoring our local police and firefighters. We began participating in National Neighborhood Night Out with music and ice cream. And, here's fun with a contribution from our association, I had the honor of helping her deliver a big box of doughnuts to the Citrus Heights Police Department.

She does enjoy our socials! It wasn't long before she was volunteering to help with the bar at our socials. I'll mention that this gave her an advantage in checking out the social scene here (especially the single men!) Hey, this is a gossip column after all. And, by the way it worked. Her social life has picked up a great deal. Even if this is a gossip column, the details are not mine to share. Just keep your eyes open at our socials to see what I mean...or ask her.

Did I mention that she also became a member of the association board? Well, I should have. And when our beloved JoAnn Ford recently stepped down as our president, guess who stepped up to fill her shoes? Yes, it is our person of interest. I don't believe I've mentioned her name yet...it's Leslie Beecher.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS**

**Gary Kiddie** (916) 847-4909

First, I want to thank all those who participated in the Neighborhood Awareness Parade. Parades are an unusual activity to try to schedule. Some, like Janet and I, enjoy them. We do about 10 or more a year with the Shriners. All we hoped to accomplish was to help make our residents more AWARE of our existence should they ever need us. Doing one in a community of this size is a challenge unless marketing is done well in advance, along with a map of the route.

Generally, we hold our meetings on the third Wednesday of the month in the clubhouse at 6 p.m. This month it will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. We will not have a meeting in December. As I have stated, "The meetings are not for me. It is for the residents who want to attend to listen for up-dates, get new information and/or to contribute for the benefit of the rest of us". All are welcome, even those who disagree with me. So, if there are any of you out there who want to voice separate viewpoints, you are welcome. There is no reason why we cannot have a good social time while discussing issues that come up. I will provide snacks and you can bring your own beverages.

A thought for this month is the number of trash cans I see left out not only over the next day and night but as long as two or three days. This is a sure-fire way to tell someone you are not home. If you are going to be gone during a trash day, or day after, ask your neighbors to make sure your cans are pulled back up from the street. Also don't forget to let us know if you are going to be away and want us to check around your home occasionally when you are gone.

Another issue that kept popping up on the surveys I handed out is the want of 24/7 gated entrance. I will try to address that issue specifically at this up-coming meeting. I may even have a guest speaker. It opens up a lot of side issues that our park and ourselves may not be able to resolve.

Again, if you see anything unusual, please contact one of us. My number is above. If I am out of the area, call another volunteer. If it is foreseeable of a possible dangerous situation developing or perhaps a criminal activity, call 911 first. We work very closely with the Citrus Heights Police Department. Their dispatcher will help you.

Jay Gluck (916) 728-6194  
Victor Michael (916) 704-1816  
Rick Shafer (916) 485-2623  
Judy Wilson (916) 878-7125  
Dave Wheeler (707) 292-0777  
Rick Shafer (916) 485-2523

## **BUNCO**

**Beulah Radcliff and Cindy Cronk**



November is here and with it the holidays and planning for them. Please remember Bunco on November 15 at 1 p.m. in the clubhouse. Bunco is always on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. The cost of Bunco is only \$5 and all money is given back in prizes.

Don't worry if you haven't played before as it is very easy to play and lots of fun. If you have questions please call Beulah at 916-725-4928 or Cindy at 916-390-7726.

**NEW RESIDENT COMMITTEE**

**Peggy Hillis**



We are making progress meeting Lakeview Village new residents. Some owners work and others haven't responded but the committee is dedicated to

interviewing and welcoming 2022 new owners. During social events we are seeing more and more new residents participating. New residents are happy to be living here at Lakeview Village and enjoying all of the activities/events.

From January 2022 to September 2022 there were 31 homes sold and we have talked to 17 of those new owners. The information I currently have is 14 homes are for sale in the park and 9 are pending. A few homes sold have gone back on the market.

Any new owner who hasn't been contacted, please let us know. I can be reached at 805-888-9461. We can do a phone interview.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**Norm Schoch (Hazardous Hairy)**



Once again your LVV Dukes of Hazardous will be collecting household hazardous waste in front of the clubhouse from 11:30 a.m. until noon on the last

Saturday of the month, November 26.

Thanks to the help from team members Ken Ingle and Don Hellar, we have not had to turn anyone away for the last two months. Just a couple of hints, please tape your fluorescent tubes together. We can take most batteries, including golf cart and car batteries. Please put them in plastic bags to prevent leakage. Empty paint cans can be disposed of in your regular trash can. We do take old meds and sharps in a hard plastic container as well.

We are limited to 15 gallons of liquid or 125 pounds of solids per vehicle.

There are flyers in the clubhouse entrance for you to take if you are not sure what we can accept. If you still have any questions please call Norm @ 916-910-9079. Thank you for your participation and help in keeping our wonderful community hazardous waste free.

Norm, Ken and Don your LVV Dukes of Hazardous

**BOCCE BALL**

**Norm and Renee Schoch**



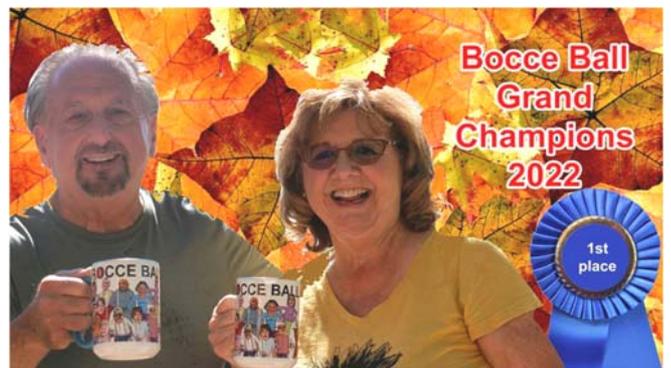
Hi all Bocce Ball lovers,

Well, it is over. Bocce has ended for this year. But we will start up again next spring.

But....., drum roll please, here are our Tournament Winners for this year.

**The Grand Champions**

**Hazel Teefy and Mike Vogel**



**Our Runners Up**  
**Mike Napolitano and**  
**Hal Cohen**



It has been fun having everyone out at the courts on Tuesday mornings. If you came to play, kudos to you; we loved having you. If you came as a spectator, we loved having you also. We always need cheerleaders to encourage and root for our players. And we need everyone to finish the doughnuts!

So in whatever capacity you have joined us, thank you for coming, and I hope that we will see you again in the spring. Take care everyone. Have fun and be safe.

**CORNHOLE**  
**Judy Vollmer**

Hey all you Cornhole enthusiasts, and anybody who has thought of trying it out. We will start up again the first Tuesday in January. This is a fun activity. Our goal is to just have fun! So mark your calendar! Cornhole runs every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Hope to see you then!

**BOTTLES AND CANS**  
**Jeff Petersen**

Well last month life got busy and I forgot to write about that month's collection. So now you get a two month report. In Sept. you donated \$390 of recyclable items. In Oct. you raised \$430. Thank you everyone for your donations. I want to thank all those who come out to separate the plastics from the aluminum cans

from the glass. Yes we still have people that do not separate the items. But, we are getting fewer bags that must be dealt with. Keep up the good work everyone.

**CRAFT FAIR**  
**Dorothy Ritter**



**AT OUR CLUBHOUSE**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 5**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Some vendors live here and some come from outside the park. There'll be lots of wonderful, creative things for you to admire - and maybe buy. It's a good way to get a head start on the holidays!

**THE CAFÉ**

When you get tired or hungry, head for our great café. Sit back, relax, visit with friends or make new friends. Have a cup of coffee, a snack or lunch. There'll be yummy things for you to choose from.

**BAKE SALE**

The very successful bake sale is all about the wonderful people who live here, because you generously bring everything we have to sell. We're nothing without you!

**Please bring your goodies to the**  
**clubhouse on Friday, Nov. 4,**  
**5:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

This will allow us to get a head start. If you can't do this, we'll be glad to take things on Saturday morning. **It's important to label** whatever you bring so we don't end up trying to sell a, "mystery item". If they have nuts, are sugar free or gluten free, please include that.

Any packaging you can do is a huge help; such as 6 or so cookies (depending on size) in a baggie, 6 cupcakes on a plate, etc. Be sure to use clear wrapping so people can see what's

inside, and using toothpicks can help keep the wrap off of frosting.

Please don't put on prices, and we don't do consignment. If you have any questions, **call Dorothy Ritter, 916-725-0223.**

## **THANKSGIVING BASKET RAFFLE** **Renee Schoch**

November brings Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving brings our Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Raffle.

We had some beautiful baskets last year and we are hoping all of you will put on your thinking caps and use your creativity to create even more beautiful baskets this year.

These baskets will be raffled off at our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19th. This is a Lakeview Village Fund Raiser, so all the money we raise from these donated baskets goes into the association's general fund. These funds allow us to provide our residents with first class bands and programs similar to our Elvis Impersonator program.

The deadline for the finished baskets is November 16th. Your finished baskets can be brought to the clubhouse on the following dates and times.

Nov. 8th. 10 to 11 am  
Nov 10th 10 to 11 am  
Nov. 12th 10 to 11 am  
Nov 14th 11 to 12 am  
Nov. 15th. 1 to 2 pm  
Nov 16th 10 to 11 am

Either Andrea Segal Parrish or me, Renée Schoch, will be there on these dates and times to accept your baskets.

We will be selling raffle tickets for the baskets at all of our events. Our Happy2Hours, our social committee and board meetings, the association meeting, and the Christmas Craft Fair.

We will be conducting our raffle a little differently this year. We're doing what is called a Chinese Auction. Each beautiful basket will be displayed with a bag in front of it for you to deposit your tickets. You will put your tickets in the bag that corresponds to the basket that you would like to win. You can put all your tickets in one bag or divide them into many bags. This way you have a better chance of winning the raffle basket of your choice. And, it is ok if you win more than one basket! The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning!

And now for the really good news. Tickets will be selling for:

**\$1.00 EACH OR 10 FOR \$5.00 !**

**WOW! THAT IS A SUPER DEAL!**

Just remember that this year , **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

We will have the baskets on display on November 17th at the clubhouse from 10 a.m. until noon. This gives you a chance to come look at the baskets and put your tickets in the bags of the baskets that you would like to win. We will also have the baskets on display at the Thanksgiving Dinner with plenty of time for you to drop more tickets into the bags before the drawings for each basket.

So make your baskets now, while your ideas are fresh in your mind. If you have any questions please feel free to call Andrea or me. Happy Basket making , and Good Luck in obtaining the beautiful basket of your choice.

**Happy Fall Ya'all !**

**Renee Schoch, 916-718-1162 and Andrea Segal Parrish, 916-730-7930**

## **PET TALK** **Melinie diLuck**



### **Words...pages of words**

I grew up on books. One of my first memories was holding my dad's hand as we climbed the stairs to the Fresno Library. Sometime later he held my hand walking down the steps as he held our books that would hold us until the next week. I grew up loving books, but I lusted after a Kindle. Thanks to my sweet husband who gave me my first Kindle when they were brand new. Several Kindles later, I read on my latest edition of Kindle Fire. I am rarely without my Kindle because you never know when you might have a few minutes to read.

So on to my traditional Christmas Wish List...books, Kindle or otherwise.

*Bunny Boy and Me* by Nancy Laracy was a winner for me since I grew up with rescued rabbits and have always had a soft spot in my heart for them. I particularly wanted to read this book because the author shares her struggles with Fibromyalgia with me. Nancy adopts a rescued rabbit that closely bonds with her after he develops his own autoimmune disease and develops severe jaw abscesses leading to countless surgeries that don't affect his happy disposition.

*Nala's World* by Dean Nicholson is the true story of a man who decides to set off from Scotland to cycle around the world. This was not just a sightseeing trip. No. Dean's aim was to learn as much as he could about our troubled planet. Along the way a hitchhiker, a young short hair tabby cat jumped on his shoulder and never let go. This is the story of the two of them as he cycles around the vast country. You can catch his adventures on You Tube videos. He does have an accent.

*A Dog Named Boo* by Lisa Edwards is the true story of a woman who came upon an abandoned

litter of puppies. Lisa was drawn immediately to the runt, a white puppy who walked into walls and into her heart. This is the story of one woman who rescues one dog who in turn rescues her. Lisa trains Boo to be a service dog. Warning, this true story tugged at my heart and a few tears flowed, but I'm glad that I read it.

*Piglet* by Melissa Shapiro is the true story of a blind pink dog. I fell in love with the veterinarian who found time to write her story about her busy life fostering abandoned and abused dogs. When she receives a call about a white dog found in a hoarding situation, she does not hesitate to say "yes" to taking care of this blind dog. Your heart will melt as you read their story. Once you close this book you can continue to follow their story on Facebook's page, Piglet.

*When Harry Met Minnie* is the true story told by the CBS Sunday morning reporter, Martha Teichert and her Bull Terrier, Minnie. This is not a book about a dog's romance, but it is a story shared with the ill owner of Harry who meets Martha one day and how their lives change and intertwine along with their dogs. It is funny and touching and I shed a few tears toward the end, but I have read it twice so far and will probably read it yearly.

I will end with my last recommendation for your Christmas list, *My Life Among the Underdogs* by Tia Torres. If you like pit bulls or change to the other side of the street to avoid one, this is the book for you. I always avoided them until I read this book and watched the author's program on Animal Planet. Tia saw a tremendous need to save pit bulls by founding her No-Kill shelter in southern California...now relocated to New Orleans. She and her family are working tirelessly to change people's opinion of pit bulls. Tia shows how loving this breed of dog can be and how they can be a great family dog.

I hope you found some ideas on gift books. You may decide to buy two, one to give and one to keep and read.

## **BOOK CLUB**

**Glenda Tinsley**

*“You know you’ve read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.”—Paul Sweeney.*

***Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, this month we’ll meet on Friday, November 18th, 10:00 a.m. sharp, in the clubhouse.***

Books selected to read/discuss are in a variety of genres and are loaned to club members at no charge, courtesy of the Sylvan Oaks Public Library’s free service of *Book Club in a Box*.

For complete information, contact LV book club leader, Glenda (831) 252-9440 or (916) 599-7727.

## **ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**Sandra Huddleston**

Join the Arts and Craft group and do fun group crafts like these pumpkins. We meet every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We are going to do a holiday group craft project in November. During our regular sessions you can bring anything to work on; residents paint, crochet, knit, color, do jewel art and many other crafts. Join the fun. Questions? Contact Sandra Huddleston 916-844-4636, [g\\_mahuddleston@yahoo.com](mailto:g_mahuddleston@yahoo.com)



## **IMPROV GROUP**

**Glenda Tinsley**

Our next Improv get together will be Thursday, November 17th at 2 p.m. in the coffee room of the clubhouse.

## **BINGO**

**Judy Wilson**

Bingo is played every other Thursday. Come at 5:30 p.m. to get your paper and the game starts at 6:30 p.m. This month, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be just one Bingo on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **LIBRARY**

**Betty Rentsch**

We started to move books around in the library to free up space for new reads. I worked on the hardbound books and moved them to start on the bookcase beside the puzzles. So now "A" authors begin by the puzzles. Judy Wilson moved the audio books, DVDs and misc. items to the empty bookcase by the pool room. Thank you for all your help, Judy. Will tackle paperbacks next and try to weed out old books or duplicates and take them to Goodwill or the Sylvan Library.

Again, I ask you to not leave bags or boxes of books on the library table. Yesterday the table was full of books and two old American flags. Because I am not sure how to respectfully dispose of the flags Norm Schoch and Diane Weber were contacted. They will implement a system so flags can be left somewhere in the clubhouse. Please hold onto your flags until notification of a system in place. Any questions, call me at 916-205-6397.





*Loving memories never die,  
As years roll on and days pass by.  
In our hearts a memory is kept,  
Of ones we loved and will never forget.*

Suzanne Barnes



## **HELPFUL HINTS AND THINGS TO KNOW**

**Wanda Johnson**

### **Turkey trivia:**

Domesticated turkeys have white tipped tails; wild turkeys have dark tipped tails (aren't you glad to know that?)

Why do turkeys gobble? Only male turkeys, or toms, can make a call known as a gobble, and they do it mostly in the spring and fall. It is a mating call and attracts hens. Wild turkeys gobble when surprised by loud sounds and when they settle in for the night.

What's that weird wobbly thing on a turkeys neck, you ask? The loose red skin on the underside of the beak is called a wattle. When the male is excited it turns scarlet red. The fleshy flap of skin that hangs over the gobblers beak is called a snood and also turns bright red when he is excited.

The wobbly little thing on the turkey's chest is his beard.

The domestic tom can weigh up to 50 pounds, the hen up to 16 pounds. Wild turkeys are smaller and can fly!!!

I'm sure your Thanksgiving will be soooo much better just by knowing all this keen stuff!

## **CRIBBAGE**

**Val Lea**

The dates for November Cribbage are as follows:-November 8th and 22nd at 6.30 p.m. in the club house. Looking forward to seeing you all there. past, present, and new members are most welcome. Want to learn to play - just come along and we will show you how.

Call Val with any questions 1-408-460-6345

## **LARKS CHORUS**

**Dorothy Ritter**

Save the date! The Larks chorus will present their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 4 p.m. You'll enjoy some traditional Christmas songs along with a story and there will be a few sing alongs.

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See you next month.



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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