



# THE CRIER

**December 2022**

## **BOARD PRESIDENT**

**Leslie Beecher**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS to ALL...

First of all, I'd like to thank Sandra Huddleston and everyone involved in putting on our VETERANS DAY

CELEBRATION. It was very well attended and a huge success! We are so thankful to all of our veterans who served and helped to keep our country safe...Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Scott Miller, COO of Catholic Cemetery Services attended our association meeting this last month and updated us on the progress at the back gate. We will probably be facing a few more minor inconveniences until the gate is finished. February 2023 is the projected date for finalization of the project, however offices for their staff will be open in January. Please note there will be no pedestrian exit or entrance at the back gate once the work is done. The good news is there is still security at the construction site and there will on-site security when the project is completed.

I'd like to mention that our SPEAKER SERIES is beginning this month. On Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at noon there will be a free catered luncheon featuring a talk on Preplanning for Final Arrangements.

Resident Victor Lillywhite and his associate from Sunset Lawn Chapel of the Chimes will be sharing valuable information on why there is a need to plan for final arrangements. There will be no selling at this seminar. So please plan to attend and be updated on the latest information available. And, seriously who can turn down a FREE LUNCH.

Last but not least, Al FICHERA did our Crier cover this month with a Judeo-Christian theme. Congratulations to this very talented man!

## **SPOTLIGHT ON...**

**Anne Sandler**



**Cassandra Cisneros**

You've heard the expression "Run for your life" but have you heard the expression "Run for your joy?" Well, it may not be a well-known phrase, but Cassandra Cisneros knows it well. In fact, she does run for the love of it, and it brings her joy.

She is currently doing trail running which combines running and hiking on unpaved hiking trails often in mountainous terrains. "This type of running takes determination and a love of running. It takes months of training and we do it because we love it," says Cassandra, 50 years old and Lake View Village resident living with her mom Elsa Cisneros.

Her love for this sport began in 1998. "I was leaving an abusive relationship and wanted to gain self-esteem," she says.

Life does have a way of leading us in the right direction. She joined Team in Training, an organization that raises funds in support of the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. “While in this group, I trained to walk or run marathons; short runs during the week and on Saturday, long runs, 5-Ks and fun runs,” Cassandra says. “I ran ½ marathons, 13.1 miles, for a long time.”



She eventually switched to trail running, in 2011, and found her true passion. “I’ve run 50-Ks, 50 miles and 100 miles races,” says Cassandra. “I’ve completed three 100-mile races.”

A battle with breast cancer didn’t stop her. “I ran during my breast cancer treatment which was diagnosed in October 2012,” she says. She continued running until she received her last treatment in 2014. If cancer couldn’t stop her, nothing would---definitely not the 100-mile races.

The average time to complete a 100-mile run is about 30 hours. That’s 30 hours of non-stop

movement, and they run through the night. “On these long overnight runs, we have a pacer who runs with us. They encourage us to stay with it and not give up. They also keep you eating and drinking,” Cassandra says. “Two years ago, I tripped and fell, injuring my back. I didn’t know whether I could run again.”

Fortunately, she overcame that injury and was able to continue participating in her running passion. “I race in Santa Cruz and now in Auburn. There are lots of hills and climbing in Auburn. It’s more technical and we watch out for rocks. But I love it!” she says.

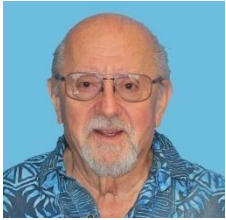
She’s joined Pama Kids, a Bay Area organization that also raises money for charitable causes. Her recent finish of a 100-mile race was in September. “When I crossed the finish line, I felt proud, overwhelmed, thankful and shocked that I made it,” Cassandra says. “I dug deep and accomplished my goal. It’s an overwhelming feeling of joy!”

But sometimes she doesn’t make it across that line for various reasons. “It’s hard not to beat yourself up. The goal is to finish, and there’s usually a good reason if you can’t like illness, injury, and lack of training. For me, it’s like going through the grieving steps. The running community helps put it together and in perspective. There’s always a reason and I always learn from it,” she says.

When she doesn’t have her running shoes on, Cassandra works for the Citrus Heights Police Department as a Community Service Officer. She also reads and enjoys movie night. In the future she wants to continue running. “I want to keep running for a while. If I eat healthy and train, maybe just run fewer miles. Sometimes you need to go slow so you can keep going,” she says.

If you see Cassandra running around Lakeview, wave and shout “Hi. We are proud of what you’re doing!” After all, she’s running for her joy. What brings you joy?

## OUT FROM BEHIND SHENANIGANS BAR Al Fichera



Shenanigans wishes you a *(fill-in the blank)*! Merry Christmas, Seasons Greetings, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Yuletide, Cheers

Keeping it light this month, here's something a little different to offer your friends or cheers for yourself. You can use regular store bought Eggnog, unless you love making Eggnog from scratch and then elevates it nicely.

### **Eggnog Martini**

The recipe couldn't be simpler and easy to make, it only requires three ingredients and it's drinkable in minutes. If you have the ingredients on hand, any drop-in guest can be wowed with this festive drink.

What separates this recipe from the traditional eggnog is the liquor used, forego the dark liquors in favor of vanilla-flavored vodka instead. And then use Amaretto for a nice nutty sweetness. Of course, what makes this work is the store bought eggnog, such as Crystal Creamery's Eggnog found in just about every grocery store.

So, if you are looking for something a little different for a festive after-dinner drink, or just to sip with drop-in friends, you might consider an Eggnog Martini. Serve with one of the decorated Christmas Cookies you found in Walmart. You can make up a whole pitcher of this and store in the refrigerator before your guests arrive.

### **Ingredients**

- 1 1/2 ounces(*jigger*) **Smirnoff Vanilla Vodka**
- 1 ounce **amaretto liqueur** (*Any brand works depending on how much you want to spend.*)

- 2 ounces **eggnog** (*Store bought or homemade.*)
- Ground nutmeg, for garnish (*Or grate your own.*)
- Cinnamon stick, for optional garnish.

### **Steps to Make It**

1. Gather the ingredients, (*duh*).
2. In a **cocktail shaker** filled with ice, add the vanilla vodka, amaretto, and eggnog.
3. **Shake very well** (*at least 20 seconds, like very good too!*)
4. **Strain** into a chilled (*in the freezer is best*) cocktail glass and dust with ground nutmeg.  
Garnish with a cinnamon stick if you are wealthy; have you priced those sticks lately?
5. If you don't have one of those fancy cocktail shakers, just refrigerate everything ahead, works just as good.

Hope to see you at our **'HANG A BALL'** Happy 2 Hours on Saturday December 3rd and for our big New Years Eve blast, of course on the 31st.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Kathy Cooley and Peggy Hollis**



It is hard to believe that the holiday season is here. We have many activities planned for the rest of the year. Our monthly meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. Our next meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to join us for discussion and treats!

The Halloween dance was a MONSTERMENTAL success! Nearly everyone who attended was in costume. Winners in each

category were: SCARIEST: Terry Bales, Big Bad Wolf, ORIGINAL: Gary Kiddie/ Janet Bailey, Crueller & Dog Catcher BEST COUPLE: Phil/Hazel Teeny, Pharaoh & Cleopatra BEST WITCH: Joan Eckert FUNNIEST: Rickey Davis, Hawaiian Skirt & Coconut Bra.

Tickets for the New Year's Eve dance will be on sale December 13, 14, & 15 from 10 a.m. To noon in the clubhouse. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please bring an appetizer to share with others. Our favorite band, FBI, will be there to play our most popular tunes.

**December, 2022**

**Day**

2, 9, 16	Farmers Market	10 to 11 a.m.
2	Decorate Clubhouse	10:00 a.m.
3	Happy 2 Hour	4 to 6 p.m.
8	Teddy Bear Potluck Luncheon	11:30 to 2 p.m.
11	The Larks Christmas Show	3 to 4 p.m.
13	Final Arrangements Seminar	12 to 2:00 p.m.
14	Social Committee Mtg	10 to 11 a.m.
"	Board Mtg	11 to noon
13, 14, 15	New Year's Eve ticket sales	10 to noon
16, 17	House Decoration Judging	7:00 p.m.
31	Decorate Clubhouse	10:00 a.m.
31	New Year's Eve - Appetizers	7:30 to 12 am

**COMPUTER USERS' GROUP**

**Rosalie Ingle**



Do you use an iPhone? A Laptop? A Notebook? A Computer? Do you receive phone calls or emails that you are not sure are real – or are they spam? Are you not sure how to check out a company on the internet? What does that “word” you heard someone use actually mean? Want to check out your next travel destination? These and so much more are discussed at the “Computer

Users' Group”. You are invited to learn more about how to use your electronic items by coming to our next CUG meeting.

We always meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the clubhouse. Our December meeting will be Wednesday, December 7. You are invited to bring your electronic device to the meeting to show us your problems. Some of us go out for lunch after the meeting and you are also welcome to join in. That is where we learn more about you and your needs.

**FROM DIANE'S KITCHEN**

**Diane Perry**



I wanted to beat the summer heat, so I froze lots of fruit and made jam this fall. My sister asked me to make some Christmas jam that she'd tasted in the Amish country. Thanks to Google I found a recipe for Christmas jam. I think it's good enough to share.

**Christmas Jam**

- 12 ounces cranberries (thaw if frozen)
- 16 ounces strawberries (thaw if frozen)
- 1 orange, peeled & sectioned
- 2 teaspoons orange zest
- 1/4 teaspoon each ground cloves, ground cinnamon, ground allspice
- 4 cups cane sugar
- 1 package powdered fruit pectin
- 1/2 teaspoon butter
- 1/2 cup water

Sterilize jars, lids, and rings. Using a food processor or blender coarsely chop cranberries and orange. Add the strawberries, orange zest, and spices. Mix the ingredients and process until everything is finely chopped. Do not puree. Stir the fruit mixture and water into a 5-quart stock pot. Add the fruit pectin and butter. Bring the mixture to a rolling boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Add sugar to the mixture. Return to a full rolling boil. Boil for

exactly 1 minute. Remove from heat and skim off foam with a metal spoon. Immediately ladle hot jam into hot sterilized jars, leave 1/4-inch head space. Wipe rims and threads. Center lids and put on the rings. Rings should be finger tight. At this point you can refrigerate the jam, but it will only last for about 2 weeks and must be kept in the refrigerator. Process in a water bath canner for 10 minutes. Let sit for 24 hours. Check for lids for seal. With a good seal jam will last for 18 months. Makes about 6 half pint jars.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

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

Happy Holidays! Janet and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a great new year in 2023. We love this season and all the beautifully decorated homes in Lakeview. May the new year bring you and your family many blessings.

We had a wonderful guest speaker at our November meeting. Officer Ken Spenser spoke to us about crime prevention, holiday safety, and many other topics of interest to our group. For those attending I promised I would share a website concerning Crime Statistics in Sacramento County and the ability to see what crimes are being committed in our local and surrounding areas. There are several places you can go but I like *LexisNexis Community Crime Maps*. You can literally click an icon of a house anywhere on the map and see that there was a residential burglary or click on a car and read that it was probably a car thief or break-in, or a picture of a mask on some street and it will probably tell you it was a robbery. It is pretty informative, and one can even sign up for crime alerts. There are also *Neighborhood Scout* and Sacramento Sheriff's Crime rates. As mentioned last month, WE WILL NOT HAVE A MEETING THIS MONTH. But if any of you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me. For the new residents, we will resume our regular monthly

meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in January (January 18<sup>th</sup>) at 6 pm. All are welcome. We will try to discuss topics of interest and listen to those that want to participate in the discussions. For new attendees it is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and get acquainted with what we are all about. Again, as usual, I will provide some snacks and you can bring your own beverages.

Your Social Committee and board are working extremely hard to help provide many activities and events for our residents. It is a monumental task and we, as residents, need to support their efforts. Come out and enjoy this community as it is meant to be. Read your Crier to find what you need to enjoy this community to the fullest.

Again, if you see anything unusual, please contact one of us. If I am unavailable call another volunteer.

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

**FARMER'S MARKET**  
**Sandra Huddleston**



The Farmers Market will begin to have fresh citrus fruit available gathered from the trees here in our park in the new year. The market will be closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday weekends. Panera bread will be available on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of December between 11:00 a.m. and noon in the clubhouse coffee room. All the volunteers who keep the market going would like to thank all the residents who participated. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



**BUNCO**  
**Beulah Radcliff and Cindy Cronk**



December is here and so are the busy days. Remember to join the Bunco group as we have a moment away from holiday planning. Bunco is on December 20 at 1 p.m. in the clubhouse. The cost is only \$5 and all money is returned in prizes. Questions can be directed to Cindy at 916-390-7726 or Beulah at 916-725-4928.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
**Norm Schoch (Hazardous Hairy)**



We are taking the December holiday off because the last Saturday is New Years Eve, but will resume again on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, and continue throughout 2023 as needed. Thank you all for taking advantage of this service. It has been a pleasure to help our fellow residents dispose of their hazardous items properly.

The Lakeview Village Veteran's group now has a box just outside the pool room entrance for collection of old faded, tattered, and torn flags. This is to make it more convenient for residents instead of having to come to the LV Vets group meeting. You can place them in the box and we will take it from there.

Happy Holidays from The LVV Dukes of Hazardous Norm, Ken and Don.

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

Even though it was raining, and I did not drown, and we were able to collect \$257. Thank you to everyone who donated your CRV items.

A special thanks to Joann Ford, Diane Perry, and of course Karen Petersen for sorting and helping me to collect everything.

A big thanks to Mark Reed for also collecting your CRV items.

**VETERANS' GROUP**  
**Diane Weber**

We will once again meet at the clubhouse Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.. Diane Weber, LCSW is the facilitator. If you have questions, please call at 530-828-5777

**BOOK CLUB**  
**Glenda Tinsley**



***“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.” Charles W. Eliot***

Join us at the *Lakeview Village Book Club*. **We will meet this month on Friday, December 16; 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.

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



Wow! What a fun day, and we ended up with a total profit of \$1,370.00 for the association. Many thanks to Diane Perry and her crew who

always do a great job with the cafe, and to Evie Sholtis and Ruth Milligan who took good care of the bake sale again.

The bake sale made \$400.00 and that's because people make so many wonderful things for us to sell. (We're always impressed by all of the Christmas decorations, and pretty bows, etc.) A special "Thank You" goes to the person who brought in not one, but two, full size cakes - in containers. We weren't there when they arrived, so we don't know who donated them, but they sold quickly and for a very good price. Finally, many thanks go to Peggy and Scott Hillis who braved the chilly morning air to post our Craft Fair signs inside and outside of the park.

### **OUTDOOR DECORATION JUDGING** **Sandra Huddleston**

This is a fun way to drive around Lakeview Village and see all the wonderful decorations that residents have done. Residents can pick up a ballot at the clubhouse in the afternoon or either night. There will be maps of the park available.

After dark, drive around the park in a car or golf cart and make your picks. Once you are finished return your ballot to the ballot box in the clubhouse. I will pick up the ballots, count them, post the results in the Crier and post them on the bulletin board. You can vote for more than one residence in each category. Write down the address of each resident you have voted for. Have fun!

Categories are: 1. Best depiction of the Holidays 2. Most decorations/lights, 3. Inflatables 4. Humorous 5. Religious/Spiritual 6. Most Original, 7. Most Decorated Street Point of Contact: Sandra Huddleston [g\\_mahuddleston@yahoo.com](mailto:g_mahuddleston@yahoo.com) or 916-844-4636

### **IMPROV GROUP** **Glenda Tinsley**

Our next Improv get together will be Thursday, December 15th 2 p.m. in the coffee room of the clubhouse.

### **LIBRARY** **Betty Rentsch**

It has been a busy month at the library; our shelves are sagging with amazing new books. We received a bag of large print romance and they are located on the bottom shelf in the second bookcase to right of the puzzle table.

We had a complaint regarding cleaning out old magazines so if you have any you would like to share with your neighbors they would be appreciated. Space is limited so recent issues only please.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help keep our library amazing. You rock!



*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.*

Don Harvey  
Nick Windeshausen  
Barbara Lopez-Wright  
David Johndreau



## **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, Bingo will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

## **CRIBBAGE**

**Val Lea**

The dates for Cribbage this month are Dec 6th and the 20th. All are welcome, so come and try a new game or enjoy an old one you used to play. For more details call Val 408-460-6345.

## **LARKS CHORUS**

**Dorothy Ritter**

**An invitation to you,  
Your Family and Friends**

**A FREE CHRISTMAS SHOW**

**RING THE BELLS**



**OF CHRISTMAS**  
**Hear Wonderful Music**

**With a Story,  
and a Sing Along**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 11  
3:00 P.M.**

## **GARDENING NEWS**

**Martha Kelley**

Let's not go to sleep and forget our garden space Winter Care!

If you don't have your free garden space yet, SIGN UP NOW at the LVV Management Office! If you don't want a space, still collect your composting stuff, and bring it to one of the composting spaces at the garden that will be shared with those who do want to beef up their garden space with BLACK GOLD (Examples of composting stuff are posted in the clubhouse on the bulletin board).

Composting and getting your garden space ready for spring planting takes time and that time is NOW. If you will let me know you want help in how to do this, please call/text and/or send your contact email. I will help you get started.

**Get started now by collecting:** toilet paper/hand towel rolls, egg cartons, clear plastic jugs with cap/kitchen waste/hair/coffee, tea grounds/paper towels or napkins. Mulched and/or unmulched leaves, green yard cuttings, small twigs, and dead plants.

**NO onions/garlic/meat/oily items/cooked food/poop/seeds/weeds/intrusive vines like wisteria or mint.**

You may bring stuff anytime to the garden spaces marked, once you know where they are, or on Fridays during the Farmer's Market time (10 to 11 a.m.) and I will get it to the garden composting spaces. Do let me know your contact information and we can talk about how you can contribute your composting materials or start your own space! Next month we will talk about worm farming in buckets! Or just call and I can get you started!

Martha: (916) 390-6295  
[mkelley7117@gmail.com](mailto:mkelley7117@gmail.com)

## **PREPLANNING SEMINAR**

### **Victor Lillywhite**

Do you know what to do if a loved one suddenly passes away? Would it surprise you to know there are 72 decisions that must be made when a death occurs? How about the 25 documents you need before you die?

You can learn the benefits of preplanning at an upcoming seminar on December 13<sup>th</sup> at noon presented by preplanning experts from the Sunset Lawn Chapel of the Chimes. It's a FREE luncheon program presented in the clubhouse. Space is limited, so please RSVP to [Victor.lillywhite@nsmg.com](mailto:Victor.lillywhite@nsmg.com) or call him at 916-922-5833 to reserve a seat. Be assured this is an informational seminar only – no selling is involved.

### **THE MIRACLE AND MYSTERY OF “SILENT NIGHT”**

How did a song composed by two obscure men, and sung in a tiny village church, end up in so many countries and languages around the world? And how did it become so popular that it is the most recorded song in the history of music?

#### **The History**

A Catholic priest named Joseph Mohr was out walking on a bright, moonlit night in December, and when he arrived back at his mission, he was inspired to write a poem. He wrote four verses then put it away with the other poems he had written.

A few years later he was transferred to St. Nicholas Church in the tiny village of Oberndorf, Austria, not far from Salzburg. His job was to make sure all of the preparations were made for each mass, which included the music. Of course, a tiny village had a small church, and a small choir. The church also had an old organ that had been repaired many times.

On the morning of December 24, he was got the news that the old organ was broken again. This was distressing because it meant there would be no music for the important Christmas Eve mass! He rushed to his room, went through his poems and selected one. Then he took it to the home of the choir master, Franz Gruber, and asked if he could put it to music. Time was very short, so it would need to be a simple tune that he could teach to the choir.

On Christmas Eve, accompanied by his guitar, a new song was sung for the very first time. The title was Stille Nacht (Silent Night).

#### **The Miracle**

The two men knew that the man coming to repair the organ was also an organist and vocalist, so they shared their new song with him. He was so impressed that as he traveled to different churches around the country, he shared the song. It continued to spread and soon became a favorite in Austria, as well as Switzerland and Germany.

Folk singing groups, with mostly family members (think the von Trapp family), were very popular, and one group included the song at a European competition where it was heard by a large audience. It then spread throughout Europe and beyond. German immigrants are credited with bringing it to America.

#### **The Mystery**

It was already Christmas Eve and time was very short, so why did Joseph Mohr decide to get one of his poems, take it to Franz Gruber, and ask him to write music to words he had never seen before?

And why did Franz Gruber do it? It would have been much easier to just use his guitar and sing a song the choir already knew.

This will remain a mystery, because we will never know the answer.

## THE STORY OF SANTA CLAUS

Today we know Santa Claus as a jolly plump man who wears a red suit and spectacles, and lives at the North Pole. He operates a toy workshop with elves, and keeps a list year-round that indicates which children around the world are naughty and nice. And he travels on Christmas Eve in a sleigh pulled by reindeer to deliver gifts or coal, depending on which list you're on. But the story of Santa Claus didn't always go like that. In fact, its origins are hundreds of years ago.

The story of Santa Claus began with a monk named Saint Nicholas who was born around A.D. 280 in modern-day Turkey. He was much admired for his generosity and eventually became a popular saint across Europe for centuries, and in different sects of Christianity. Nicholas reportedly gave away all his inherited wealth while he was alive and would travel far and wide to give to the poor and help the sick. A feast is celebrated in his honor across the globe on the day of his death (December 6) linking him to the time of year people celebrate other winter holidays, typically in relation to the winter solstice. The name **Santa Claus** is derived from the Dutch "Sinter Klaas." And the Dutch, who often celebrated his feast every year, brought his legacy to the United States in the 1700s.

In 1822, Clement Clarke Moore wrote a long Christmas poem called "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas," which we now know as "The Night Before Christmas." In this poem, Moore describes how old Saint Nicholas wears a red suit, slides down chimneys, and delivers presents on a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Over the years, others have added elements to this story and have used it to market merchandise at the end of the year, as well as promote the gift-giving spirit. Christkind or Kris Kringle delivers presents to well-behaved Swiss and German children. In Scandinavia, a jolly elf named Jultomten delivers gifts from a sleigh pulled by goats. And in England, Father Christmas visits each home on Christmas Eve to fill children's stockings with holiday treats,

while Pere Noel is responsible for filling the shoes of French children. Other countries colonized by Europeans have also adopted some version of this story over the years.

What's fascinating about the story of Santa Claus (or whatever you call him in your home country) is that it all started with one generous man who lived hundreds of years ago and traveled around to give gifts and offer hope to others. And over the years, it was embellished by the human imagination.

The tradition of gift-giving itself has its origins in the Christian gospels, which tell of "wise men from the East" bearing gifts for the Christ child.

## BEFANA THE WITCH AND THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated widely across Europe, and usually revels in the time-period when the three wise men realized that Jesus was born to bring peace on Earth. It also centers around the time of year when winter solstice celebrations took place in ancient and pagan cultures, when large feasts were enjoyed after harvesting season before winter started in full force and crops were temporarily unavailable.

In Italy, legend has it that during this time of celebration, the three wise men had knocked on an elderly woman's door to ask for directions to Jesus's manger, so they could bring him offerings. Her name was Befana. She was kind and sheltered the wise men, but didn't know how to get to Jesus. They asked her to come along with them when they set off to find the manger, but she declined at first. Once they left her home, however, she changed her mind and wanted to offer Jesus a gift. But due to snow covering their tracks, she couldn't find the wise men. So, to this day, she goes around leaving gifts for every child in Italy, just in case one of them is the baby Jesus. This is how children receive their gifts every year.

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**Mark DiPietro 916-990-8901**

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**Vickie 510-410-6142**

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**Dan 916-722-0590 (lv. Message)**

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**Martha Kelley 1-916 390--6295**

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**Lyn - 916-276-3330**

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**Kathleen Sanders 1-602-751-4406**

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registered with the state and have great references.

**Joyce 1-916-690-7305**

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