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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Leslie Beecher



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Many fun events are coming
in DECEMBER...

—DECORATE THE TREE IN
THE CLUBHOUSE

- TEDDY BEAR LUNCHEON
- HOLIDAY PARTY AND HOUSE JUDGING
- NEW YEARS EVE DINNER DANCE

December looks to be a very busy month here at Lakeview. FUN, FUN, FUN. We do not have an actual Happy Hour this month but plenty of other activities to keep us busy...

The three notable events you will want to attend are...

- Teddy Bear Luncheon
- Holiday Party/House Judging
- New Years Eve Dinner/Dance

This is the last month to really get your PARTY ON. We also realize most folks are busy decorating their homes, Christmas trees, hosting friends and family, as well as shopping, cooking and traveling. Bottom line we are busy this month!

The TEDDY BEAR LUNCHEON is notable because this is a time to celebrate and give back to our First Responders (CHPD and the CITRUS HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT). Many of these folks have become our friends as well as our heroes. They definitely contribute to the well-being of our community. So, please let's give back by attending this event on December 5th and celebrate our heroes.

Also, remember to DONATE a TEDDY BEAR or STUFFED ANIMAL...It is for a good cause!! Rene Schoch will give you more details in her article.

Next, I'd like to thank Sandra Huddleston and her volunteers for hosting another great Veterans Day Breakfast! And we also cannot forget our fabulous Holiday Craft Fair put on by Sam Kuykendall and Cathy Wheeler! Thank you again for everyone responsible for these two wonderful events!!

I realize some of you have noticed new building going on at the Catholic Cemetery behind us...I reached out to Scott Miller (COO of Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services).

He states that currently construction is underway for their new maintenance facility and garage to house the hearses and flower vans. Exterior work should be completed by the end of this year and staff should start moving in by Easter.

Also, they have partnered with the City of Citrus Heights and the Citrus Heights VETERANS' MEMORIAL PROJECT to build a scaled replica of the VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL WALL. They are currently in the design and fundraising stage of the project.

I am working with Scott on a time for him to visit Lakeview and update us on their latest developments in the New Year.

Since we are deep into the holiday season, I want to remind everyone about packages we receive when we are away...please let neighbors or trusted friends know about packages left at your door when you are not home...PORCH PIRATES are everywhere driving around checking for packages. Don't be a victim.

On a happier note, I realize holidays are hard for many of us...So, starting in January we will be hosting an informal MORNING WAKE UP. This will take place in JANUARY on Thursday mornings to help take away the after HOLIDAY BLUES.

We will have coffee, tea and donuts available every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. (January 9, 16, 23, and 30). Please come by the clubhouse to mix and mingle with your neighbors.

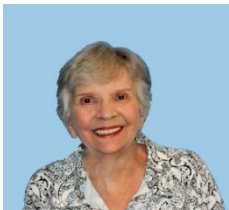
- meet a new friend
- informal (no need to dress up)
- no sign ups, no tickets, no stress!
- have a cup of coffee, tea, donuts and hang out on us. WOW, I'm all in.

Last, but not least, don't forget the Christmas House Judging and Holiday Party and let's ring in the New Year with our 2025 New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

FROM THE EDITOR

Linda Evans

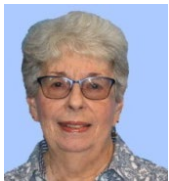


As we end another year let us be thankful for all of the good things that came our way in 2024 and look forward to those to come in the new year. Happy Holidays!

From Norman Vincent Peale comes this simple quote: *"The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for."*

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Anne Sandler



Lori Withers

You know that TV commercial where the pink bunny beats a drum and just keeps going, going and going? Well, we have our own bundle of energy here in Lakeview Village. Lori Withers, 60, just won't slow down. And we don't mind it.

She's always been either working or volunteering. Here's her timeline beginning with her first job:

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Trucker driving big rigs
- Case Construction Equipment
- Bartender/cocktail waitress
- Safeway
- Caregiver to mom and stepdad
- Lyft driver
- Sacramento Fire Volunteer
- VFW in Stockton
- Cal Fire
- Part-time job coach for the Community Integration Work Program

Are you tired yet? I am. Let's just talk about the highlights.



Case Construction Equipment.

"I got my job at Case, because of my experience driving big rigs to Kettleman City, exchanging trailers and driving back to Sacramento. It was fun, loading up the truck with parts." she says.

Lori didn't mind being a female in a male dominated industry. But she did hit her head on the glass ceiling more than once. "I didn't like being passed over for promotions. I was never harassed. They knew I'd report them."

Despite the gender inequality, Lori was promoted to parts manager and then trained the male employees when they became parts managers. She worked for Case in San Jose and San Leandro. "I would deliver parts to job sites and was in the area of the Loma Prieta earthquake when it hit. I was lucky that day," says Lori.

Her job at Case lasted 30 years. "I wanted to quit, but I also wanted unemployment," Lori says. "It took me a year of being the worst employee before they finally fired me." Lori is definitely a determined person, especially since Case didn't give her a retirement package.

She worked at Safeway while and after working at Case. This brings us to her next major life transition as a caregiver. Her stepdad broke his hip while they lived in Davis. Lori became their caregiver while also working part-time. Her stepdad died in 2017, and in 2019 Lori and her mom, Harriet Cohen, moved to Citrus Heights and Lakeview Village. “Mom wanted to move here. She was excited when she found this place and loved all the activities,” says Lori. “She also got me active helping out Diane Perry and the kitchen crew.”

Lori and Harriet managed through the COVID years by taking rides and enjoying the LVV’s beauty. Harriet passed away in 2022 from COPD and a heart condition. With 15 years of caregiving coming to an end, Lori was entering another transition period volunteering for Sacramento Fire and working for Cal Fire.

“Sacramento Fire gave volunteers free training for The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program which educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. CERT trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, like: Fire safety. Light search and rescue,” she says. “Then one day my best friend Jason Alexander of Alexander Rescue Fire Fighting called me up and asked me to help out through Cal Fire.”

This was essentially doing the same work, but getting paid for it. “We care for the families, provide transportation (logistics in moving people and products), and bring lunches to firefighters. I love it. I love to help first responders. I was a support during the Park and Rim fires,” Lori says. “I’m also trained in Swift Water Rescue.”

What is considered swift water rescue? The term “swift water rescue” refers to a subcategory of technical rescue involving fast-moving water conditions. Although sometimes called “white water rescue”, it applies to any rescue situation in an environment—rural or

urban—with moving water, including one not normally submerged, such as a flooded drainage area.

We’re not slowing down yet, that little bunny is still beating that drum!

When she’s not helping support the firefighting team, Lori drives Lyft for residents at LVV. “I also work at the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 67 on Stockton Blvd. in Sacramento. Lori gives credit to Jason who is an officer at the VFW for providing the focus she needed to get through her grief. As a part-time substitute job coach for the Community Integration Work Program, she helps physically and mentally disabled individuals of all ages.

“It’s always been hard for me to ask for help, but easy to help when asked. Jason was there when I needed a friend,” she says. “This job got me out of the house after Mom died. I felt horrible, sad, depressed. It was hard. I wasn’t happy,” Lori says.

Lori knows the need for self-defense through experience. “While driving in Livermore, I was carjacked. Two young girls had a knife to my neck and took my purse. A tow truck driver came down the street, I jumped out of the car. I was okay, but it changed the way I look at things. I keep my head on swivel and know where all exits are, etc. I also took a self-defense class.

What advice would she give young women? “Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do it, learn self-defense and volunteer—it’s good for your soul.”

There’s no need to be on guard in our kitchen where Lori spends a lot of time. And now she’s also on the new residents committee. “Do you know how many hugs I get?”

So, watch out for our energized Lori. She goes at full speed.

SHENANIGANS BAR

Al Fichera



Here are some holiday cocktail ideas for yourselves or that small party you might be inclined to throw for your guests. Some of these will take a little extra time and effort to make, but

you'll stun your guests with the results.

Let's start small, just you or the two of you at home on a cold and blustery night.

HOT TODDY

2 oz. Bourbon (your choice)

2 tbsp. Honey

1 tbsp. Fresh Lemon Juice (Who's gonna know if you use the plastic squeeze kind here? Just be sure it's the Sicilian style, hard to tell from fresh with this brand.) Possible garnishes, fresh lemon slices and a cinnamon stick. This recipe is for one drink.

The next cocktail serves two or that second drink for later, 😊.

MUDSLIDE

4 oz. Vodka (your choice)

2 oz. Kahlua (a coffee liqueur)

2 oz. Baileys Irish Crème

1/4 cup Heavy Cream (Half and half works for me.)

Squeeze bottle of chocolate syrup.

Possible garnish, chocolate shavings. Start by decorating the glass with chocolate syrup.

Another cocktail for two or just you, although a bit more work with a nice Holiday name.

SUGARPLUM SPRITZ

2 tbsp. Granulated Sugar (for glass edge if desired)

1/4 cup Simple Syrup (also for glass edge, can be eliminated if not desired)

4 oz. Plum Wine

2 oz. Maraschino Cherry Syrup

1 oz. Fresh Lemon Juice (note above idea here)

1 dash Bitters

8 oz. Dry Prosecco

Possible garnish — a couple of plum slices.

Directions: Place sugar on a small plate and simple syrup on another small plate, dip glass in the liquid and then roll the edge of the glass in the sugar.

Add all the ingredients except the Dry Prosecco into a shaker filled with ice, and shake vigorously until the shaker becomes frosty, about 20 seconds. And then strain into the glass and top with the Prosecco. Garnish with plum slices if desired.

For those needing a non-alcoholic punch, just eliminate the vodka. This one serves 12.

GRINCHY PUNCH

1 packet Kool-Aid Lemon Lime mix

4 cups of water

4 cups of ice

3 cups of 7UP (or similar)

2 cups of Pineapple Juice

1 cup of Ginger Ale

2 cups of Vodka (your choice)

The last recipe might be the one that knocks your party out of the park, or something like that. This one serves 8 to 10 guests or just the two of you for a few days. Shopping for this Mulled Cider will be an interesting adventure for sure.

WASSAIL

8 cups of Apple Cider

1 cup of Orange Juice

2 Lemons, sliced, plus more for serving

1 (1/2") piece of fresh ginger, peeled

1 bag of Black Tea

2 (3") cinnamon sticks, plus more for serving

6 Cardamom Pods

5 whole Cloves

3 Allspice Berries

2 Whole Star Anise pods, plus more for serving

Pinch of fresh grated Nutmeg

Bourbon or Brandy for serving the adults in the room. This is optional.

Directions are simple, let the ingredients marinate in the refrigerator for a few hours or a day or two before serving. Heat slightly before serving.

I hope you enjoy trying some of these cocktail recipes, remember not every cocktail needs alcoholic spirits, although they sure can make them a lot better for the adults in the room. Happy Holidays everyone, hope to see some of you enjoying our December Shenanigans celebrations, and of course the New Years Eve celebration on the 31st.

FROM DIANE'S KITCHEN

Diane Perry



Happy2Hour Changes in January

Another change? Yes, our experiment with free tickets for super Happy2Hours didn't work. We will not be using tickets for any Happy2Hour. Beginning with our Chinese New Year event on January 25, 2025, we plan on having one food serving time at each Happy2Hour. Food will be served from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. This will allow the kitchen staff to join in the fun and finish up earlier. Questions? Call or text Diane Perry at 408-242-3502.

Stuffed Artichoke Bottoms

Ingredients

12 artichoke bottoms
1 box frozen or 1-pound fresh spinach
1 tablespoon chopped shallots
1/2 cup sour cream
Salt, pepper, nutmeg
Parmesan cheese
Olive oil

Directions

1. Heat a small amount of oil in a frying pan. Add chopped shallots, cook until fragrant.
2. Add chopped spinach. Cook until spinach softens.
3. Keep spinach mixture on heat to make sure all the liquid has evaporated.

4. Let spinach mixture cool. Stir in sour cream. Mix well.
5. Season spinach mixture to taste with salt, pepper, and nutmeg.
6. Heap spinach mixture into artichoke bottoms and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.
7. Bake in a 350-degree oven for about 15 minutes or until heated and slightly brown on top.

*Use either canned or frozen artichoke bottoms. If frozen, simmer in boiling salted water for about 10 minutes to thaw and partially cook. If canned, rinse and drain.

Thank You

Thank you to Lorie Withers, Karen Petersen, Sue Wright, and Diane Weber for all your help with the Soupluck Potluck on November 9th. We all enjoyed sampling the wonderful soups made by residents.

Happy Holiday

Here's wishing you all a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy your friends and family. Don't miss the Teddy Bear Luncheon on December 5th, the Holiday Celebration December 14th, and our New Year's Eve Dance on December 31st. Look for more information about these events in this edition of the Crier.

NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS

Jon Zwanziger (916) 708-0544



ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!!!

It would normally be the week before Christmas which is a very busy time. Please take the opportunity to fully enjoy your time with family and friends over the holidays, and we'll meet again next year!

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: If you call me, and I don't recognize your number, I probably won't answer since I get a plethora of scam

calls every day. If I don't answer, just leave a voice mail; and I'll get back to you ASAP. If you text your message, please include your name and I'll add you to my address book for future reference.

Fortunately, there's not a lot to report. It seems that a leaf blower wandered off and hasn't been seen in over a week. Hmm? Let that be a reminder to keep your tools and other valuable items locked up! Also, keep your garages, cars, sheds and homes locked. Get your motion sensor lights and cameras installed as soon as possible. They are a proven deterrent!

Have you noticed an increase in the number of solicitors? They are not allowed to roam freely in the park and should be invited to leave if they haven't gotten permission from the office. It doesn't matter who they say they are representing. If it's not during business hours, they can just come back when it is. Fortunately, political solicitors should be a thing of the past; and we will no longer be burdened by what has been.

Always remember the "Circle of Safety" that includes you and your immediate neighbors. Get to know each other and find at least one trusted neighbor that you can contact for help or advice.

The non-emergency number for CHPD is 916-727-5500; but, they have encouraged us to use 911, especially if there is any immediate threat to person or property. Remember, when using the emergency 911 number, start your conversation with: "I'm in Lakeview Village and..." They will determine what response is appropriate. Please remember that we are observers, reporters and rarely confronters.

Always remain aware of your surroundings and be diligent in protecting our park and fellow residents.

Be sure to reserve **6:30 p.m. each 3rd Wednesday of the month except**

December for our future meetings, and we look forward to seeing you **NEXT YEAR!**

Finally, please let us know if you would like to be added to our contact list.

BE SAFE-STAY SAFE! (Psalm 91)

Contacts:

CHPD:	911/916-727-5500
JAY GLUCK:	916-728-6194
RICK SHAFER:	916-485-2523
JON ZWANZIGER	916-708-0544 (John 3:16)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Peggy Hillis



The Halloween Dinner party was lots of fun! 98 people attended and most of them were in costume. The most original costume prize was given to Lizette Bowers, Scariest costume was Dave Wheeler, the best couple was Glenda and Troy Tinsley and finally the best witch costume prize was awarded to Cindy James. Troy Tinsley was right there to take our pictures. I hope all of you will attend 2025's Halloween party and join in the fun.

December is full of events—Everyone is invited to help decorate the clubhouse Christmas tree on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m.** Last year the association purchased a beautiful new artificial tree and decorations for all residents to enjoy. If you would like to bring a snack to share that morning, please do!

Teddy Bear Potluck luncheon is **Thursday, December 5th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** We collect teddy bears and soft stuffed animals for the police department to give to children in crisis situations. Please donate a teddy bear or plush stuffed animal.

Decembers Happy2Hour on Saturday, 12/21 has been cancelled. The next Happy2Hour will be in January. **Holiday Party is on Saturday, 12/14 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

The New Years Eve Party is of course on the evening of **12/31 and starts at 7:30 to midnight.** I don't know about you, but I am happy to say goodbye to 2024 and celebrate a brand-new year by making new friends and catching up with old friends. Let's celebrate! The B Side Band will be playing some great tunes, and we can dance the night away. **Tickets will be available to purchase for \$10.00 each on Tuesday, 12/17, Wednesday, 12/18 and Thursday, 12/19** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. We are continuing the tradition of everyone bringing an appetizer to share that evening.

January is Gayle Wilson's Celebration of Life on Saturday, **January 18th from 2:00 p.m.** to 5:00 p.m. in the Lakeview Village clubhouse. Please RSVP to Paul March, 916-856-6966 by January 1st.

TECH4SENIORS **Scott Hillis**



The Tech 4 Seniors group meets on the first Wednesday of each month, **except for January 1, 2025.** I know that people will be recuperating from New Years Eve, watching T.V. or spending time with their families. **The actual meeting date will be January 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.** Now is the time to begin drafting New Year resolutions. Don't forget about your computerized devices. Delete unused files, update your apps, back up your data on thumb drives or on external hard drives. Blow 2024 food crumbs from your keyboard and clean your monitor screens.

Do you expect a new computer from Santa? Time to leave broad hints. I do have a document that covers how to purchase a new computer. Leave a copy laying around for that special someone to notice. Send me an email request (scott.hillis2013@gmail.com) and I'll send a copy to you. Talking about blowing food crumbs, a great stocking stuffer is a can of compressed

air! Great for those computer geeks. Take plenty of pictures with your iPhones or androids and ask our group for hints on how to best display those photos! More than anything else, enjoy your holidays!

BUNCO **Beulah Radcliff and Cindy Cronk**



Join the lively group playing Bunco on the third Tuesday of December. Bunco is always played in the clubhouse on the third Tuesday of each month; cost is only \$5 and all money is returned in prizes. Our next Bunco will be **Tuesday, December 17th at 1 p.m.** If you have any questions, please call Cindy Cronk (916) 390-7726 or Beulah Radcliff (916) 725-4928

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



Hello Lakeview Friends and Neighbors: Your LVV Dukes of Hazardous will be taking December off. You may not know that you can always put dead batteries in a ziplock bag and put them on top of your (blue) recycle can and Republic will take them for you. The next collection will be the last **Saturday of January 2025 the 25th.** Hope to see you then. In the meantime, Happy Holidays to all.

Your friendly Dukes of Hazardous aka the Toxic Trio Norm, Ken and Don

ALERT: THE JANUARY 2025 CHILI COOK-OFF **Al Fichera**



Hey, all you Lakeview Village chili lovers, it is now time to think about Shenanigans' **Second Annual 2025 Chili Cook-Off coming on January 11th.** Our first cook-off event was a resounding success, and it was decided without delay that a Chili Cook-Off

should be held every year. So, it is now time to alert you to the following:

There can only be 16 contestants allowed to enter the contest. The reason for that number has more to do with electrical outlets than the desire to limit contestants. Your chili entry must be prepared and cooked at your home, not the clubhouse. You are to bring your chili entry in your own crockpot, plus a recipe card that includes the ingredients, to alert anyone with allergy concerns. We will supply all the serving needs for you as usual.

It is time now, really NOW, to get your entry intentions off to either Judy Wilson at (916) 878-7125 or Colleen Jones 1+(571) 594-4680 and let them know of your desire without haste.

If you are one of Shenanigans' top three place winners from the first cook-off wishing to keep your title, or someone wanting to be one of our next champions, please do not let a few days get in the way from being one of the sixteen 2025 contestants.

For the rest of us, we might suggest a fasting diet for a week before the event. Sixteen chilis to taste and then possibly re-taste to be sure, could add to our waistlines! We are thinking about wearing stretchy pants this year ourselves! Haha!

BOTTLES AND CANS

Jeff Petersen 916-530-0211

Congratulations Lakeview; we raised \$435 this month! I wish to thank everyone who donated to this fundraiser.

A super thank you to the crew that came and separated the good from the trash--you did a fantastic job. To the drivers, thank you for all the work you did picking up all the donations. Being down a truck, it was great having Harlon show up with his truck to help.

To the person who may have misplaced their full can of shave cream, sorry but it is in our trash can.

The next pickup day will be Tuesday, **December 10th, 2024.**

VETERANS' GROUP

Diane Weber

We meet the 4th Thursday of the month. We won't be meeting again until January. Watch the calendar for the date. For questions call Diane at 530-828-5777

THE BOOK CLUB

Glenda Tinsley



The Book Club will meet **Friday, December 27th at 10 a.m.** at the cozy couches and chairs in the clubhouse.

JACK'S JOKES

Jack Barry



HOW TO WASH A CAT

- Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.
- Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
- In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.
- At this point the cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet — the cat is actually enjoying this.
- Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a "Power-Wash" and "Rinse."
- Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
- Stand well back behind the toilet as far as you can and quickly lift the lid.
- The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.

- Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Yours sincerely, The Dog

TEDDY BEAR POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Renee Schoch



Hello again! When you receive this Crier, there will probably be only 4 or 5 days before the Teddy Bear Luncheon.

I hope that by now, everyone has been able to donate just one new plush bear or soft animal to our stash of soft, huggable, animals.

We don't have nearly as many as we have had in years past. Unfortunately, we have lost our friends who used to donate boxes full of soft bears and animals to our cause. So, if you can help us out by donating just one, cuddly, animal, we will have a nice amount to donate to our Citrus Heights Police Department.

You can bring your gift to the office at any time. And, PLEASE, PLEASE, do consider joining us at the potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to share and meet the mayor of Citrus Heights, a council member or two, and of course, members of our Citrus Heights Police Department.

The potluck luncheon **is December 5th, at our clubhouse, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

I hope to see many of our residents there and please remember to bring a bear. Thank you in advance. I really appreciate your generosity.

Renee Schoch 916 - 718 – 1162
reschoch@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY

This year the party will be on **December 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** There will be holiday music, cookies, hot chocolate and spirits. We will have an ugly sweater competition with men's and women's categories. Santa Claus will make an

appearance to gather everyone's wishes. Come and join the holiday fun.

BINGO

Judy Wilson

Escape the heat – come to the clubhouse and play BINGO with us. We play every other Thursday. Remember to come at 5:30 p.m. for paper and 6:30 p.m. This month's games are **November 7th and 21st.**

HELPFUL HINTS

Wanda Johnson

- Need some last-minute dinner rolls? Open a can of biscuits, roll each one in a ball, rub with olive oil, and coat in parmesan and parsley...bake 375° 17-20 min (maybe a touch of butter on top when still warm.)
- Stick a fork in one end of a potato to use as a handle when you peel.
- OR boil potatoes whole...when done slice in half lengthwise and push each half, skin side up thru a cooling rack into a bowl. Instant mashed potatoes.
- Make potatoes ahead and keep warm in a crockpot until dinner.
- Do you get teary eyed over onions? Wear a cheap pair of safety goggles.
- When making gravy, use a whisk instead of a spoon, be lump free.

GOLDEN TICKET

Kathy Cooley

We've had such beautiful fall colors and weather and the days are getting colder which can only mean...

It's almost time for the Golden Ticket drawing. It will happen at our New Year's Eve party on December 31st. One lucky winner will receive



two tickets to every paid event for the year 2025. THAT IS a \$250.00 VALUE! AND...the great thing about it is, you don't need to be present to win!

This year we will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize. Residents Phil and Hazel Teefy have generously donated a \$100.00 gift certificate to their store, Rainbow Glass. El Tapitio, Mexican restaurant has donated a \$75.00 gift card and Green Acres Nursery a \$50.00 gift. A special thanks to all of you for your participation in our raffle fundraiser. Congratulations to November's monthly gift card recipients Jeri Roland, Lizette Bowers, and a gentleman whose name I missed. I apologize!

If you would like to purchase tickets or additional ones, they'll be available at the H2H, Pizza Karaoke and the NYE party. You can also call me (503) 522-2447 if you are unable to attend.

Tickets drawn for the monthly gift cards will be included in the NYE drawing. Prices for tickets are 3/\$5.00, 6/\$10.00 and 12/\$20.00. Just ask Norm and Renee Schoch, last year's winners how much they've enjoyed going to events this year.

REMEMBER: All fundraising monies raised go into the general fund which helps defray the cost of planned events and to assist in keeping ticket prices down.

CORNHOLE FANS

Holiday Schedule for play: For December, **Dec. 10th ONLY**

MERRY CHRISTMAS! SEE YOU IN 2025 when we start the year playing on January: 14th and 28th. Questions? Call **Judy Vollmer, 916-207-5675** or **Elaine Mattes, 559-281-8972**.

THE ADVOCATES

Roger Johnson

You are invited to a meeting of the Lakeview Village Advocacy Association (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!

Join us to discuss what You want. We discuss topics of interest to Lakeview Village homeowners. ALL homeowners are invited to attend. Water and coffee will be available. There will be **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN IN JANUARY 2025!**

NEW RESIDENT COMMITTEE

Peggy Hillis

Homes are still selling, and new homes are being listed. As of Thursday, October 18th there are 22 homes for sale, 10 pending and 35 homes have closed since the beginning of 2024. While interviewing new residents, owners are telling committee members how happy they are to live in Lakeview Village. They are amazed at the number of social events we have and how friendly we all are. Please keep talking to your new neighbors and make them welcome.

FARMERS MARKET

Sandra Huddleston



There will be citrus fruit available starting the with the new year along with Panera Bread and many other items.

Please come and check out the free Farmer's Market that is in the clubhouse every Friday from 10 a.m. until noon in the coffee room.

OUTDOOR DECORATIONS

CONTEST

Sandra Huddleston

It's that time of the year again. Holiday outdoor lights will be judged by residents from December 11th to the 14th. **Ballots will be in the clubhouse to pick up from December 11th to the 14th.** Drive around after dark and

check out all the wonderful lights and inflatable displays. Once you have filled out your ballot return it to the ballot box in the clubhouse. **All ballots must be in by 7:30 p.m. December 14th.** Winners will be announced at the Christmas Party on December 14th.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Cathy Wheeler

Sam Kuykendall

If you haven't already heard, this year and going forward leadership has changed to Sam Kuykendall and Cathy Wheeler for the now named "Holiday Craft Fair." We had a short window to take over and it is a work in progress. So, if you came and found it different there's the reason.

This year's Holiday Craft Fair had a threat of rain, but the skies cleared to a crisp sunny day just perfect to jump start the holiday season. The day started out with Sakura from Good Day Sacramento arriving just before we opened to film live. We were involved with the 8:45 a.m. stretch and she wandered through the aisles filming all our crafts. You Lakeview artists out did yourselves again; it still amazes me the creativity you have, and I'm sorry for those who didn't get to come shopping.

We want to thank the many who make this event happen: The vendors, for this wouldn't be if it wasn't for YOU.

To Diane Perry and her kitchen magicians Karen Petersen, Cindi Johnson and, Lori Withers for the delicious lunch you created to keep the shoppers energized.

To Cindy Cronk, and Renee Schoch who managed and sold at the bake sale. To all you Lakeview village bakers for donating, you out did yourselves.

To Brian Nather for the Christmas music. It created such a warmth to hear it coming in at the doors, adding the right touch to engage shoppers in the season.

So, in the end we proudly give to the Lakeview association \$2,459.90. Well done Lakeview Village, well done. We look forward to next season. Happy Holidays to you all.

Sam and Cathy



New Year's Eve
Rocking the Party
b-side band
Tickets \$10
Tickets sold:
Dec. 17, 18, 19
Shenanigans Open
7:30pm to 12:00am

NINE DAYS WITH SMELLY CHEESE **Al Fichera**

I have told this story before, and if it still gets a laugh, I bet I'll tell it again. It started long ago, back in '51 as we were on our way to California, our new intended home. There were six of us all neatly situated into our brand-new 1951 Fraser automobile. Up front, Dad at the wheel, Mom at shotgun and my sister nestled in between. In the back, it was Grandpa behind Dad, Nana in the middle, and yours truly behind Mom. The trip was so exciting, maybe I'd get to meet my favorite Roy Rogers and Dale Evans when we hit Hollywood; you never know, you know. Anyway, the sedan was really large or at least it just seemed that way. Oh yeah, it had that incredible new car smell, one that you never forget. Well, that was not for very long though. I remember Nana had this thing about never opening the car windows. Somehow, that concept has stuck with me for several decades, can't seem to shake it. I also remember, everyone speaking Italian, actually, it was Sicilian, and I never knew what they

were talking about, and somehow that seemed important to them.

You see, Grandpa was the owner of a local grocery store not far from the Little Italy part of our hometown, and he had lots and lots of very Italian, mostly Sicilian goombas in the area. They all owned shops in town, there was the fresh chicken store, and I do mean fresh as in live chickens. There was an Italian pastry shop, and just fruit and just vegetables in their own stores. And I saved the cheese store for last for a reason.

I'm sure the owner of the cheese store was an especially good goomba of Grandpa because he gave him a really big round wheel of imported cheese. I found out later that it was a sheep's milk Pecorino Romano studded with black peppercorns throughout. I seem to remember it was covered in black wax to protect it when shipping it from Rome or Sardinia. None of that is as important as the fact that Grandpa for some reason decided to cut through the wax for a taste and give a few chunks of it away to some of his goombas. Yeah, not a good thing.

The trip took nine days in hot August eventually on southern Route 66, to get to California from Massachusetts. It was agreed that the large wheel of carved into cheese was to stay in the trunk with our luggage, which included all nine days worth of clothing. I'm pretty sure that our car did not have an insulated trunk though, because that sun just beat down on it for nine long, long days. Are you getting a glimmer of an idea that an open, aged sheep's milk cheese only wrapped in newspaper might have produced, let's say fairly disagreeable odor in the trunk, and for good measure, let's say the back seat of the car as well. I'm not going to go into what that smell was like; you can use your imagination. However, I'll tell you this, it was a permanent odor! And it managed to seep into our luggage as we were soon to find out. There was no amount of washing that ever really reduced the odor.

The funny but true thing was that our poor brand-new Fraser automobile was doomed to smell like aged sheep's milk Pecorino Romano forever. I remember Mom, my sister and I pleaded with Dad, please sell that car, it stinks sooo bad! He decided to paint the car instead, but it was the trunk that was the problem. Dad did eventually agree to buy another car, but it was three years later that he chose a 1954 Buick Roadmaster, and it had that new car smell once again. You know, I haven't a clue how the new owners of our older 1951 Fraser handled the smell. Maybe it was living in the Santa Clara Valley at that time and all the hay fever and stuffy noses that helped; could be you know.

PAUL SPIKER

April 21, 1948 – September 19, 2024



I want to thank all of you who made my husband Paul so glad we came to Lakeview Village! He enjoyed living here and the friendships we made. He also loved playing his washtub with the Village Band and at the jams.

The night before he died I asked him where he'd like to go next. He said, "I'm where I want to be."



*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.*

Robert Sills



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