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# THE CRIER

## April 2024

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Leslie Beecher**



April showers bring May  
Flowers ... or so it seems.

This month we look  
forward to...

- PIZZA KARAOKE
- ART/WINE FAIRE
- FIDDLERS

— FARMERS MARKET every FRIDAY

Let's talk about the ST PATRICK'S DAY Potluck. "OH WHAT FUN." The clubhouse was full and pretty much everyone was wearing green. I even spied someone wearing a "KISS ME IM IRISH" button. (That was pretty gutsy.) The regular bar and the SIGNATURE COCKTAIL bar were busy all evening.

And, as for the food, the corned beef and cabbage was plentiful! Of course I stocked up on my favorites...Deviled Eggs and Pizza! And my drink of choice is almost always a Margarita (Thank you Lori Green). Last but not least, did you check out that DESSERT table? YUM.

I want to take a moment now to acknowledge Jeff Peterson, his wife Karen, and their crew of notorious VOLUNTEERS! They come around once per month, hot or cold, rain or shine, no matter what. They are a loyal, hardworking bunch, busy collecting and separating our bottles and cans.

Now, they also have to be the park police and drive around in the early hours of the morning trying to catch and stop these RECYCLE

THIEVES. Can you imagine these recycle thieves are driving around our park in the early morning as well and stealing our precious cans and bottles. The good news is Jeff and his crew have identified a white van responsible and managed to scare them off. Let's hope this is the end if it!

Now that we are able to recycle liquor bottles, we are bringing in close to \$400 per month...that is pretty close to \$5 K per year! Good job!

Please keep recycling and saving the cans and bottles for us. All of us are making a difference!

Don't forget the ART and WINE FAIRE. It is the 20th of this month at the clubhouse, 5 to 7 p.m.. It is usually a sold-out event, so get your tickets early. The cost is \$10 each and that includes unlimited wine tasting, elegant hors d'oeuvres, smooth jazz, and the art show itself. And of course, we will have our collectible 2024 wine glass for sale for \$10 each. See you there!

The bi-annual SHREDDING EVENT is...

May 11

9 a.m. to noon

In front of the clubhouse

One last thing I'd like to mention is our CRIER--you know that monthly magazine that is delivered to your door every month for free. Are you reading it? It's pretty informative with lots of interesting topics, events, volunteering opportunities, recipes, news of the park, and even a calendar of activities. So please peruse it, read it, and let us know what you think.

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

**Linda Evans**



Last month I mentioned that we welcome writings from our residents--all of you-- and we were rewarded with a new column, Jack's Jokes, written by new

resident Jack Barry.

Well this month, one of our talented and longer term residents, Nancy Welsh, has written a poem that I'm sure many of you can relate to. It's called A Very Bad Day. Here it is.

### **A VERY BAD DAY**

I went for a walk the other day  
And suddenly to my dismay,

I glanced down at my brand new shoe  
And discovered I'd stepped in doggie doo!

I hoped that I could shake it gone,  
By shaking my shoe as I hobbled along,

But, no such luck,  
The poo was stuck!

It wasn't fair as I haven't a pet  
and yet,  
I'm the one with poo on my shoe.

This message is not intended for you  
The responsible owners who pick up the poo.

It's meant for the owners who are thoughtless  
or lazy,  
The same few owners who drive me crazy.

It was a very bad day that I will never forget,  
Please take a moment and pick up after your  
pet.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

#### **Anne Sandler**



#### **Sidney Rasmussen**

On your mark, get ready, get set, now GO!  
You'll have to run fast to keep up with Sidney  
Rasmussen. In her quest to have fun through

life, Sidney chooses various ways to enjoy each  
day. Right now she's in a steampunk\* phase.  
And her alter ego is a British Bobbie! So be  
nice to her, you don't want to get arrested!

Sidney just left, well maybe not, a pirate phase.  
While on a Red Hat Convention, Sidney and  
Sandy Sellnow saw a pirate event hosted by  
another Red Hat chapter. They brought the  
concept home to the Lakeview Chapter, the  
Crimson Chicks. They dressed as pirates and  
had a lot of fun on their various outings.  
"Covid ruined it all," says Sidney. "Our chapter  
here at Lakeview Village became known as the  
Scarlet Wenches of Tortuga, and, more or less,  
disbanded when the pandemic hit. Now it's  
difficult to get it going again."

But she's trying. "I have to be doing  
something," she says. "I've had such a great  
life. All I wanted was to be me."

That carefree, do fun things "me" personality  
began in San Francisco where she was born.  
Daly City was where she spent most of her  
growing up years. "I'm president of The  
Jefferson High School Alumni, and right now  
I'm creating our next class reunion."



In high school,  
Sidney was not  
one to be on the  
sidelines. While  
in high school,  
she was the first  
female mayor of  
Daly City in 1953.  
That honor was  
given to her for  
one day. "I'm not  
feminine," she  
says. "I lived in a  
neighborhood of  
mostly boys. I

learned to ski on packed manure. I was older  
and had to lead the pack of boys! Even though  
I joined industrial arts in school, which was  
mostly boys, I do regret that I never learned  
how to fix a car."

Let's jump ahead to Sidney's more recent past. It's easy to jump back and forth when talking with Sidney who is an 87-year-old bundle of energy. She became a teacher of 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders, was married for 12 years, and had a daughter. "I liked teaching the 5<sup>th</sup> grade the most," says Sidney. Her students learned through experiences Sidney provided. When she retired after 30 years, teacher and students still stay in touch.

"My former students and I meet in San Francisco every year on my birthday. I enjoyed teaching and they enjoyed being in my classroom," she says. Now, not many teachers can say that!



To have former students honor you once a year should be enough, but Sidney has another honor to boast about. On her wall is a plaque

announcing that she was inducted into the Daly City Hall of Fame in 2000 along with well-known sports figures including John Madden and John Robinson. Sidney was honored for raising money for high school sports programs.

Right now Sidney is writing her memoirs. "I started studying my family's genealogy when my daughter was born," she says.

Her memoirs are just an extension of her interest in genealogy and loving her life. "How could I not love my life," she says.

She also likes her life in Lakeview Village. Moving to Sacramento, after she retired, to be near her daughter, Sidney came to LVV as a caregiver. The woman she gave care to left her house to Sidney when she passed away. Sidney has no regrets. "I'm glad I moved here. The only thing I miss are my beaches. But I like it

when my daughter visits," she says. "I've had a fun life and enjoy people."

Getting nostalgic, she advises people not to be afraid to play. "It's okay to laugh. You've got to get out into the world and meet people," says Sidney.

She will help you if you join her Scarlet Wenches of Tortuga. And, of course, be ready to run alongside of Sidney. You won't regret it; you'll have fun!

*\*Steampunk is a subgenre of science fiction that incorporates retro futuristic technology and aesthetics inspired by, but not limited to, 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery*

## HELLO FROM SHENANIGANS Al Fichera, Bar Manager



A special thank you to all of you who attended our fantastic Mardi Gras celebration in March. I know I can speak for all of us who helped pull it off for you, it was so much fun, and a labor of love. That's polite speak for a lot of work, in case you didn't know, ha-ha. You can't have a successful event without a little work, or a lotta work for some. Case in point, Diane Perry and her kitchen magicians creating some of the best tasting food to ever come out of the kitchen.

Prior to hosting the Mardi Gras which featured Gumbo and other tasty goodies, I never knew anything about Gumbo or if I'd even like it, no worry here, I love me some Gumbo! Now I've been to New Orleans a couple of times and I'm very aware of beignets and how sinfully good they are fresh out from the fryer. Well, we won't be talking much about that until next year, I'm sure. My diet will be thankful for that!

Shenanigans bartenders provided the cocktails that matched the kitchen big time. We have new setup equipment for the top shelf liquor area, so it took us a little longer to setup,

however, we know now to give ourselves a little more time before we open. Thank you for not complaining while you waited on us to finish the setup.

In March and before the deadline to get this column in for the Crier, Shenanigans is open for the wildly successful potluck of the year, “St. Patrick’s Get Together,” and one of your favorite appetizer events, the “Baked Potato Bar.” I don’t know how my diet will hold up for this month! Corned beef and its tasty culinary partners and then a baked potato with lots of incredible fixings. I guess I could avoid standing on the scale until the end of April, maybe May even.

In April we will only have one event for Shenanigans, but it’s one of everyone’s favorite, the Pizza Karaoke coming on Saturday April 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. As in the past, we will have the pizza available as well as Sam and Brian’s Karaoke going right from 4:00 p.m. Just remember it’s supposed to be a FUN event, pizza, booze, and singing all wrapped up in one great big bundle! We get to share our Happy2Hours with Karaoke three times a year. The next time will be in December, so don’t miss this one or you’ll need to wait for months!

Don’t forget to attend the Art ‘n Wine Faire in April; the wine will be pouring, and we will have commemorative 2024 wine glasses that you can purchase to support the event. You’ll hear more from the committee before the event.

Oh, one more thing I heard recently that I’d like to clear up. For the Happy2Hour events, our free appetizers are sent out two times during the event. The second time is at 5:00 p.m., unfortunately, for some they thought it cost \$5.00 for a second trip to the appetizer tables. No, the appetizers are free at 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. We love to give back to you for supporting

## **FROM DIANE’S KITCHEN**

### **Diane Perry**



**Art & Wine Faire Chefs Needed**– Only a few weeks until our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Art & Wine Faire. We’re all looking forward to seeing the beautiful art displays, tasting wonderful wines and sampling the special appetizers that you have

created. Please support the Lakeview Villagers’ Association Fundraiser by donating an appetizer to the Art & Wine Faire on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We’re looking for bite-sized finger foods that are easily served. Each appetizer can be sweet or savory and should have 25 servings. Call or text Diane Perry at 408-242-3502 or email [dperry98@hotmail.com](mailto:dperry98@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **Happy2Hour Gumbo**

I thought I’d share the gumbo recipe we used for the Mardi Gras Happy Hour in February. We used a base recipe and adjusted ingredients. Before you begin cooking the gumbo, make sure to have all your ingredients prepared. The recipe goes together very quickly once the roux is made. And a warning: when you’re cooking the roux you can’t do anything else. Turn off your phone, banish everyone from the kitchen, and pay attention.

### **Gumbo Base Ingredients**

#### **Roux**

1/2 cup flour

1/2 cup vegetable oil

#### **Soup Base**

1 cup chopped onion

1 cup chopped celery

1 cup chopped bell peppers

1-1/2 teaspoons fresh thyme

1-1/2 teaspoons Creole seasoning

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

4 - 5 cups chicken or vegetable stock

1-14.5 ounce can diced tomatoes, undrained

3 cloves garlic, minced

1-1/2 cups Safeway Signature frozen cut okra

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 bay leaf

Salt & pepper to taste

## Additional Ingredients

### For chicken & sausage gumbo add:

1/2-pound andouille sausage and 1/2-pound Polish sausage that has been cooked about 8 minutes in a nonstick skillet over medium heat. Drain sausages on a paper towel. 4 cups chopped rotisserie chicken.

### For shrimp & sausage gumbo add:

1/2-pound andouille sausage and 1/2-pound Polish sausage that has been cooked about 8 minutes in a nonstick skillet over medium heat. Drain sausages on a paper towel. Add 2 pounds frozen shrimp.

Use chicken stock in these recipes.

### For vegetarian gumbo add:

1 pound baby portabella mushrooms cut into large chunks and cooked in a nonstick skillet olive oil and garlic powder. 1 large zucchini cut in half and each half is cut into 1/2-inch-wide chunks. Use vegetable stock in this recipe.

## Directions

1. Heat oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat; gradually stir in flour and cook, whisking constantly, until the flour is a deep caramel color, 7 to 10 minutes.

2. Reduce heat to medium. Stir in the onion, bell pepper, celery, garlic, thyme, Creole seasoning, and cayenne. Cook, stirring constantly, about 5 minutes. Gradually stir in the broth. Then add the sausage, chicken or the mushrooms, tomatoes, and Worcestershire sauce.

3. Increase the heat to medium high and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer. Stir occasionally. Simmer 10 minutes then add the shrimp, okra and zucchini if using. Cook 10 more minutes until the vegetables are tender and broth has slightly thickened. Serve over rice.

## Notes

Use Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning which is available at most grocery stores.

**Kitchen Fundraiser Jam Sales** –. Look for updated lists of jam posted on the association

bulletin board. Call or text me at 408- 242- 3502 or email [dperry98@hotmail.com](mailto:dperry98@hotmail.com) to find out what is available. All jams are \$5.00 and 100% of the sale price goes to the Lakeview Village Association for kitchen equipment. Thank you to everyone who has purchased or donated.

## Kitchen Thanks

As always, I need to thank everyone who makes working in the kitchen such a joy. Lorie Withers, Cathy Jones, Karen Petersen, and Sue Wright make kitchen magic possible every month.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### Peggy Hillis



**New in June** there will be two “Lone Ranger” live Radio Shows. All Lakeview Village actors who would like to be a performer are encouraged to audition

on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Jack Barry, one of our new residents in 2023, will be the producer and director of the show. Jack has scripts that the actors will need to read for the auditions and performances. Those of you who were in last year's variety show please consider auditioning. We need 9 women and 14 men. The shows are scheduled for **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**April**, we have several events I hope all of you will attend. **Pizza Karaoke** is back! Sam and Brian will be operating the Karaoke machine so pick a favorite song and send your selection to Sam Kuykendall. Don't forget to **purchase your tickets on Tuesday, 4/9, Wednesday, 4/10 and Thursday, 4/11** in the clubhouse between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. **for \$5.00 per person.** Pizza and salad for \$5.00 is a great deal!

The **Art & Wine Faire** on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are only \$10.00 per person and will be available for sale on **Tuesday 4/16**,

**Wednesday, 4/17 and Thursday, 4/18** in the clubhouse between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Check Leslie Beecher's article for additional information.

**Sunday, May 19** there will be a **Concert in the Park from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. The FBI will be back to perform all of our favorite songs. Tickets will be on sale **Tuesday, 5/14, Wednesday, 5/15 and Thursday, 5/16 for \$7.00 per person** in the clubhouse from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tickets will also be sold the day of the concert. Paul March will be serving lunch, and we will update everyone on what he is serving as soon as possible.

Thank you to our volunteers. We appreciate each one of you. I would like to give a big thank you to Diane Perry and the ladies in the kitchen. You are wonderful and appreciated.

**NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS**  
**Jon Zwanziger (916) 708-0544**



I'd like to thank everyone who reported incidents this past month. Yes, there have been a few. Please remember that we are observers, reporters and rarely confronters.

Our cameras are a great tool, so take pictures as long as it's safe. As soon as possible, write down as many details as possible including the time of the incident, color of any vehicles involved, description of the perpetrators, and any other pertinent information that may be useful to share with others and the police. Be sure to file a police report when appropriate and keep copies for yourself.

Our can and bottle crew had no theft to report this period. They do an awesome job, and we

are collecting record amounts! Thanks for your commitment to recycling.

Speeding continues to be an issue so, take the lead out of your shoes - not to be confused with "getting the lead out."

Back gate update: per the office, the gate fixer is back from vacation and working on the upgrades/reinforcements needed. We should see the gate working within a couple weeks. It probably wouldn't be a bad idea to keep your fingers crossed.

We have some repeat offenders! A couple of dirt bags, I mean individuals on dirt bikes seem to think this is their playground. They've been seen in the park several times. I've been told the bikes may be white. The dirt bags have escalated from a causal cruise to side-show behavior in front of the club house. Don't hesitate to call the CHPD, if you see them, and get as many details as possible- maybe a picture! We'd like to put an end to that ASAP.

Remember the "Circle of Safety" that surrounds you and your immediate neighbors. Al Fichera has provided a wonderful graphic that illustrates the concept-Thanks Al!

Please use the nonemergency # for CHPD (916-727-5500) to report such activity and 911 if there is any threat to person or property.

Always remain aware of your surroundings and diligent in protecting our park and fellow residents. Please connect with your immediate neighbors, especially if they are considering traveling during this time.

Remember to reserve 6:30 p.m. each 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month for our future meetings. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, **April 17<sup>th</sup>**!

## **TECH4SENIORS**

### **Scott Hillis**



We had a fantastic Tech 4 Seniors meeting this month! Twenty-eight people attended! These folks have an interest in computers and computer-related devices. Our group is a collaborative community of folks who have had both positive and negative experiences with computer devices. By meeting together, we can share our experiences with each other. As our group grows, we have even greater resources to draw on.

We had several interesting presentations: I discussed “What you need to know about your devices” and handed out a “Tech4 Seniors Information Request” form. I encouraged each attendee to fill out the form and keep it accessible. If someone needs service on their device, the tech company or someone from our group, will usually require some basic information. The request form will have that information.

Al Fichera presented two excellent programs, one on the use of an Amazon Firestick and the other on photo management. The Firestick will allow people to “cut the cord” on TV service providers. Photo management is useful for those who take a lot of pictures and want to easily access them. Great info!

Our meetings occur on the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please let me know 805-888-9462 or ([scott.hillis2013@gmail.com](mailto:scott.hillis2013@gmail.com).) I hope to see you at our next meeting!

## **BUNCO**

### **Beulah Radcliff and Cindy Cronk**

Time for fun and laughter as well as a chance to win some \$\$\$ while playing this easy game. Bunco is played on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the

clubhouse. It only costs \$5 to play and all money is returned as prized. Join us on Tuesday, April 16<sup>TH</sup>.

## **ART AND WINE FAIRE 2024**

### **Renee Schoch**

Happy almost spring to everyone! The weather has been beautiful and I have been thinking about a trip to Napa for some wine tasting.

Oh, wait a minute, why go to Napa when we can just go to our clubhouse on **April 20th from 5 to 7 p.m.** for wonderful wine tasting, fabulous Hors d' oeuvres, and a chance to buy tickets to win an incredibly, beautiful donated basket of fun goodies that you know you must have ?

So, if you can, it would be lovely if you donated a basket to be raffled off that evening. And, I just happen to have several baskets that you may choose from, free of charge. Just let me know if you need one.

This is a fun fund raiser for our Lakeview Village community, and a wonderful way to get involved and help share in the fun that we have when we all get together.

Remember there is no limit on your imagination. So put together a theme and pick up a few coordinating items for that theme, and throw it all into a basket to be raffled off at our Art and Wine Faire on April 20th.

I'm asking for a little help from my friends. Give me a call if you need a basket.

Thanks in advance.  
Renée Schoch  
916-718-1162 (cell)  
[reschoch@gmail.com](mailto:reschoch@gmail.com)

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Norm Schoch (Hazardous Hairy)



Hello again LVV Friends and Neighbors: Well, here is the same old notice that you have been reading for the last 2+ years!

Your friendly LVV Dukes of Hazardous will once again be in front of the clubhouse on the last **Saturday of the month, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, from **11:30 until noon** to collect your household hazardous materials and small electronic waste items. There is a folder on the bulletin board in the clubhouse front entry that has handouts for you to take if you are not sure what items we can accept.

We are limited to 15 gallons of liquid or 125 pounds of solids and 12 fluorescent tubes under 4 feet in length. If you are still not sure, you may call Norm @ 916-910-9079 for an answer.

As always thank you for your participation and interest in disposing of hazardous items properly and safely.

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

## NEW RESIDENT COMMITTEE Peggy Hillis

The February 17<sup>th</sup> New Residents' Brunch was very successful. We had 27 new residents attend. Due to weather conditions some were not able to come. Everyone was introduced to the association board and other committee chairs.

Presentations were given by Leslie Beecher, Association President; Sandra Huddleston, Farmers Market and Veterans Day Breakfast; Peggy Hillis, New Resident Committee Chair; Al Fichera, manager of Shenanigan's Bar; Linda Evans, Crier Editor; Carolyn Zwanziger for Jon, Neighborhood Awareness; Scott Hillis, Tech 4 Seniors; Norm Schoch, Hazardous Waste, and Jeff Petersen, Lakeview Village

Recycle program. The brunch was a great opportunity for new residents to meet each other, ask questions and hear about all the programs and events we have.

FYI: 37 homes were sold in 2023, 39 homes were sold in 2022 and so far for 2024 we have 16 homes on the market along with 2 homes that sold and closed in February. I do not have the count for March closings, but I will have them for you in May's Crier.

I know some park members would like to attend the new resident brunch, but the meeting is dedicated to giving out information to our new residents that will help them enjoy our village. I hope all of you continue to introduce yourselves to new residents at all of our events and make some new friends.

Thank you to those who cooked and donated food for the brunch. I appreciate all the New Resident Committee members for their hard work and dedication.

## BOTTLES AND CANS Jeff Petersen 916-530-0211

We had another great month for bottles and cans recycling. We raised \$426 this month. Two months over 400 dollars. You are doing great with all your donations.

We observed no pirates trying to steal the bottle and cans. This is great. I did see several "Door Dash" and "Amazon" drivers making deliveries before 8 a.m. Thank you everyone for not putting out your bags until the morning of the pickup. This is really helping to discourage the stealing of our recyclables.

I would like to welcome Jim Courselle to the pickup crew as a driver. Welcome and thank you for joining us.

To Peggy Kengle, Norm and Renee Schoch, Faye Glover, thank you for opening and going through all those bags to remove the garbage and sort the donations into the right bags. Thank you all for your help.

To Scott Hillis, Bob Hossack, Tom Nigel, Ken Ingle and new comer Jim Coursele, thank you for picking up and taking all the recyclables to be turned in.

Our next pickup date will be **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**.

### **VETERANS' GROUP**

#### **Diane Weber**

The April meeting of our veterans' group is being held on **Thursday, April 23, 2024** at the clubhouse at 10 a.m. If you have any questions, call Diane Weber 530-828-5777

### **THE BOOK CLUB**

#### **Glenda Tinsley**



Lakeview Book Club will be **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** at the cozy couches and chairs in the clubhouse. Call me with questions (916) 599-7727.

### **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!** Come 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. Look forward to seeing You there.

**NOTE:** Our next Advocates meeting will be on **April 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### **GARDEN TALK**

#### **Martha Kelley**



Hi all you “itching to get out there” gardeners!

Well, spring is here. All your little seedlings should be bursting to get into the ground.

It is time to get out there and explore to see what plants there are available for planting this year. Go to YouTube to get tips and gardening know-how. If you don't think you can handle a whole garden space, go in with a neighbor or friend. It is **SO MUCH FUN** and great exercise.

Remember to take a look at the **white gated garden plot** next to the maintenance shed. There are some things like a wheel barrel, PVC pipe, bamboo poles, cardboard, shredded paper, dried leaves, tomato cages, buckets. Help yourself to these items. There is also a “cooking” pile of compost that is not quite ready to use yet. No need to add to it at this time. We will start a new composting pile later this year that can be added to later. Do feel free to add to the items that will be needed. Thanks for the donated bamboo poles and PVC pipe! Shredded paper, cardboard, dried leaves are great to keep the weeds down in your plot and are great compost as they break down.

Let us all have a wonderful time getting our gardens started and watching them produce for us. As always, any extra goes to the Farmer's Market. So please, do not take from a garden plot that is not yours without asking. Someone has been working very hard to produce the bounty you see when you come by.

Be sure to stop by or call the **management office (916) 729-0460** and make sure that the plot you think is yours still has your name on it. If you don't work your plot this spring and still want to keep it, please at least keep

the weeds under control or take your name off so someone else can have some fun. All the others who benefit from your tidy unused plot appreciate that! You could even throw out some flower seeds (like sunflowers) to draw the bees.

Contact information for those with garden spaces is always helpful. You know, we cannot get your information from the management office, so if you are willing, please pass your garden space number and contact information along and we will stay in touch, answer questions, pass along your wisdom.

Happy Gardening! Martha Kelley (916) 390-6295 or [mkelley7117@gmail.com](mailto:mkelley7117@gmail.com)

## **DOGS... I THOUGHT THAT I KNEW THEM**

**By Melanie di Luck**



I've just finished rereading a book from some years ago...*Merle's Door* by Ted Kerasote. I thought I knew about dogs, but I learned so much more reading this interesting and touching book. Ted entwined facts about the history of dogs between the pages of his book about Merle, a dog he finds in the Utah desert while hiking with friends. When this mangy dog joins Ted and his friends, none of them could have seen the impact that Merle would have not only on Ted's life, but several friends in this tight knit community.

Ted lives in Wyoming in a small community, a half mile square in the shadow of Grand Teton National Park. Ninety odd people live there with their 30 something unleashed dogs. Oftentimes they are surrounded by bison grazing in the field, much to the delight of Merle, who learns that they are off limits.

Ted intersperses interesting facts about dogs and their history along with telling his stories of Merle's adventures... and he does have adventures.

This book is well written, interesting and emotional causing me to cry with the ending... a mark of a good book for me.

Reading this book triggered a lot of memories of dogs I've had since I was four and the four year old me was surprised with putting a German Shepherd puppy in my bed. I named him Rocky and he became my faithful companion for many years. He refused to stay home when I walked to school, no matter how my mother contained him. He was soon by my side while I sat at my desk, never leaving my side. I remember the nun would call my mom, who would walk to my school and take Rocky home. It did not take him long to figure out an escape route and he was soon by my side again, while the nun jumped over him.

Over the years I had other dogs, but none as faithful as Rocky.

If you are a dog person and want to know more about the history of dogs, this is the book for you...or maybe someone else in your life.

Joy sent out a letter recently reminding residents that if they walk their dogs using a retractable leash, that they have to pay attention to the dog and their leash. I walk dogs for residents here and I've learned some tricks. Personally I don't like using a retractable leash, but some dog owners want me to use theirs. To have better control over my charge, I hold the leash with my left hand and wrap the leash around my right hand. This way if the dog should decide to run after another dog or into the street, I have complete control.

If I'm walking two dogs, I have a solid leash with a splitter which I keep tightly wrapped around my right hand and I'm in control. For dogs who pull, I have yet another leash...Thunder Leash made by the same company that makes Thunder Shirts. Thunder Shirts help dogs with separation anxiety and

dogs who become upset during thunder storms and fireworks. Both are excellent products that work.

So if you are a dog person looking for a true story mixed in with interesting facts about dogs, I recommend reading Merle's Door.

Until next month.

## **JACK'S JOKES**

### **Jack Barry**



A Polish man moved to the United States, and found a lovely American girl to marry. They were very happy but one day he went to an attorney and said he wanted a divorce. The divorce attorney told him that would depend on the circumstances. Do you have any grounds? Yes we have one acre with a beautiful little home on it. The attorney said no I mean do you have a foundation? Of course it is made of cement. No I mean do you have a grudge. No, we have a carport. You don't understand, I mean what are your regulations. All my relations are in Poland. Is there any infidelity in the marriage. Yes we have a hi-fi stereo with a DVD player. Does your wife beat you up? No I'm always up before her. Why do you want a divorce. She's trying to poison me. How do you know. I went into the bathroom and I found a bottle of polish remover.

## **HELPFUL HINTS**

### **Wanda Johnson**

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Remember...Life can be simple , "give more and expect less."



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As years roll on and days pass by.  
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Pat Morrison*



## **LIBRARY**

### **Judy Ludwick**

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However, digital puzzles have made it more challenging to share the larger jigsaw puzzles. We have tried schools, churches, the Sylvan Oaks Public Library took 10...

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### **BINGO** **Judy Wilson**

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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 **April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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*...Interesting facts*

## HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

An elderly couple was celebrating their 60th anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Jerry had carved, 'I love you, Sally'.

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand dollars!

Jerry said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders keepers. She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic."

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door.

An officer asked,

"Pardon me. Did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No."

Jerry said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's just getting senile."

The agents turned to Jerry and began to question him.

One said, "Tell us the story from the beginning."

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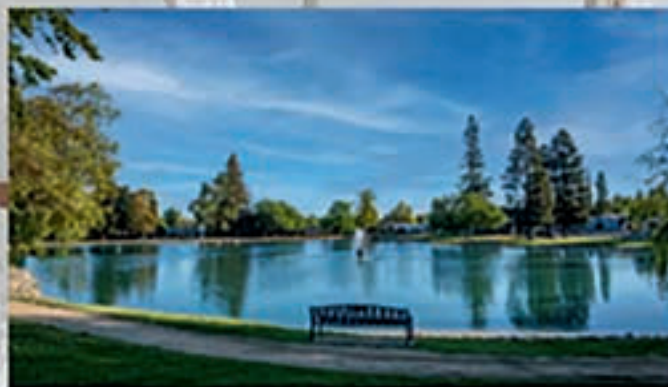
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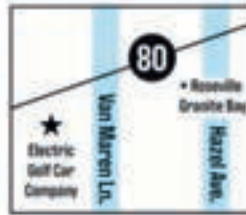
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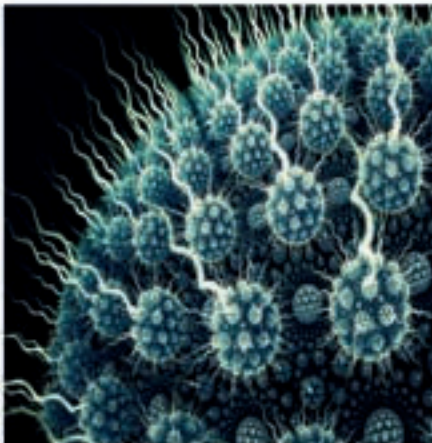
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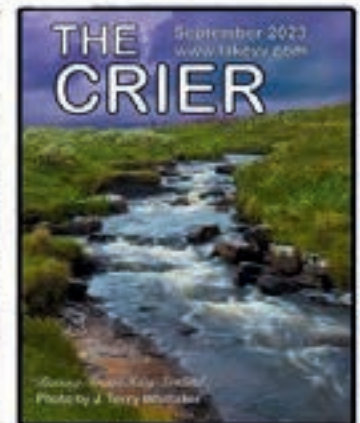
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