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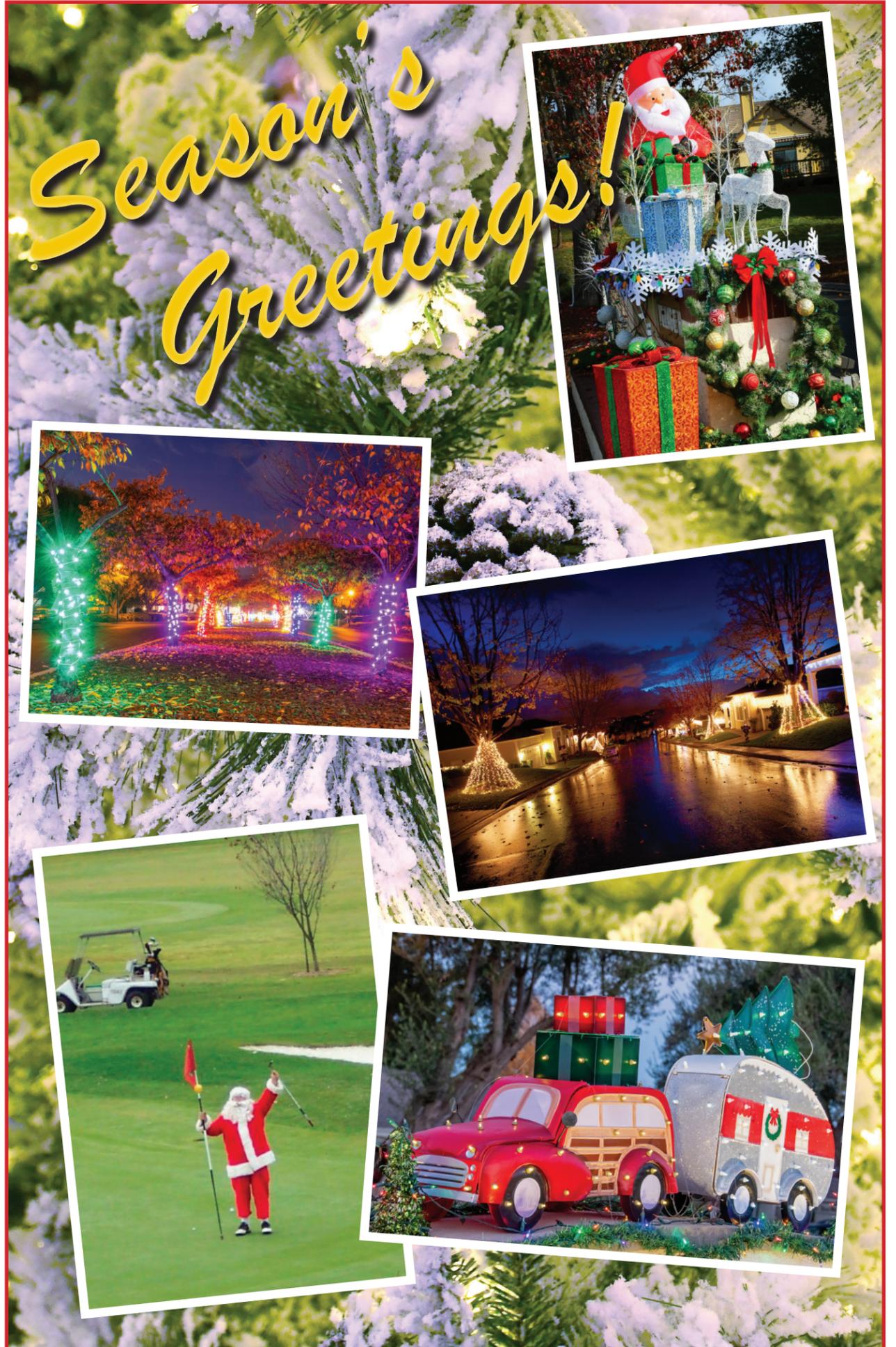
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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

The Villager welcomes everyone's voice sharing ideas, opinions and accounts of life in The Villages in the Pulse column. Please follow the guidelines carefully.

Pulse deadline is 4 p.m. on Thursday of the week prior to publication. Pulse letters will be published in complete or abridged form at the discretion of the Publisher and in accordance with the editorial policies and rules established by the Club Board of Directors. (See VGCC Rule 1.30.) Opinions expressed by Pulse letter authors do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Villager Publisher, staff, boards of directors or management.

All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Letter authors are limited to one published Pulse letter per month. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words. Typed or legibly written letters must include your signature and may be hand delivered to the Pulse mailbox in Administration Building B or by mailing to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the e-mail and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER.

0 Pulse letters received this week.
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.
0 Pulse letters published this week.

Note: Pulse authors are solely responsible for the statements and opinions contained in the Pulse letters. The Villager does not verify the accuracy of any statements.

All Pulse letters that are published are retained by the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) for a period of 12 months. Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements are not shared with anyone outside the CAC, management or Club Board and staff liaisons for the reason of confidentiality.

2023/2024 Christmas tree pickup schedule

Christmas tree pickup this year will be on the following days:

- **Wednesday, December 27** and **Thursday, December 28**
- **Wednesday, January 3** and **Thursday, January 4.**

Place the tree at curbside no more than 24 hours before pickup day and note the following before putting out your tree:

1. All tinsel, ornaments, garland, etc. must be removed.
2. All metal/plastic stands or buckets must be removed.
3. Wood stands are acceptable.
4. Trees should be cut to no longer than 5-foot lengths.

BrightView Landscape will recycle all trees, except those that are flocked. Flocked trees cannot be recycled but will be properly disposed of. If you have any questions, you can call Customer Service at 408-223-4670.



BOUQUETS

Our sincerest thanks to all Villagers who took the time to research and vote on the recent CC&R amendments. 1,409 ballots were received, 182 voted 'no' and 1,227 voted 'yes' so the measure passes by a large margin. The ABOD is so pleased to have definition/language clarity and solar information as well as making it easier for owners to make exterior modifications. The extra effort was well worth it! Thanks again.

—Diana Hallock, Villages Association President

The Villager Office closures and holiday deadlines

Villages business offices will close for the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day—**Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26** and **Monday, January 1**. Because of these office closures, the following Villager deadlines will change:

January 4 New Year's edition deadline is **Wednesday, December 27**. Classified ad deadline is **Friday, December 29**.

Please note that in December, *The Villager* will not publish the week of Christmas—**there will be no December 28 edition**. Materials needing to be published before Christmas will be published in the December 21 edition.

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MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY
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IN MEMORIAM

Hope Sturman Campbell

October 22, 1939—July 13, 2023

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

James Stratton Campbell

April 11, 1939—June 7, 2023

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

Richard Dean Fisher

April 9, 1943—December 12, 2023

Kenneth James Begley

April 8, 1938—December 16, 2023

DEADLINES

General Copy: All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, seven days prior to publication. For editorial information call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655 or email ktran@the-villages.com.

Sports: Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.

Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. You may fax classified ads to 408-274-2843 or e-mail to: areed@the-villages.com or ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-223-4657, 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.

Display Ads: Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by calling Adrienne at 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages website at: www.thevillagesgcc.com.

Delivery: *The Villager* is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are available in *The Villager* office, in Cribari Center and in the Library.

Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

POLICIES

Publication of advertising in *The Villager* does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in *The Villager* are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.

All copy is subject to editing and must be submitted with that understanding. *The Villager* reserves the right to reject or discontinue advertising or articles that are deemed unsuitable.

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager*, including Pulse letters, Channels 26 and 27, FastLane and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Nick Yannacone at 408-219-9296, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

HOURS

The Villager editorial and classified advertising hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *The Villager* display advertising office hours are by appointment. Call 408-223-4657 to schedule.

The Villager is the official and legal communication medium for The Villages, a Senior Community. Its mission is to provide residents with timely information about activities, facilities and services at The Villages, and to promote a sense of community by documenting and celebrating those common experiences highlighting life at The Villages.

The Villager is published every Thursday under policies established by the

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

IMPORTANT NOTICE – URGENT

Villages-Wide Biennial Age Certification Survey

State and Federal law requires at least 80% of households at The Villages submit an age certification in order for us to retain status as a 55+ senior community. So far only 75% have done so.

To continue our community's status as a senior community, The Villages must comply with the state and federal laws that govern senior housing developments that mandate both The Villages Association, and also The Villages Homeowners' Corporation must conduct periodic surveys (every other year) to verify and document that the community is in compliance. Failure to satisfy the legal requirements may result in a determination that The Villages is not a lawful senior community and therefore mean that we must allow persons of all ages to live here.

In order to fulfill the requirements imposed upon the corporations, one resident of your condominium or home must complete and sign the Age Certification form (under penalty of perjury). In addition, Please note that if you are an offsite owner, you must have one of the tenant(s)/resident(s) complete and sign the Certification. Offsite owners are responsible for ensuring completion and return of the Certification form by one of their tenant(s)/resident(s).

The deadline to complete and return the Age Certification has been extended to **December 31, 2023**. You may either drop it in the deposit box located in the parking lot just outside of Building A or mail the completed document and any attachments back to us at:

The Villages
 Attention: Age Certification
 5000 Cribari Lane
 San Jose, CA 95135

We appreciate you taking the time to complete and return this important form. Please be assured that the information that you provide is used strictly for the Corporation's records and to document our community's compliance with applicable laws. A summary of the age survey results (not including names or addresses) will be made available following completion of the survey.

Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.



**THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION
 THE VILLAGES HOMEOWNERS' CORPORATION
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2023

The undersigned certifies under penalty of perjury that:

1. He/she is _____ years of age.
 (insert age)
2. He/she is a member of the household that resides at the unit described below, which is located within The Villages Association, San Jose, California.
3. He/she has personal knowledge of the ages of the occupants of the home, and:

Check either "A" or "B" below, whichever applies, but do not check both:

- A. At least one occupant of home is 55 years of age or older.
- B. None of the occupants of the home are 55 years of age or older.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Address within The Villages _____

Date _____

Please provide names of all people residing in the dwelling:

THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION
 Please return by December 31, 2023



Questions for the Club Board?

The Club Board of Directors (CBOD) appreciates the need in having your questions answered. The CBOD has a column in *The Villager* so that all those interested can see the question and response. If you have any questions, please email them to Julia Meadows at jmeadows@the-villages.com or you can put a written question in the drop-box in the parking lot of Building A.



The entire Board is interested in communicating the proper information for your understanding of issues and current events.

'Ask the ABOD'

The Association Board of Directors (ABOD) appreciates the need in having your questions answered. The ABOD has a column in *The Villager* so that all those interested can see the question and response. If you have any questions, please email them to Maria Elizabeth Hernandez at MEHernandez@the-villages.com or drop them in the drop-box in the parking lot of Building A.



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Vehicle Barcode Reminder

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If you registered a vehicle that had a temporary plate at the time of registration, but have not provided the permanent license plate number, please contact Public Safety Administration to update your registration with the current license plate number.



Happy holidays, neighbors.

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I wish all my neighbors a safe and happy holiday season and the very best in the New Year. It's a true joy to be part of such a wonderful community.

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Be safe, be seen—VMA Safety Vests

Now that it's getting dark even earlier, it's extremely important that you wear bright, reflective clothing to ensure oncoming drivers can clearly see you.

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) has yellow/green reflective vests available, which are free to Villagers. The safety vests are stored at the VMA office in Cribari Center. Pick up your complementary vest at the VMA office during business hours 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

One size fits all, one per household. Go get a vest!

Missed your Villager?

If you missed delivery of your weekly copy of *The Villager*, you may pick up a replacement copy of your paper at the newsstand at the entrance of Building B, in the hallway of Cribari Center near the Post Office or go online to the Villages website—www.thevillagesgcc.com—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

VMA—2023 in review and what's ahead in 2024!

By Mitzi Macon, VMA President

I'm grateful to live in The Villages, where residents generously support their community! Resident support in giving and volunteerism, help the VMA carry out its mission to assist residents to live independent, active and healthy lives.

On behalf of the VMA, I want to thank all who donated in our recent resident outreach campaign. The VMA receives no monetary support from The Villages, so resident giving helps ensure we are able to employ a services resident coordinator, Bonnie Grim. Bonnie supplies vital medical agency information to residents and families needing help with present and future living situations.

In 2023 we continued to expand and offer quality speaker programs that all residents benefited from attending. We have increased the type of medical equipment to loan and listened to resident requests to purchase new items. Our Health Festival offered this year was an enormous success, providing residents information from speakers, professionals and clubs. We also saw Bingo events sell out and daytime attendance increase. The VMA provides Bingo events as a fun outreach to residents. Thanks to the many volunteers who make Bingo and all the other events we offer possible!

In 2024 we will continue to look for new ways to serve our community. The heart and soul of what we accomplish comes from our volunteers. The accomplishments of those willing to give of their time and energy to serve others are quite amazing. In support of our mission, the VMA has begun a project with The Villages management, to fund and automate all doors at the Clubhouse. You'll hear more about this project, as planning for implementation starts in the new year.

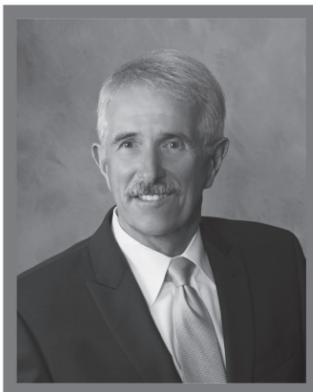
Wonder what you can do? See a neighbor who may benefit from our service? Know a friend who needs equipment after a surgery? Want to get involved? Want to know more? An amazing Helpdesk team is available to take your call at 408-238-4230.

As I reflect on 2023, I have enormous appreciation for all who are willing to serve on boards and in organizations. Let 2024 be the year you consider getting involved, to support this amazing community. Your heart will grow, I guarantee it!

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EPC: Little time commitment, big impact

The Emergency Preparedness Committee is always looking for additional ways to provide services for residents in emergency situations. One of the newer efforts is its Emergency Shelter Program, which identifies and organizes a network of Villager residents who can offer temporary shelter to other Villagers who might be displaced from their homes when an emergency hits.

The EPC is an organization of neighbors helping neighbors, and for us to provide this additional resource, **we need volunteers** who are willing to communicate with fellow Villagers and track data. Members of the Emergency Shelter Team also will reach out to external resources, such as the Red Cross, for guidance.

This is a great way to give back to your community—please join our team. Contact Lorraine Silva at lkilva2000@gmail.com



GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Highland DAC to meet January 11

The Highland DAC will be holding their first meeting of the new year on **Thursday, January 11** at the Foothill Center from **6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Important topics that will be discussed include turf conversion next steps, budget inputs and the budget process schedule, CC&R election results, communication methods and what works best for you, holiday decorations, and much more. Light refreshments will be served.

Please email any additional questions or concerns to the Highland DAC at VillageHighlandDAC@outlook.com with any suggested topics so that sufficient background materials can be sourced in preparation for the meeting.

Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication. Please email your copy to: ktran@the-villages.com

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Tax preparer handout available

The SRS Tax Preparer handout has been updated for the coming tax preparation season. The list gives contact information for four Enrolled Agents (EA) and two Certified Public Accountants (CPA).

What is the difference between an EA and a CPA?

An **Enrolled Agent** is a person who is licensed to represent taxpayers before the IRS after passing three proficiency exams in taxation administered by the IRS. EAs are not required to have a college degree or any other specific business-related education. To maintain their license, they must take 72 hours of continuing education every three years.

A **Certified Public Accountant** is licensed by individual states after passing four national exams administered by the American Institute of CPAs. In California, five years of college units are required to be able to take the examinations. To maintain their license, they must take 80 hours of continuing education every two years.

Both EAs and CPAs are trained to do a professional job with tax return preparation. In general, many people believe EAs are best for routine tax preparation and miscellaneous tax fillings. CPAs are best for complex advanced tax planning and preparation, especially if the planning and compliance involves related business or trust entities. Choosing one or the other depends on your personal situation.

If you would like the Tax Preparer handout, stop by the SRS office. Or you may call the SRS office at 408-239-5253 and have it emailed to you.

SRS also sponsors an AARP Volunteer Tax-Aide Program site. Free tax preparation will be offered by appointment at Foothill Center on Friday mornings during tax season. Volunteers are Villagers trained and tested according to IRS standards. The coordinator is Alan Waltho, 408-238-3435. The appointment process will be announced in January.

Remember, this list is offered solely as a convenience for you. SRS makes no recommendation regarding any of these resources.

Note: The Senior Resource Services (SRS) office hours for drop-in assistance are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. The SRS office is in the Cribari Center across from the Post Office. You may also leave a message at 408-239-5253 or e-mail SRS at villagersrs@sbcglobal.net. The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional advisor about your individual situation.

SRS Alert:

2024 estate and gift exemption

The IRS has announced the inflation-indexed exemptions for gifts and estates for 2024.

The annual exclusion for gifts will increase to **\$18,000** for calendar year 2024, up from \$17,000 in 2023. This means a married couple can each give \$18,000 to an individual for a total of \$36,000 in 2024 and not have to file a gift tax return.

Estates of decedents who die during 2024 have an exclusion amount of **\$13,610,000**, up from \$12,920,000 for estates of decedents who died in 2023.

Unless Congress makes the current law permanent, after 2025 the estate exemption will revert back to the 2017 exemption of \$5.49 million (which will be adjusted for inflation from 2017).

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, January 30 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of January are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **December 20**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.**

Enhance The Villages through EVF's Planned Giving Program

'Tis the season of giving, and amidst the festivities, the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) invites you to take advantage of various opportunities to support the causes close to your heart. As you explore avenues to enhance Villages amenities, consider the impactful Sustaining Membership Program.

But, here's a thought that goes beyond the ordinary—a chance to make a lasting contribution to the community through the Planned Giving program. Picture this: an opportunity not just to embrace the holiday spirit but to etch your legacy into the very fabric of the Villages. Express your gratitude for the community we all cherish by incorporating the EVF into your estate plans. The foundation welcomes bequests, allocations from retirement plans and IRAs via Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), stocks, and life insurance.

Jerry Neece shared his perspective: "As a single person with no dependents, leaving the remainder of my estate to EVF makes perfect sense and allows me to 'pay forward' to ensure The Villages remains the active and vibrant community I enjoy."

For more details on how to join the Planned Giving program, visit our website at evfsj.org. While there, explore becoming a Sustaining Member with contributions as modest as \$5 per month. For those inclined towards one-time gestures, single donations to EVF via the website are always welcomed.

This season, let your generosity echo through time, leaving a mark that transcends the holidays and enhances the legacy of the Villages.



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Sign up for Back in Form's new year personal training special

The Villages in partnership with Back in Form, Inc. wishes you a Happy New Year!

Let's turn New Year's resolutions into results with a "Back in Form 2-for-1 Personal Fitness Training Special." Sign up for personal training for one person (\$127 per session) and add a spouse, friend, or neighbor to work out with you for free! This is a savings of \$33! All trainees should already be authorized to access the Fitness Center. The dates/times for the sessions will be determined by the trainer and trainee(s).

Register in Building B during business hours. The promotion ends January 31 or when the trainers are at capacity, whichever comes first!

All trainees must register at the same time, one registration slip per household. A minimum of five sessions is required; training session scheduling will be determined by the trainer and trainee's availability. Please allow processing time before reaching out to Back in Form for scheduling. If you wish to continue training after the special promotion, you will arrange future sessions with Back in Form at their regular rate.

For more information about registering or enabling access to the Fitness Center contact us at 408-223-4643.

Sign up for new year cooking class with Dayna!

Join us for a cooking class with Chef Dayna Pawlowski of SimpleCIOUS! No experience required. The class will be offered **Monday January 29** from **2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** at Montgomery Center. Dayna will provide the ingredients and materials needed to prepare your delicious dishes. The menu for this class will be:

- Shrimp and mango-salsa stuffed avocados
- Tomato and grilled zucchini puff pastry with apple, fennel, gorgonzola slaw
- Andouille sausage with dirty rice

Once the appetizer is complete you can nosh on it while continuing cooking; the rest of the meal is enjoyed family style by participants while clean up takes place. At the end of the class, you will be given the recipes you learned to practice more at home for your friends and neighbors. Please note this class is four hours long, but time flies when you are having fun!

Register in Building B during office hours beginning **Tuesday, January 2**. Registration ends Friday, January 19 or sooner if spots fill up. The cost per attendee is \$128 (ingredients and other materials included).

Dayna began simpleCIOUS in 2008 as a catering business and expanded not long after to provide cooking instruction to all ages. Prior to opening her business, she taught early childhood education. She has a passion for nourishing bodies and souls with good, wholesome food, and showing you how to create them at home. Be sure to sign up early as space is very limited!

Last chance to sign up to see Legion of Honor's Botticelli Drawings exhibit!

On **Thursday, February 1**, come with us to the Legion of Honor in San Francisco as it hosts its newest exhibit, Botticelli Drawings. We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at **8:30 a.m.** with an estimated return time of 3 p.m.

Botticelli Drawings is the first exhibition ever dedicated to the drawings of Renaissance artist Sandro Botticelli (ca. 1445 – 1510). The exhibition traces his artistic journey, from studying under maestro Fra Filippo Lippi (c. 1406 – 1469) to leading his own workshop in Florence. Featuring rarely seen and newly attributed works, the exhibition provides insight into his design practice and offers an intimate look into the making of some of his most memorable masterpieces, including Adoration of the Magi (c. 1500), which will be reunited with its preparatory drawing, surviving only in fragments.

Activity Level: Moderate (walking and standing; benches may not be available).

Register in Building B during business hours by Friday, December 22 or sooner if tickets sell out.

The cost per person is \$71 regular price; \$44 for FAMSF members. It includes admission, escort, and round-trip transportation. Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco members must show valid membership card at registration. Audio tours are available for an additional \$6.

Lunch will be purchased independently at the museum café. Admission includes the permanent exhibits and non-ticketed temporary exhibits available on the day of the trip.

Due to the weather of the Bay appropriate attire is casual and warm. Gratuity for driver is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.



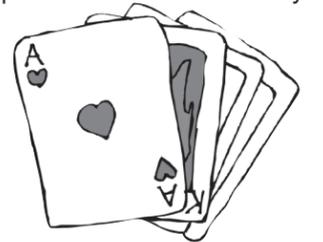
Game Day holiday schedule

This holiday season, the availability of Game Day will be affected by special events and, of course, holidays. Game Day is the time allocated for drop-in game playing in the Redwood Room and Terrace Room Lounge in Cribari Center. No games materials are provided, but groups usually play bridge, mah jong, poker, and more in these spaces. The Game Day schedule is Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside of Game Day these rooms are available by reservation only.

On the dates below the regular Game Day schedule will be changed. Signs will be posted in the rooms as well. Please contact us with any questions at 408-223-4643.

- **December 25 (Monday):** the rooms will be closed for Christmas and will return to the normal drop-in schedule on Tuesday, December 26.

- **January 1 (Monday):** the rooms will be closed for New Year's Day and will return to the normal drop-in schedule on Tuesday, January 2.



Fitness demonstration's holiday schedule

There will be no Fitness Center Safety Demonstration on **December 28** due to the Christmas holiday. Demonstrations will be offered for the rest of this month at the regularly scheduled times: **Thursday nights at 7 p.m.** and the **second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.** Each session is 90 minutes long and led by a personal trainer at the Fitness Center. Reservations are required.

For more information or to sign up for a demonstration please visit the Fitness Center Demonstration page under the Reservations menu option when logged into the Resident Portal, or call us at 408-223-4643. Instructions on how to locate and create an account on the Resident Portal are available upon request.

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The Villages offers a wide variety of activities for the enjoyment of the Villages residents. *Please check your personal calendars prior to committing to an event, class or trip. Once registered for an activity, you are responsible for*

the cost of the activity. All sales are final.

Registration is limited to residents only for the first two weeks.

Management assumes residents and guests are able to participate in our sponsored

activities independently. We reserve the right to evaluate the participant's ability to participate based on each individual's physical abilities and/or demonstrated behaviors. You may always take a caregiver with you to help with your needs.

Employees are not permitted to provide physical assistance to participants. If personal assistance or a wheelchair is needed, the participant must arrange for a caregiver with paid reservation to accompany him/her.

Employees, residents and their guests represent the Villages Golf and Country Club off site. It is expected that all participants will conduct themselves in a dignified, cooperative and congenial manner.

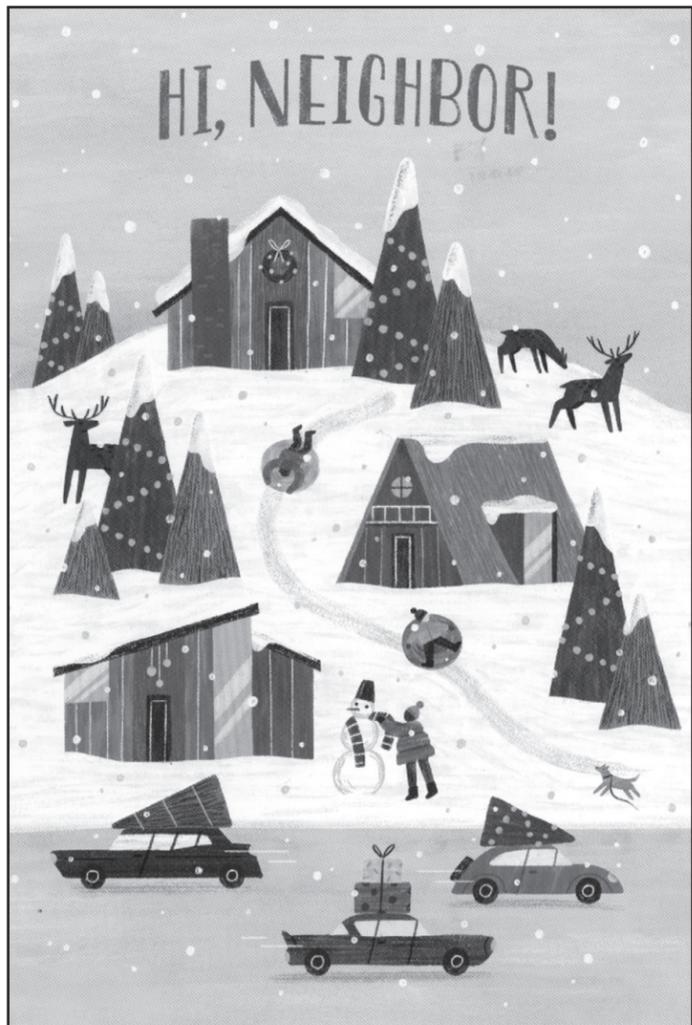
Victorian carolers perform at The Villages



On December 13, Villagers were treated to an amazing performance by the Lyric Theater's Victorian Carolers. As a special surprise they sent additional carolers to enhance the experience. Their beautiful voices performing old and new classic songs, and festive traditional costumes delighted the audience, who sang along with many tunes. A snippet is available on the Resident Portal for viewing.



Enter Holiday Card Message Contest



We are challenging all Villagers to use their years of experience sending and receiving holiday cards to guess the sentiment inside this card based solely on an image of the cover, which can be viewed at the following link: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/card. Is it a joke or a heart-warming turn of phrase? Is it a poem or just plain blank? The closest guess will win a \$10 Villages gift card redeemable at the Clubhouse, Bistro, or Pro Shop.

Entries can be submitted via email to rdreitlein@the-villages.com with the subject line "Holiday Card Contest" or in writing to Building B during the contest period. The winner(s) will have their names and winning entries published in Villages media. For more information about entry requirements, the prize, and other contest information please review the Official Rules are available at the same link or in Building B.



ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR



All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. More details at villagesart-sandcrafts.org

Monday and Fridays: Open Studio in the Art Room with Jane Hink and Taf Tafarrodi, beginning at 10 a.m. All Villagers and all media welcome!

Mondays and Tuesdays: Open Studio in the Art Room with Pat Andrade, beginning at 2 p.m. All Villagers and all media welcome!

Tuesdays: Poetry in Art with Colleen Mirassou at 10:30 a.m. All welcome!

January 10 – January 31: Beginning Drawing with Ceil Duke. **Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** \$120. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com.

January 11 – February 8: Watercolor Plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa. **Thursdays, 10 a.m. – noon.** \$70. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

February 2: Greeting Card Making with Mandy Book. **Friday, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** \$10. All materials furnished. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Ceramics Room has open studio days for approved members only. For Open Studio hours and new classes, go to villagesceramics.com

Stitchery Group on Mondays: Patio Room from 1 – 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372. You can learn knitting here!



HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layer clothing appropriate to the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday and Saturday** – Villages hill hike with Russ Glines at 8:30 a.m. from Foothill Center. **Every Monday** – at Clubhouse parking lot, meet at 8:20 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. to walk around golf course with Terri Vivoli.

Rambler Hike December 27: No hike scheduled.

Rambler Lite Hike December 27: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike along the southern perimeter of Olivias and down through the lakes and gnomes. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike January 3: Al Girolami (209-531-6553) will lead a fairly easy hike in our Lower Villages Open Space. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the cul-de-sac below the Upper Gardens at the end of Village View Drive. We will sign in at the Mailbox and proceed on the Joe Marsh Trail and make a loop using Richter, Oak, and Skyway Trails. The very gradual elevation gain is only 400 feet on packed dirt trails. If interested, we can also tour the Upper Gardens and follow with coffee at the Bistro.

Rambler Lite Hike January 3: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through Cribari starting at the west side. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike January 10: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike January 17: Gary Lohr (408-912-5124), will lead a hike at Lake Almaden. The hike along Los Alamitos Creek is about 3-1/2 miles round trip and is mostly sunny and flat. Meet at Cribari at 9 a.m. for a 9:15 departure. Round trip is about 18 miles.

Rambler Lite Hike January 17: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to the three Montgomery ponds and steps. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.



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THE CLUBHOUSE

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All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at thevillagesgcc.com

WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com
For **Curbside Grab-and-Go Service**, call in your order at **408-370-8553**. Call again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle.

To order Curbside Grab-and-Go, call 408-370-8553

The Clubhouse Curbside service charge is 15 percent. The service charge for the Indoor and Patio Dining is 18 percent.



CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT, THE BISTRO & BAR AND GRAB & GO ORDERS AVAILABLE

Clubhouse is open for full service

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

Restaurant Main Dining Room: Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation.

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com, Phone: **408-223-4687**, Online: clubhouserreservation.com

- **Patio Dining** reservations for the patio are for 6 or more persons.
- **The Bistro alcove** can be reserved for parties of 8 to 10 people.
- **The kitchen will still close at 8 p.m.**, last seating at the Bistro, Patio, curbside takeout and Restaurant main dining room is 7:30 p.m.
- **Bistro Bar closes at 9 p.m. Last call is at 8:30 p.m.**
- Dress code for the main dining room will be enforced. During summer months, dress shorts and dress sandals will be allowed.
- Credit cards and house charges will be accepted.
- Cash will not be accepted for payment but can be left as a tip.

ATTENTION CURBSIDE CUSTOMERS: *New legislation prohibits "Take-out service" from providing any single-use foodware accessories or standard condiments to customers unless they are requested. This is in effect now. Our staff will ask if customers need condiments such as ketchup, etc. or plastic utensils such as forks, etc. when taking orders.*

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

First, call in your order at **408-370-8553**. Call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle. **A 15 percent Service Charge and Tax will be added to the price.**

Notice for our Curbside customers: *Due to the increased volume of orders at dinner time, we are recommending that you call and place your order between the times of 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will take your order and coordinate a pick-up time later that evening. While this is not required, it should help alleviate any wait times during the peak dinner time hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.*



Soup of the Day

For the week of 12/25 to 12/31

Monday	December 25 CLOSED
Tuesday	December 26 Split Pea
Wednesday	December 27 Chicken, Vegetable and Rice
Thursday	December 28 Roasted Pepper and Artichoke with Feta Cheese and Cilantro
Friday	December 29 Shrimp Bisque
Saturday	December 30 Chef's Choice
Sunday	December 31 Chef's Choice

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday	Tuesday to Friday	Saturday and Sunday
Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bistro Menu 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i>	Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bistro Menu: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i> Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i>	Saturday Breakfast: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday Breakfast: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bistro Menu: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i> Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i>

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

Reservation: Press #1, Curbside Order and Pick-up: Press #2

Manager on duty: Press #4, Events and Catering: Press #5

Online

Reservation or Curbside Order: Clubhouserreservation.com

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Bistro Menu 2pm-8pm

Appetizers

GF Potato Skins \$14.00
Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions and Sour Cream

Wings BBQ, Teriyaki, or Buffalo Sauce 6Pc \$13.95
Celery and Carrots, Ranch Dressing

V Villages Nachos \$12.95
Tortilla Chips with Cheddar, Jalapenos, Sour Cream, Black Olives Black Beans and Tomatoes Topped with Green Onions Add Beef or Chicken \$4

Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$11.95
Honey Mustard or Ranch

V Szechuan Baby French Beans \$11.95
Wok Tossed with Seasoning.

Chicken Lumpia \$12.95
4-piece Filipino Egg rolls with Dipping Sauce

Won Ton Skewered Prawns \$14.95
4 Prawns on Grilled Pineapple Wedge

Angus Beef Sliders \$11.95
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

Calamari \$13.95
Lightly Dusted Rings, Tentacles and Parmesan Parsley

Soup of the Day \$5.50/ \$7.50
Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar

Entrée Caesar Salad \$11.95
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Salmon \$6, Prawns \$6

Cobb Salad \$14.25
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard Boiled Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

V Asian Salad \$14.75
Cabbage, Carrots, 4Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Won Ton Skins, Bean Sprouts with Sesame Ginger Dressing
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

V Santa Fe Salad \$14.95
Mixed Greens, black Beans, Corn, Avocados, Tomatoes and Green Onions, topped with toasted Tortilla Strips Cilantro Lime Dressing Add grilled chicken or Beef \$4

V Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95
Vegetables over Jasmine Rice with Ponzu Sauce
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4

Fish and Chips \$14.95
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw

V Quesadilla \$13.95
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Guacamole, Add Chicken or Beef \$4

Street Tacos \$13.95
Tofu, Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantros, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on mini-Corn Tortillas

Sides \$5.50

Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup or Chili Con Carne

Sandwiches With Sides

Jumbo all Beef Hot Dog \$11.95
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish. Add Cheddar or Chili \$2

Burger with Side \$13.95 Or Impossible Burger with Side \$14.95
Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Or Plant Based Meat
Add Avocado, Bacon, Cheese \$2

Chicken Club on Focaccia Bread \$15.95
Roasted Chicken, Bacon, Swiss Cheese and LTO

Reuben \$14.95
Grilled Rye, Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese, 1000 Island Dressing.

Classic BLT \$13.50
Iceberg, Tomatoes, and Bacon on Toasted Sourdough

Naan Pizza Crust Red Sauce with Mozzarella

V Cheese Pizza \$11.95 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95
V Margherita Pizza \$12.25
Combination Pizza \$14.95
Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, Peppers
V Veggie Pizza \$14.95
Onions, Broccoli, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Peppers Arugula
BBQ Chicken Pizza \$14.95
Sweet BBQ Sauce, Onions, Cheddar, Mozzarella

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Sub \$2
GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian

Breakfast Menu

Tuesday to Friday 8am to 11am. Saturdays 7am to 11am. Sundays 7am to 2pm

V French Toast \$9.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Cup of Seasonal Fruits

V Short Stack Pancakes \$9.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Cup of Seasonal Fruits

V Belgium Waffles \$10.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Cup of Seasonal Fruits

Bagel BLT and Egg \$10.75
Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with Cream Cheese

Breakfast Burrito \$10.75
Scrambled Egg, Potatoes, Cheese, Salsa
Choice of Bacon or Sausage

Montgomery Muffin \$10.75
Scrambled Egg, Bacon or Ham, Cheddar Cheese, and Fruit

Lox and Bagels \$15.95
Smoked Salmon, Cream Cheese, Red Onions, Egg Whites and Capers

Avocado Spread Sourdough Toast \$12.50
Fried Egg, Bacon, and Tomato

Chicken and Waffle \$13.95
2 Piece Chicken Tenders, Belgian Waffle, Fruit

Sides
Egg \$2.75, Breakfast Meats \$4, Hash Browns or Country Potatoes \$3, Toast \$2

French Roast Coffee \$1.95

Starbucks Espresso \$2.50 Extra Shot \$1.50

Starbucks Americano \$2.50

Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino \$3.25

Juice, Milk, or Hot Chocolate \$2.95

Non-Dairy Creamer Available Upon Request
GF Gluten Free Bread Available \$1.50 Extra

The Villager \$12.95
2 Eggs Any Style with Sausage Links, Ham, or Bacon. With Potatoes or Fruit, Choice of Toast

Three Egg Omelet \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese. Add. \$3 each, Bay Shrimp \$4.
Served with Potatoes or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Skillet Scrambler \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese. Add. \$3, Bay Shrimp \$4 Served w/ Potatoes or Fruit and Toast

Ralph's Special (Loco Moco) \$14.95
2 Eggs, Potatoes or Rice, and Ground Sirloin Patty with Gravy, Choice of Toast

Huevos Rancheros \$12.50
Fried Corn Tortillas Topped with Lettuce Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Black Beans, Fried Egg and Salsa, Topped with Cotija Cheese

Eggs Benedict \$14.95
2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce
Served with Choice of Potatoes or Fruit

Eggs Florentine Benedict \$14.75
Two Poached Eggs, & Spinach, Feta and Tomatoes over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce.
Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit

Corned Beef Hash and Eggs \$14.95
2 Eggs, House Made Seasoned Hash. Served with Potatoes or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Sundays Only
Oatmeal With Raisins, Bananas, Syrup, Fruit \$9.25
Country Cornbread with Sweet Butter, Fruit \$8.50

Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5pm to 8pm Last Order

Starters

Soup of the Day Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50
Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar

Small Caesar Salad \$6.75

Calamari \$13.95
Lightly Dusted Rings and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

Chicken Lumpia \$12.95
4-piece Filipino Egg Rolls with Dipping Sauce

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

V Szechuan Baby French Beans \$11.95
Wok Tossed with Seasoning

Won Ton Skewered Prawns \$14.95
4 Piece Skewered on Grilled Pineapple Wedge with Dipping Sauce

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

Linguini and Clams \$16.95
White Wine, Butter, Olive Oil, Lemon Juice Parsley

Pasta Puttanesca \$15.95
Spaghetti with Zucchini, Capers, Eggplants Olives and Garlic. Essence of Anchovies

V Butternut Squash Ravioli \$15.95
Creamy Garlic Sauce

Spaghetti Tuscan Ragù \$16.95
Beef Chuck and Sausages with Tomatoes, Mirepoix Garnished with Basil

V Vegetarian GF Gluten Free

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

Slow Roasted Prime Rib \$39.95
Aged to Perfection with Choice of Sides

Dinner Entrées

*Accompanied by 2 Sides.
Mashed Potatoes, Saffron Infused Rice
Baked Potato with Sour Cream and Chives
Or Daily Vegetables Sides*

Soup or Salad \$3.95 with Entrees

Crispy Muscovy Duck Breast \$29.95
Dark Cherry Brandy Sauce

Chicken Parmesan \$26.95
Panko Breaded with Mozzarella Marinara Sauce

Country Pot Roast \$28.95
Slow Braised with Herbs and Vegetables

New York Steak \$32.50
Green Peppercorn Sauce

Rosemary Braised Lamb Shanks \$33.95
Slow Braised with Red Wine and Mirepoix

Country Breaded Bone In Pork Chop \$28.95
Smothered with Gravy

Calf Liver and Onions \$26.95
Sautéed Onions and Crispy Bacon Bits

Stuffed Sole with Bay Shrimp \$26.95
with Spinach, Sundried Tomatoes and Ricotta Topped with Mornay Sauce

Blackened Creole Salmon \$27.95
With Corn Verde Salsa

Salt and Pepper Prawns \$28.95
Crushed chili, Chinese Five Spices, White Pepper, Garlic and Onions Tossed and Sautéed.

Weekly Specials

For the week of
12/19 to 12/24

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 12/26 to Sunday 12/31

Country Fried Steak & Eggs: Breaded Sirloin Steak and Country Gravy and 2 Eggs Any Style with choice of Breakfast Side **\$17.50**

Lunch Specials:

Tuesday 12/26 to Sunday 12/31
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blackened Tilapia: Cajun Seasoned Tilapia with a Shrimp Creole Sauce Served with Rice and Vegetables **\$16.95**

Shrimp Salad on Croissant: Shrimp Salad, Lettuce, Onion and Tomato on a Croissant with Choice of Sides **\$16.50**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 12/26 to Saturday 12/31
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

22-oz. Porterhouse Steak: 22-oz. Porterhouse with a Cabernet Reduction Sauce and Maytag Bleu Cheese with Choice of Sides **\$48.50**

Calamari Steak Amandine: Sautéed Calamari Steak with a Garlic Butter Sherry Wine Sauce and Toasted Almonds with Choice of Sides **\$28.50**

Lunch Menu 11am to 2pm

<p style="text-align: center;">Appetizers</p> <p>GF Potato Skins \$14.00 <i>Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions, and Sour Cream</i></p> <p>Wings 6Pc \$13.95 <i>With Carrots, Celery, Ranch Dressing With BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce</i></p> <p>Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$11.95 <i>Honey Mustard or Ranch</i></p> <p>V Szechuan Baby French Beans \$11.95 <i>Wok Tossed with Seasonings.</i></p> <p>Won Ton Skewered Prawns \$14.95 <i>4 Piece Skewers on Grilled Pineapple Wedge</i></p> <p>Chicken Lumpias \$12.95 <i>4-piece Filipino Egg Rolls Dipping Sauce</i></p> <p>V Villages Nachos \$12.95 <i>Tortilla Chips with Cheddar, Jalapenos, Sour Cream, Black Olives Black Beans and Tomatoes Topped with Green Onions. Add Beef or Chicken \$4</i></p> <p>Angus Beef Sliders \$11.95 <i>2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish</i></p> <p>Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95 <i>2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade</i></p> <p>Calamari \$13.95 <i>Lightly Dusted Rings and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">South of the Border</p> <p>Rotisserie Chicken Enchiladas \$15.95 <i>Refried Black Beans, Spanish Rice and Tomatillo Sauce</i></p> <p>V Quesadilla \$13.95 Add Chicken or Beef \$4 <i>Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Guacamole.</i></p> <p>Street Tacos \$13.95 <i>Grilled Tofu, Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantro, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on Mini-Corn</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Villager Favorite</p> <p>Fish and Chips \$14.95 <i>Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw</i></p> <p>V Lunch 3 Egg Omelet with Fruit \$12.95 <i>Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach, Tomatoes. Choice of Toast Ham, Bacon, or Cheese Add \$3, Bay Shrimp \$4</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Soup or Salads</p> <p>Soup of the Day Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50 Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar</p> <p>GF Entrée Caesar Salad \$11.95 <i>Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan and Croutons Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Salmon \$6, Prawns \$6</i></p> <p>V Asian Salad \$14.25 <i>Chopped Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Won Ton Skins, Bean Sprouts with a Sesame Ginger Dressing. Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns \$6</i></p> <p>Grilled Sirloin Salad \$16.25 <i>On a Bed of Greens, Avocados, Cucumbers Cherry Tomatoes, Balsamic Vinaigrette.</i></p> <p>V Greek Salad \$14.75 <i>Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Feta cheese and Olives with Pepperoncini, Lettuce, Red Wine Vinegar Add Grilled Chicken or Beef \$4</i></p> <p>V Santa Fe Salad \$14.95 <i>Mixed Greens, Black Beans, Corn, Avocados, Tomatoes and Green Onions Topped with Toasted Tortilla Strips Add Grilled Chicken or Beef \$4 Cilantro Lime Dressing</i></p> <p>Cobb Salad \$14.25 <i>Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard Boiled Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6</i></p> <p>Shrimp Louie \$16.25 <i>Mixed Greens, with Avocados, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and Hard-Boiled Egg with 1,000 Island Dressing</i></p> <p>Half Stuffed Avocado Salad \$14.95 <i>Chicken or Tuna Salad, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Hard Boiled Egg</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Over Rice</p> <p>V. Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95 <i>Vegetables over Jasmine Rice with Ponzu Sauce Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4</i></p> <p>Pork Adobo Over Rice \$16.95 <i>Braised with Soy, Vinegar Black Pepper, Garlic, Onions</i></p> <p>Chicken ala King \$16.95 <i>Rotisserie Chicken Breast with Peas, Carrots, Onions, Mushrooms in a Cream Sauce over Rice</i></p>
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Sandwiches and Such with choice of Sides Included
Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

Sides \$5.50
*Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries,
Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup or Chili con Carne*

<p>Jumbo All Beef Hot Dog \$11.95 <i>Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish. Add Cheddar or Chili \$2</i></p> <p>Burger with Side \$13.95 Or Impossible Burger with Side \$14.95 <i>Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Or Plant Based Meat Add Avocado, Bacon or Cheese add \$2</i></p> <p>Turkey Brie On Focaccia Bread \$15.95 <i>With Cranberry Chutney and Alfalfa Sprouts</i></p> <p>French Dip with Au Jus \$14.95 <i>Roast Beef, Onions, w/ Jack Cheese, Hoagie</i></p> <p>Melts: Tuna Salad, Bay Shrimp or Patty \$14.95 <i>Grilled Sourdough, Cheddar Cheese Caramelized Onions. Substitute Impossible Patty Add \$1.00</i></p> <p>V Veggie Melt \$15.95 <i>Herbed Garlic Aioli, Grilled Veggies, including Bell Pepper, Zucchini, Onions, and Portabella packed into Hoagie Roll with Mozzarella Cheese</i></p>	<p>Reuben \$14.95 <i>Grilled Rye, Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese, 1000 Island Dressing</i></p> <p>Breaded Sole Hoagie \$15.95 <i>Panko Breaded Sole with Tartar LTO</i></p> <p>Chicken Club on Focaccia Bread \$15.95 <i>Rotisserie Chicken, Bacon, Swiss Cheese and LTO Sub. Grilled Tofu</i></p> <p>Classic BLT \$13.50 <i>Iceberg, Tomatoes and Bacon on Toasted Sourdough</i></p> <p>Deli Sandwich LTO \$13.50 <i>Choice of Bread, Turkey, Ham, Chicken Salad or Tuna Salad</i></p> <p>Croque Monsieur Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich \$13.95 <i>Grilled Sourdough with Melted Swiss and Dijon</i></p>
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Naan Flatbread Pizzas All with Red Sauce and Mozzarella

V Cheese Pizza \$11.95 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95 V Margherita Tomato Pizza \$12.25

Combination Pizza \$14.95
Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers,

V Veggie Pizza \$14.95
Onions, Broccoli, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Peppers and Arugula

BBQ Chicken Pizza \$14.95
Sweet BBQ Sauce, Onions, Cheddar and Mozzarella

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Available \$ 2.00
GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian
Add or Sub Tofu to Menu Items as Marked

The Clubhouse



**BUY ONE APPETIZER
GET ONE HALF-OFF**



Appetizer Special!
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday

*Item must be of equal or lesser value.
Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.
For dine-in customers only.



We want your opinion!

Have you seen the comment cards in the Bistro and Clubhouse? They are available in the main entrance or in your bill folder. The Food and Beverage staff use them to recognize excellence in their employees, to make adjustments to the menu, and to help patrons when things aren't perfect.

Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think!
Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.



Dessert Menu

\$6.95

House Made Vanilla Crème Brule with Berries
Creamy Custard Topped with Glazed Caramelized Sugar

Chocolate Lava Cake (Warm)
Chocolate Cake with Creamy Fondant

House Made Bourbon Bread Pudding
New Orleans Style Bourbon Glaze and Frosting

Pecan Pie
Buttery Shortbread Crust Topped with Hand Placed Glazed Pecan Halves

New York Style Cheesecake
Raspberry Coulis and Berries

\$5.25

Flavors of the Day

Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet, Milk Shakes



Clubhouse Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

Clubhouse Restaurant Bistro and Curbside open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Christmas Eve Special Menu Curbside pickup noon.

Christmas Day Monday, December 25 Closed

New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31

Bistro Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Clubhouse Restaurant is open for *Early Bird Dinner*—two seatings
5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Banquet Rooms

New Year's Day Closed



Christmas Eve Curbside Pickup

Sunday, December 24

12:00 p.m. Pickup Time

Christmas Baked Ham

Brown Sugar Mustard Glaze and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Peppers
Or

Sliced Sirloin of Beef

Mushroom Sauce
Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Peppers

Both Choices Served with Rolls and Butter and Dessert

Dessert Christmas Yule Log Cake

\$32.95 Plus 18% Service Charge and Tax Per Meal
All Charges Made to Account House Number Prior to Event
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Let's Ring In

2024

New Year's Eve

Early Bird Dinner

Sunday December 31, 2023

Two Seatings 5 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Salad

Winter Mixed Green Salad
with Candied Walnuts, Pomegranate, Beets and Goat Cheese
with Maple Walnut Dressing

Entrée Selections

Petit Filet Mignon Crab Oscar with Béarnaise Sauce
Broiled Cold Water Lobster Tail with Garlic Butter Sauce

Accompaniments

Baby French Beans and Red Peppers
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

Dessert

Triple Chocolate Cake
with Three Layers of Milk, Dark, and Ivory Chocolate

Champagne Toast

\$67.95 Plus Service Charge & Tax
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\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

2 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday to Sunday

All day on Monday

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Let's Ring In New Year's Eve 2024

Midnight Countdown
New Years Eve Dinner Dance

Sunday December 31, 2023 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

7 p.m. Reception 8 p.m. Dinner
12 a.m. Champagne Toast

Reception

Imported & Domestic Cheese Display, Assorted Canapes

Salad

Winter Mixed Green Salad
with Candied Walnuts, Pomegranate, Beets and Goat Cheese with Maple Walnut Dressing

Entrée Selections

Petite Filet Mignon Crab Oscar with Béarnaise Sauce
Broiled Cold Water Lobster Tail with Garlic Butter Sauce

Accompaniments

Baby French Beans and Red Peppers
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

Dessert

Triple Chocolate Cake
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, December 22

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
6 p.m.	Hiking Club Social	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, December 23

9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
4:45 p.m.	Brandeis Movie Group	SEQ

Sunday, December 24

6:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Comm. Chapel Worship	F
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Service	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
11 a.m.	Chapel Fellowship	CR
3 p.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
4 p.m.	Catholic Mass	A

Monday, December 25

9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Drawing Class	AR

Tuesday, December 26

9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Poetry in Art & Pastel	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED

EVENT LOCATIONS		
A	Auditorium	(Cribari)
AR	Art Room	(Cribari)
BC	Bocce Courts	
CER	Ceramics	(Cribari)
CH	Clubhouse	
CR	Conference Rm.	(Cribari)
F	Forum	(Cribari)
FC	Foothill Center	
FHP	Foothill Pool	
GP	Gazebo	
L	Lobby	(Cribari)
SEQ	Sequoia	(Cribari)
MC	Montgomery Center	
MMP	Montgomery MP Room	
RED	Redwood	(Cribari)
P	Patio	(Cribari)
PC	Pickleball Courts	
PR	Patio Room	(Cribari)
TR	Terrace Room	(Cribari)
TS	Tennis Stand	
VC	Vineyard Center	
VR	Voyage Room	(Montgomery)

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Watercolor Class	AR
11 a.m.	Israeli Folk Dance	CR
2:30 p.m.	History of Israel	MC
6 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

Thursday, December 28

9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Acrylic Classes	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	CR

11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2:00 p.m.	Global Village Meditation	PR
7 p.m.	Folksters	FC

Friday, December 29

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC



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Upcoming 2024 Programs

Hearing Screening: Hearing Life will provide free screenings on **Tuesday, January 16 from 10 a.m. - noon.** Please call the office to schedule your appointment at 408-238-4230.

Enough is Enough – Reclaiming Control of Our Lives as we Age: As we age it seems as if we lose control over our day to day lives. Chaplain Dale Poland, M. Div, BCC of Hospice of the Valley – Sutter Health will explain some common misconceptions. **Thursday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m. - Noon** in the Sequoia Room. To register please go to vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Things Every Older Adult Needs to Do to Live Well As They Age: Mwezo Kudumu, well known wellness and fitness instructor here at the Villages will offer a presentation/demonstration on how to prevent catastrophic events in your life, offer suggestions on how best to do telemedicine visits and do a personal fall risk assessment. Please come prepared wearing comfortable shoes and loose fitting clothing. **Monday, January 29 from 1-2:30 p.m.** at the Foothill Center. To register please go to vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

2024 Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. The group will resume **January 22** at 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Sequoia Room. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. will conduct the monthly group starting **Thursday, January 4 (note date change)** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: Meet with other caregivers who are caring for those with Parkinson's. Meetings take place the third Thursday of every month starting Thursday, January 18 at 10 a.m. in the Forum Room. No need to register, all welcome.

Visit VMAvillages.vgcc.club



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Welcome to Our Website

Daily
5:15 & 11:15



Club Events & Notices



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CLUBS & EVENTS

Celebrate New Year with Hiking Club on the top of our hill



The Hiking Club will once again celebrate **New Year's Day** at the top of our tallest hill, at 2,300 ft. The long hikers will start from Foothill Center, **leaving at 9:30 a.m.** It will take about 90 minutes to make it to the top, so the celebration will start at about 11:30 a.m. at the top of the hill. The Ramblers will hike on the lower hill trails to the picnic tables at the intersection of Sky and Ohlone. They will meet at the parking lot of the upper gardens at 10 a.m. Please bring snacks and suitable libations to share with friends and fellow hikers. Total hiking distance is 4-5 miles round trip, depending on which trails we take. For a more leisurely pace and a slightly shorter distance, hikers can also start at the upper garden parking lot. Time your start to make it to the top by 11:30 a.m.—perhaps starting between 9:30 and 10 a.m.

In the event of rain, the Foothill Center will be open to hikers to enjoy their snacks and suitable libations. No RSVP required. Members and non-members welcome!

County Assessor Larry Stone to speak at VMFSC meeting

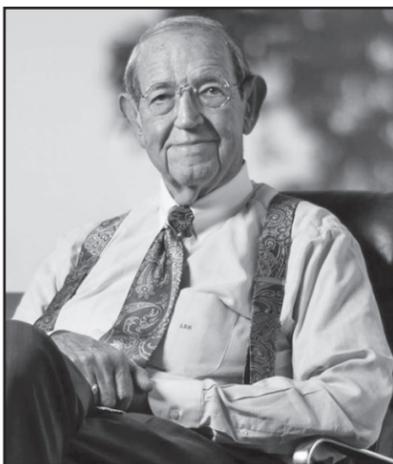
On **Tuesday, January 2**, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will have Larry Stone, Santa Clara County Assessor, as its speaker. Guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by **12:30 p.m.**

Larry was elected Santa Clara Assessor in 1994 and has been re-elected eight times. He has been an active civic leader in many fields from the arts, to education, to the environment. Larry has had a large impact on local and national politics. San Jose Magazine named him one of Silicon Valley's most powerful leaders. A Washington Post reporter described him as an American rarity, a proven political success in a time of political failure.

He has gotten to know President Bill and Hillary Clinton very well. You will find Larry's stories about the Clintons fascinating including several visits—and one overnighter—at the White House.

A native of Seattle, Larry has an MBA from the University of Washington and has studied at the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He and his wife, Carmen, have lived in Sunnyvale where they raised three sons.

Social Club members should make lunch reservations a week in advance on the computer website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter.



Join Drawing Class—something new in 2024!



There is always room for new adventures, especially when it comes to re-discovering the joy of drawing! Embarking on a creative journey can be a rejuvenating experience, and this four-week Beginning Drawing class is designed to be both enjoyable and enriching.

It will cover the basic fundamentals of drawing, with lessons on eye-hand coordination, pencil techniques, positive/negative space, creating realism, and basic portraiture. In other words, how to bring simple sketches to life. Classes include both lecture and demonstration components with the majority of the time spent actively drawing.

Ciel's popular classes are fun, stress-free, and designed to unlock your imagination while you build confidence in your artistic ability! Making new friends while engaging in this personally rewarding pastime is guaranteed!

This Beginning Drawing class will take place on four **Wednesdays, January 10-31**, from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The fee is \$120 and includes all materials and supplies. Register by emailing Barb.gottesman@gmail.com



Cribari's New Year's Rockin' Eve Dance reminder

The Cribari's New Year's Rockin' Eve Dance 2023 scheduled for Sunday, December 31, 2023 is now **sold out!**

Remember: No cancellations after December 22.
Email cribaridac@gmail.com or text 408-375-1760 or call 408-274-1882.

Learn Beginning Ceramics with Diane Finley

Do you want to learn how to turn clay into a work of art? Now is your chance to learn the basics of hand-building and slab work. No experience necessary!



This is a five-week class on **Wednesdays, January 3 to 31**, from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. in the Ceramics Room in Cribari Center. All materials are supplied, just register and we'll make some clay projects for you to take home. Make sure you can attend all classes, as there are no make-up dates.

The total cost is \$120 and is limited to six students, so register early and reserve your place. For more information, visit villagesceramics.com or register with Diane at dianefinley1@gmail.com

VAT to present free show

Mark your calendars! By popular demand the Villages Amateur Theatre will present Bluegrass Radio Days again on **January 20 at 4 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. This is a matinee theatre production that was first presented in August to a standing room crowd, featuring the Scotch Creek Bluegrass Band, along with VAT actors reading "Stories I Ain't Never Told Yet" by Jo Carson. This is a free performance and is full of good music and lots of laughs! If you saw it in August, you are welcome to return and bring your friends who missed it. Everyone will enjoy this show!





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Barbara Lee to visit Villages

Save the Date! Congresswoman Barbara Lee, running for Dianne Feinstein's Senate seat, will be the guest of the Democratic Club on **Wednesday, January 24** at 7 p.m. at Foothill Center.

Villager Nirmann to speak at Global Village meeting

By Liz Adams



Join the Global Village Community Club for its first presentation of the new year. We will meet on **Wednesday, January 3 at 7 p.m.** in the Conference Room at Cribari Center. Come meet Nirmann, as he is known to his clients—a pen name that distinguishes him from others.

Anurag Asthana (Nirmann) is a new Villages resident and author of the book, "The Zouddha Manuscripts—Birth of the

New Being." He is the creator of "Zouddha"—a comprehensive life transformation framework based on the combination of science and spirituality, which aims to help people who are dealing with anxiety, worry, stress, depression, patterns of overthinking, poor sleep patterns and feeling stuck to experience peace, joy, and mental clarity.

He is a Neuro-Linguistic programming expert, a past life regression leader, a meditation teacher and an art of dying facilitator. In the business sector, he enjoys helping companies streamline their operations using Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

Come meet Anurag Asthana, AKA Nirmann at this Global Village Club meeting.

Hiking Club puts on festive holiday party

By Jim Beyer

On December 14, 2023, Hiking Club members enjoyed our annual holiday party where there was knoshing, dining, dancing, and entertainment. Turkey, ham, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, corn casserole and dessert were provided by the Club. The entertainment was provided by Ed Knott and a group of fellow members and Villagers. Bibi Bruce headed up the event and a group of other members that did an excellent job of decorating and setting up the event.



Village Readers: Do you want to join a book group?

A meeting of The Village Readers Club will be held at **2 p.m.** on **Wednesday, January 10, 2024**, at Montgomery Center. Any Villager who would like to join an existing group or to form a new group is invited to attend. There are currently 12 book groups, each with eight to 10 members. Each book group is managed independently and functions differently, from the genre of books read to the snacks provided. Groups usually meet once a month in members' homes. If you love to read, want to make new friends, and enjoy interesting book discussions, please attend. Please contact Trudy Nicholls (trudy_nicholls@hotmail.com) with any questions.



Help the VMA help you!



With the holidays upon us, everyone's schedule is getting busier. VMA asks for a minimum two-day notice for all driving requests. Keep in mind that office hours are **Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** We will do all possible to accommodate all requests that come in Friday through Sunday for the following week, but we appreciate advance notice. Drivers: Be sure to notify the office of upcoming vacation schedules to avoid unnecessary calls. Happy Holidays!

San Francisco Yiddish Combo to perform Klezmer concert at Cribari

Save the date for an evening of fun and wonderful music with the San Francisco Yiddish Combo. Sponsored by The Villages Jewish Community, this event will be held **Friday January 26 at 7 p.m.** at Cribari Auditorium, \$20 per person billed to your house account. Reservations will be taken by Celia Schiffner. She can be reached at 631-678-7109 or celia.schiffner@gmail.com

The San Francisco Yiddish Combo (SFYC) was formed by accident when a love of Klezmer music collided with their collective backgrounds in every genre except Klezmer. Now the SFYC is embarked on a journey around the world to present their own unique blend of everything that is Klezmer, mixed with years of experience in the jazz, blues, folk, and even hip-hop world.

Made up of classically trained musicians who enjoy stretching musical boundaries, the SFYC is led by cellist Rebecca Roudman who has fronted groups all over the world bringing her virtuosic and fiery playing to stages from China to Italy and beyond. The group performs with a fresh spin on Klezmer with plenty of recognizable nods to an eclectic mix of genres.



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Lomas Azules residents light up the streets



By Claire Hindtergardt

Lighted Christmas trees are bringing sparkle to Lomas Azules Place and Lomas Azules Court, thanks to the Christmas Elves, Kathy and Ed Munoz and Yumi and Dave Showalter. Their team cheerfully assisted and provided their expertise and materials to their neighbors up and down the streets. It is a joy to see the lights sparkle on the trees. Many thanks to our Christmas Elves!

Need a ride? Who ya gonna call?

Meet Roz Zinns, she knows. The VMA is running a pilot service for rides to events inside the gate. Roz saw a recent article in *The Villager*, for the Music Society Festive Collaboration and wanted to go. She just needed a ride!

She saw the note at the end of the article to contact the VMA at 408-238-4230 to schedule a ride. Thanks to VMA volunteers, Roz donned her best snowman sweater, and off to the show she went! Help spread the word. See an event inside the gate you want to attend? Need a ride? You now know who to call...right? VMA!



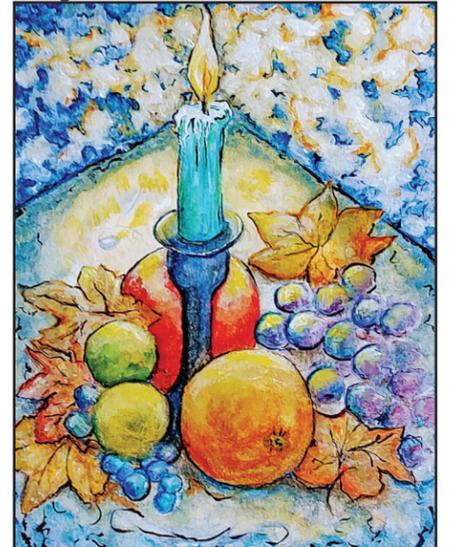
Sign up for Watercolor Plus Mixed-Media Painting

Doug Canepa is offering another painting class to Villagers who are interested in exploring different tools and media to enhance their basic painting skills. He will explore strategies beyond traditional watercolor painting by adding acrylics to make images pop. Textured paste, colored pencils and charcoal pencils will be used for texture. Burnishing and blending tools will be introduced as will pen and ink.

Join Doug for this interesting class, **Thursdays, January 11 through February 8, 10 a.m. – 12 noon** in the Art Room. The fee for this five-session class is \$70.

Bring your own materials and Doug will furnish burnishing tools, charcoal, colored pencils, texturing paste, charcoal pencils and ink. A wide range of subject matter will be based on student interest during the class.

Join the fun and explore the possibilities by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com



Still life by Liz Muzio

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Join Cat Club's first meeting



Join the first meeting of the Villages Cat Club on **Monday, January 22, 2024 at 2 p.m.** in the Vineyard Center. There will never be another "first meeting"! You will receive a ladybug rock that'll be our Cat Club symbol.

Come and learn more about how best to care for your cat(s). Share ideas and meet other cat friendly neighbors. Hear Dr. Barbara Lee share current information on the care and well-being of your cat(s). Be part of a group picture that will appear in the Villager and featured in the Spotlight magazine.

Note: no cats allowed at this meeting, cat-friendly Villagers only. Continue to sign up by emailing or calling Bette Loomis at dbloomis@sbcglobal.net

What goes into the Recycle Bins?

By Maxine Amundson, Sustainable Villages Community

It seems we always need more information on recycling. When you take your recyclables out, dump your recyclables into the recycling bin and throw the plastic bag in the garbage bin. All recyclables need to be loose. Break down the cardboard, rinse out your glass bottles, cans and plastic bottles. If there is food on the container, toss it into the garbage. Place in the garbage any plastic bags, wrap and film, styrofoam, pet waste and snack bags. Save your batteries for collection days or bins. An easy reference is on FastLane; at the bottom of Public Works edition there is a button indicating "Recycling and Waste Management." Look for this icon for more information. For more information, visit the Sustainable Villages Community's website at sustainablevillagescommunity.org



FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

The Villages Library is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Fire Strike" (Oregon Files #17) by Mike Maden. When Cabrillo is hired to extract an undercover operative in Kenya, he finds himself on the trail of a deadly international plot. A Saudi Prince seeks to unleash a deadly assault on U.S. forces, sparking a new war in the Middle East and ultimately destroying Israel. Cabrillo's crew have met their most fearsome adversaries yet: a force of bio-hacked soldiers endowed with extreme strength and stamina and an unquenchable appetite for violence. The Oregon team must journey from the Amazon rainforest to an abandoned monastery in Eritrea before a final showdown in the mountains of Yemen, using every shred of courage and cunning they can muster to disable the ship-killer missile before the Arabian Sea becomes a mass grave. Fiction, 2023.

"The Librarianist" by Patrick deWitt. Bob Comet is a retired librarian passing his solitary days surrounded by books in a mint-colored house in Portland, Oregon. One morning on his daily walk he encounters a confused elderly woman lost in a market and returns her to the senior center that is her home. Hoping to fill the void he's known since retiring; he begins volunteering at the center. Here, as a community gathers around Bob, and following a happenstance brush with a painful complication from his past, the events of his life and the details of his character are revealed. Behind Bob Comet's straight-man facade is the story of an unhappy child's runaway adventure during the last days of the Second World War, of true love stolen away, of the purpose and pride found in the librarian's vocation. Bob's experiences are imbued with melancholy but also a bright, sustained comedy. Fiction, 2023.

"The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder" by David Grann. On January 28, 1742, a ramshackle vessel of patched-together wood and cloth washed up on the coast of Brazil. Inside were thirty emaciated men, barely alive. They were survivors of His Majesty's Ship the Wager, a British vessel that had left England in 1740 on a secret mission during an imperial war with Spain. While the Wager chased a Spanish treasure-filled galleon known as "the prize of all the oceans," it wrecked on a desolate island off the coast of Patagonia. After being marooned for months and facing starvation, they built the flimsy craft and sailed for more than a hundred days, traversing nearly 3,000 miles of storm-wracked seas. They were greeted as heroes. But six months later, another, even more decrepit craft landed on the coast of Chile. This boat contained just three castaways, and they told a very different story. The 30 sailors who landed in Brazil were not heroes—they were mutineers. The first group responded with countercharges of their own, of a tyrannical and murderous senior officer and his henchmen. It became clear that while stranded on the island the crew had fallen into anarchy, with warring factions fighting for dominion over the barren wilderness. As accusations of murder flew, the Admiralty convened a court martial to determine who was telling the truth. The stakes were life-and-death—for whomever the court found guilty could hang. Non-Fiction, 910.9164: 1. Shipwrecks 2. Patagonia, 2023.

"The Paris Daughter" by Kristin Harmel. Paris, 1939: Young mothers Elise and Juliette become fast friends the day they meet in the beautiful Bois de Boulogne. Though there is a shadow of war creeping across Europe, neither woman suspects that their lives are about to irrevocably change. When Elise becomes a target of the German occupation, she entrusts Juliette with the most precious thing in her life—her young daughter, playmate to Juliette's own little girl. But nowhere is safe in war, not even a quiet little bookshop like Juliette's Librairie des Rêves, and, when a bomb falls on their neighborhood, Juliette's world is destroyed along with it. More than a year later, with the war finally ending, Elise returns to reunite with her daughter, only to find her friend's bookstore reduced to rubble—and Juliette nowhere to be found. What happened to her daughter in those last, terrible moments? Juliette has seemingly vanished without a trace, taking all the answers with her. Elise's desperate search leads her to New York—and to Juliette—one final, fateful time. Fiction, 2023.

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RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

Sunday	8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
	Contact: Kathy Schlosser	408-677-4770
Sunday	9 a.m. Episcopal Service	Montgomery
	Contact: Leslie Bailey	408-270-9022
Sunday	10 a.m. Community Chapel	Cribari
	Contact: Del Herfurth	408-440-4649

Regularly Scheduled:

Friday	9 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
	First three Fridays of each month	
	Contact: Louise Connors	408-221-6485
Friday	7:15 p.m. Jewish Shabbat	Foothill
	Next date: TBA	
	Contact: Marilyn Goldsmith	732-672-8601

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

It's Christmas

By Patricia Galli

By now we have probably moved into full Christmas mode. But for now, let us pause because



December 24 this year is Sunday. In our Church calendar. It is the 4th Sunday of Advent. The morning Liturgies on this day for the 4th Sunday will use the Gospel from St. Luke, the wonderful story of the angel visiting Mary. There are many paintings showing this scene. In many of these pictures it appears as if the event took place in the European Middle Ages. In these pictures, the angel of course has wings and Mary is dressed in fine clothes and sometimes kneeling. There is however a marvelous painting by an American artist Henry Ossawa Tanner. In this picture Mary appears as a young girl sitting at the edge of

her bed looking in puzzlement at the light coming into her room. It is something to ponder. Mary, young unmarried girl from the small town of Nazareth, is asked if she would be the mother of, he who we call Jesus. She was asked and with some trepidation said, "Yes!" We now have Christmas because Mary agreed to bring Christ into the world. This event changed history.

In the Masses later this Sunday and on the following day December 25 which we celebrate as Christmas there are the Gospel stories of the baby's birth in a stable in the town of Bethlehem.

As we ponder these stories and the life of Jesus that followed, we might want to contemplate how this bears witness today to the freedom God gives us daily to say, Yes! Yes, to be light bearers in our world. Karl Rahner, a 20th century theologian reflects this when he says.

"It is Christmas. Light the candles. They have more right to exist than all the darkness. It is Christmas...Christmas that lasts forever."



Catholic Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve

December 24, 8:15 a.m. - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Cribari Auditorium

December 24, 5 p.m. - Vigil of Christmas - Cribari Auditorium

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'My Christmas Prayer to You'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

To all my beloved family and friends, Christmas time is the highlight of family gatherings, especially centered around good food, gift exchanges, making merry, playing games and more good food. Some of you may have attended special Christmas programs at your church or participated in a play.

Can you remember the gift you just had to have from Sana Claus (your parents)? You had no idea the sacrifices that they had to make to purchase the toy that would bring you a little temporary joy. Like most children, by the time March rolled in, that item had lost its luster and you were ready to move on to something new that the Mattel Company was introducing for the Spring.

As you think about the many Christmas celebrations of the past with family and friends, may your hearts overflow with abundant gratitude. More than the tangible gifts that were given and received, I think that you can agree, it was really the people in your life that mattered. Some families had their way of dealing with their individual struggles and you had the grace to care about them.

Each year the Christmas message remains the same.... that God gave the most precious gift in sending His Son to give us everlasting life in His eternal presence. I pray that this Christmas will be a defining moment in your life by deciding to receive the Gift that keeps on giving and never losing value over time. May you secure your eternal destiny and live each day with the assurance of heaven as your final home.

1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV *But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

Celebrate with us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium, every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life, enjoy a cup of coffee and cookies with friends. The chapel is a place for *needs to be met, faith to be affirmed and new friends to embrace*. You can view our worship services on YouTube at Villages Community Chapel San Jose, CA.

Merry Christmas and a Very Blessed New Year.



SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., January 8 at Vineyard Center**. We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025.

EPISCOPAL

'Birthed in Love'

By The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith, Dean of Trinity Cathedral

No matter how many times I celebrate Christmas, the joy (and the scandal) of it always catches me off guard. Wouldn't it make more sense for God to come triumphant with an army, rather than humble in an animal stable? (Spoiler alert: first century people wondered about the same thing). We might think of this cosmic event—the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ—as the first of many curious reversals in Christian life. That is, a life wherein the poor shall be rich and the first shall be last, but justice and mercy abound for all. Really, what greater gift could God give?

Unwrapping (so to speak) the miracle and the messiness of Jesus' Bethlehem birth, we discover startling truths about God's ancient purposes and our human capacity for drama and deception. The nativity stories are touching—from a safe distance—but of course they took place against a backdrop of dangerous unwed motherhood and threatening politics. But our contemporary portrayals of Christmas, sentimental though they be, do get one thing right: they all reveal a backdrop of love. Expressed in the tender care of mother and father, in the courage of shepherds and wise men, and—most of all—in the persistence of God who will give everything to be close to us. From Trinity Cathedral and our Villages Chapel, we wish you a Merry Christmas... all twelve days of it!

Please join us this Sunday at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. We will light the 4th Advent candle as well as celebrate Christmas! There will *not* be a service on December 31, but we will see you in the new year on January 7.

SPORTS NEWS

TENNIS TALK

By Phyllis and John Mueller

2023 marks the end of our 51st year of having the Villages Tennis Club available to us. We again anticipate our visit from Santa to celebrate the holiday season. His reindeer love to rest under the eucalyptus trees and munch the grass. The elves hang out in the Bistro while Santa sometimes changes shoes and hits a few with locals. If he makes it on Sunday, he can play with the "music" drop in! He for sure will measure beards with his cousin from Canada! (Initials A.F.)

It again has been a great year for the Tennis Club. Almost 300 members continue to play in Tournaments and the Rossmoor challenge twice a year has been in existence for over 35 years! Golf and Bocce Tournaments balance out our exercise routine. Jumpstart has been a great program for re-entry of new tennis players. Having a Pro available adds to our expertise! Our members really clean up for the Holiday Dance and "Trip The Light Fantastic."

2003 was a big year for the Tennis Club! Wendy Ferguson started the Scholarship program with Silver Creek High School, and 20 years later it has developed to many more scholarships awarded each year. Donations fund this program! Silver Creek tennis teams come every year to play with members of the Tennis Club.

Also in 2003, our 3.0 Senior Women's USTA League made it all the way to Nationals in Arizona. They came in third in the nation! This was the third USTA Senior Team from The Villages to play at the national level. The other two teams from the Villages who went to Nationals were the 3.0 Men's teams who played during the '90s!

So let's give a great thanks to all the involved members who participate and support this great Club of ours. Lots of work goes into a great organization! This great sport has given all of us the satisfaction and enjoyment that we put into it.

As Santa "lifts off," let's say a great "cheer" for another great year!



BOCCE NEWS

Meet Bocce Club's New 2024 Officers

By Barbara Orlando



Vice President
Marie Colaizzi



Secretary
Tricia Hunt



Treasurer
Libby Nelson



Meet your new officers for the 2024 Bocce Club Board of Directors. Under the leadership of new president Jana King, all three new officers have the dedication and experience for their new roles, as they serve the membership. It's going to be an exciting year for our club, with a new third court, tournaments, bashes, and all the fun social events.

Congratulations to Marie Colaizzi, Tricia Hunt, and Libby Nelson as they take on their new positions.

Have you wanted to get involved in volunteering? There are all sorts of jobs once the 2024 bocce season begins. Whether your interests are tournaments, social events, or bashes, just talk to any board member and they will direct you to the right person to help you get started.

'Third Court' project update

(Note: For more Bocce Court project details, please read the General Manager's message in the December 7 edition of The Villager on page 4.)

The Third Bocce Court project continues to move forward and the project team which consists of CBOD and bocce team project managers, are working on nailing down costs for amenities needed to start spring play. We expect to have some fairly solid estimates by mid-February 2024.

We know that the Bocce Club is expected to fund some portion of the project costs, so we would like to get a head start on that and are encouraging you to donate towards the project now – especially if you want to use it as a possible tax write off for 2023.

The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) is managing the collection of donations from our residents. EVF is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable organization which means donations may qualify as charitable contributions (please check with your tax planner/adviser first). You can make out a check to the Evergreen Villages Foundation and deliver it to Marie Colaizzi, Bocce Board Vice President, who will track and forward all donations for this project to the EVF treasurer. Contact Marie at: mpcolaizzi@gmail.com or drop a check in her mailbox at 7395 Via Cantares. If you want it to be used as a 2023 write-off, it should be dated on or before December 31, 2023.

Alternatively, donations can be made by going to the EVF website at evfsj.org and using the PayPal portal.

Our first official 2024 group fundraising event will be a Third Court "Groundbreaking Ceremony" currently planned for **Friday, January 5 at 3 p.m.** at the Bocce courts (weather permitting). We will have a ceremonial shoveling of dirt and a ceremonial pouring of champagne on the ground to kick off the project in style along with our good wishes and fingers crossed for speedy contractors and favorable weather! Join us for a hot beverage and small snack – and don't forget your checkbooks!!

Wishing you, your families and friends a very Happy Holiday Season!

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

On December 15, twelve members competed to climb onto the victory stand. The results are: First place with a Net 36, a tie with Martin Hoek, and Chuck Benjamin; in the second spot, another tie with Mike Falarski and Jim Keene, each carding a Net 37; Tom Carson jumped in to third position with a Net 40; Jack Bindon finished the day's prize-winning list, with a Net 41.

On the last two play dates of 2023 also commence our 2023 – 2024 Winter schedule on December 22 and 29. Current NOAA forecast (as of December 17) for these two days is 5 percent chance of rain on the 22nd and 20 percent chance on the 29th. All we can do is hope for clear skies or dig out our rain jackets.

Having fun is the primary reason we continue to get on the course and play this game. Remember this simple tip from this well practiced hacker. While it's nice to have a fantasy that we can play like the pros, we all know it's rarely, if ever, going to happen. Play to your handicap. If your stroke differential is less than your Playing Handicap, you've had a good day. To repeat my message from a couple of weeks ago, I quote Tomas Hertl of the San Jose Sharks: "Fun must be always."



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SHONIS

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



Peggy White, Joyce Baptiste, Jan Trusso and MaryAnn Haggerty beat Tim Flanagan, the Pro.



Captain Betty Hall with Kathy Tanaka, winner of most net Captain's Trophies.



Betty Hall with Most Improved player, Fran Schumaker.



MaryAnn Haggerty, Schinae Ogihara, Fran Schumaker, Jonna Robinson, Marty Blinde and Judy Rogers got a net under par. Also shown is Tim Flanagan.

By Betty Hall

The Shonis celebrated the end of their golf year with a wonderful, fun luncheon in the Sunset Room last Tuesday, December 12. It was great to see our golfing buddies in their Christmas finery as well as some members we haven't seen for a while for various reasons. We gave out year-end awards as well as some small golf gifts and some Christmas bells.

We "deinstalled" our 2023 board and installed our 2024 board. Birdie pins, Captain's Trophy pins and June through November sweeps were given out. Tim Flanagan joined us to present Beat The Pro pins and stayed for lunch as our guest. Peggy White, Joyce Baptiste, Jan Trusso and MaryAnn Haggerty matched or beat Tim's score on November 28.

MaryAnn Haggerty, Schinae Ogihara, Fran Schumaker, Jonna Robinson, Marty Blinde and Judy Rogers got a net less than Par and also got Beat The Pro pins.

Two awards presented by our Captain at our luncheon were for Most Net Captain's Trophies during the year and Most Improved. Pictured here are Captain Betty Hall with Kathy Tanaka who received the trophy for most Net Captain's Trophies.

And pictured below is Betty with our Most Improved trophy recipient, Fran Schumaker.

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE



Renee Woolard, Captain's Trophy Winner



Most Improved Player Andrea Alvarez



Club Champion Gisele Barber



Elvis entertaining the Women's 9 Hole luncheon.

By Nancy Carson

Tuesday was cold and foggy, but 3 of our members had a successful day! Anka Hoek had a chip-in on #3, and Pat Smith on #14. Rita Karlsten birdied #11. Congratulations!

Then it was party time! Today was our Holiday luncheon and general meeting. The buffet was delicious and the table decorations, beautiful! Joy Rem headed up the committee with Charlotte Waugh and Joyce Mukuno. The table decorations were by Carleen Corsello.

It was great to see Jeanne Omel here.

Our captain, Gisele Barber introduced next year's board members and passed out special gifts to the out-going board members. Pictured are our award winners for 2023: Most Improved – Andrea Alvarez, Club Champion – Gisele Barber and Captain's Trophy – Renee Woolard.

So how could we top off this party? A visit from Elvis! He was in good voice and flirted with the whole room.

By Doug Moore

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Upcoming events:

Frost Bite Open on Saturday, January 13, 2024. **MGC Members ONLY. NO Guest or Spouses.** See flyer.

I'm not sure if you saw this team, all dressed up in their Christmas gear at the **2023 Holiday Tournament** or not, but when I saw the photo I felt compelled to share it with the rest of the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club members, and The Villages.

There were no award placements for the best dressed team at the tournament but if there were, I'm almost positive they would've easily come in around 17th or 18th for sure. All this being said, I came to the realization that not one of these golf marauders has a mirror in their homes. (Maybe for Christmas?) But nonetheless they bravely chose to go out and weather the elements and spread so much Christmas joy to all of the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club members, and we sincerely thank them for that.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you gentlemen and your families!

Please don't ever change.

Executive Committee Meeting: Curious as to what transpires at The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meetings? You are cordially invited to sit in, participate and make a difference. If you have a point of view, an opinion or a concern that needs to be presented, we would love to hear from you. We meet the first Tuesday of the month (except in July) at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be **January 2, 2024**. MGC Members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Also, remember to visit our website at **villagesgolfers.com** for the latest Men's Golf Club information. Kyle Finley does a great job with the website, keeping us up to date with all of the latest information we need to know regarding the club.



Men's 18 Hole Golf Club

Frostbite Open

When: Saturday, January 13, 2024

What: Step Aside Scramble. This is a fun, non-postable golf tournament. **MGC Members only. No Guest or Spouses.**

Format: Step Aside Foursome Scramble. After everyone's drive, and on each successive shot, the player whose shot is selected "steps aside" and the other three players play the next shot until the ball is holed.

Signup: December 30 through January 11. Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.

Handicaps: 100% of January 11 Handicap

Flights: Flighted, depending on the number of players

Tees: #4/3 Combo, or #3 based on Flight

Tee Times: 8:30 a.m. Shotgun

Cost: \$49 – This includes green fees and sweeps. Coffee and Donuts from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball Rules of Etiquette

By Joyce Kludt

Remember when you were told as a child to have good manners like to always say "Please" and "Thank you"? Well, guess what? Pickleball has rules of Etiquette that our many new members may not be aware of...and we do get complaints at times of rudeness on the courts. So here are a few of our Rules of Etiquette:



Don't give players a lesson on the court, unless they ask you... and don't criticize. Everyone wants everyone else to improve their game. That's a good thing. But be careful not to cross the line by giving lessons, because many are there just for fun and maybe aren't even concerned about improving.

Don't be a hothead. Maintain composure during victory and defeat. Stay calm and be sportsmanlike.

Please, no angry outbursts or loud cursing. Swearing and intimidating behavior makes everyone else uncomfortable.

Don't be a sore loser. We all like to win, but when you lose, do so graciously. Avoid confrontations and arguments. Respectful communication is the key to resolving disputes.

When playing for fun, don't poach (hit a ball intended for your partner).

Don't hit lobs to restricted people. If they walk slowly, was that intentional lob really worth the free point?

Don't avoid hitting to strong players just to win. They want to play, too. Allow your partner their fair share of play.

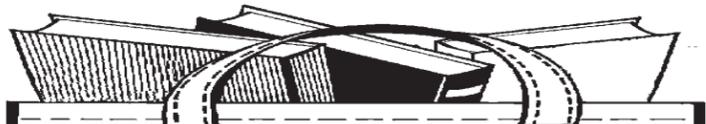
It can be tempting to hit lobs to players looking directly into the early morning or late afternoon sun, but it is polite not to.

Call out the score loudly.

At the end of the game, meet at the net for the PB high five with your paddles.

Try to be punctual and to turn off your phone ringer during play.

Most important rule of Pickleball at The Villages: **have fun!**



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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Holiday Golf Schedule

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Modified Holiday Schedule - Open Play Tee Times 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Last tee Time available is 1 p.m. - Pro Shop and Driving Range closes at 1 p.m.

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day – All Golf Facilities closed all day

Monday, January 1 – 12 p.m. Open Play Shotgun

Saturday, January 13 – Men's Club 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – 1pm Open Shotgun

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Holiday Schedule – Open Play Tee Times 7:30 a.m.

Three New USGA/NCGA World Handicap System Updates Effective January 2024

1. The first change is regarding short golf courses. Any 9-Hole course measuring 750 yards or more will be eligible for an official Course Rating & Slope Rating. So our Par-3 Course qualifies and will be assigned an official Course Rating and Slope Rating and will be part of the player handicap matrix going forward. This means that anyone who plays the Par-3 Course will have to officially post their score and that score will be included in their handicap allocation.

2. The second change is that 9-Hole Scores will now count as an official score and will immediately be used as part of your handicap calculation. There will be no more combining of 9-hole scores to form and 18-hole score for handicap purposes, the 9-hole score will stand alone as an official score.

3. The last change is for incomplete rounds - Anyone who plays 10-17 holes and does not finish a complete 18-hole round will be required to post their hole-by-hole scores for each hole played and the un-played holes will be assigned a Score Differential automatically to formulate an 18-hole score for posting and handicap purposes.

Please look at the below snapshot and for more detailed information use the below link to access the USGA's article regarding these changes: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/articles/2023/11/revisions-coming-to-world-handicap-system-in-2024.html>

Winter Golf Schedule through February 2024

Mondays – Shotgun starts at noon – Driving range closes at 2 p.m.

Tuesdays – Swingers Shotgun starts at 9 a.m. – Open Play 11:30 a.m. – Par-3 Course Shonis start at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays – Men's Club preferred tee times 7 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Thursdays – 18-Hole Women 8:20 a.m. Shotgun - Open Play 11:30 a.m. - Par-3 Course Ironmen start at 1 p.m.

Fridays – Pinseekers 9-Hole Men start at 12 p.m.

The last tee time each day will be 4 p.m. – The Pro Shop will close at 4:30 p.m. daily (3 p.m. Mondays)

Winter Rules—From now until further notice we will be playing Winter Rules defined as 6-inch relief, through the green (includes the rough), no nearer the hole, pick-clean-and place, no penalty.

Winter Weather and Daily Golf Course Conditions—Remember that at this time of year, weather becomes a daily factor and the resultant golf course conditions can affect play. Some things to be aware of are potential frost delays if it's cold, potential cart paths only status if conditions are wet and rainy, and in extreme weather or wind conditions course closure if a storm creates an unsafe atmosphere to play in (rare but not impossible). Please call the Maintenance Hotline at 408.223.4663 each day for an update on golf course conditions. And remember that the flag at the driving range will indicate the golf course status for the day: **Green Flag = Open for Play / Yellow Flag = Frost Delay / Red Flag = Carts on Paths Only / Black Flag = Golf & Practice Facilities Closed**

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The Villages Pro Shop is now stocking Wilson Golf products for your enjoyment... come out and try the Wilson Dynapower woods - with AI variable face technology, Wilson Duo Golf Balls – the lowest compression ball in the World, Wilson Triad golf balls – the #1 3-piece ball on the market, and the Wilson Staff Model four-piece golf ball -quickly gaining traction in the premium four-piece golf ball marketplace. Check out this YouTube video review of the Wilson Dynapower Driver: <https://youtu.be/z2xhJQB39jQ?si=YcJ24futzuoZGaSs>

Tips from the Pro— The Slice...How to save face

The dreaded **slice**. It starts out OK but takes a right turn in midair and flies headlong into

(Continued on next column)

SCOREBOARD

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, December 13		Friday, December 15	
Kit Hultquist	203	Sandy Gardiner	196
Shirley Bellavance	240	Sylvia Rozewicz	242
Sylvia Rozewicz	260	Carol Souza	252
Remy Pessah	266	Remy Pessah	259

BRIDGE

- Monday, December 11:**
 1/2. Jane Michaels and Kathy McKenzie
 1/2. Bosh Singh and Bonnie Taylor
 3. Lorrie Scott and Hank Koransky

- Wednesday, December 13:**
 1. Jan Kiernan and Sumi Minami
 2. Ed Logg and Guest
 3. Lorrie Scott and Joe Henry

- Friday, December 15:**
 1. Ed Logg and Jonna Robinson
 2. Lorrie Scott and George Welch
 3. Mary LeGrand and Guest

SHONIS

- Tuesday, December 12**
 All Nets

- Flight One:**
 1. Gloria Lowry 22
 2. Tied -Marty Blinde and Teddy Morse 25

- Flight Two:**
 1. Judy Rogers 21
 2. Tied Karen Rooney and Peggy White 27

- Flight Three:**
 1. MaryAnn Haggerty 24
 2. Tahera Khalil 25
 3. Donna Erickson 31

From The Pro...

(Continued from previous column)

whatever trouble is lurking down the right side, usually a lake or a grove of trees. A **slice** happens when the clubface at impact is open to the path of the swing. The **slice** is more about the open clubface than it is about improper path. You can use your wristwatch to eliminate a slice. If you're wearing a watch on your left wrist (right wrist for left-handers), you have the key to squaring the clubface. On the downswing, as your club is approaching the ball, focus on rolling your watch face over or counterclockwise so it's pointing to the ground in the follow-through. Tiger calls this "left knuckles down"... This will get you to rotate your forearms and close the face enough before impact to beat that banana ball **slice**. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteale@the-villages.com**

18-HOLE WOMEN



Pam Schramm, Nancy Keane, Vicki Krattli and Cindy Fuller with a poster made by LeyVa students.



18 Hole Women delivering a gesture of appreciation—cookies—to the Golf Maintenance Solutions team.

By Vivian Brown

Following up from last week's tournament and the donations benefitting the Evergreen Nurses Fund, close to \$9,000 was raised to provide a wonderful Christmas for families that would not have a Christmas otherwise. We partnered with LeyVa school to put on this event; this was all organized by Patti Bell whose daughter teaches at the school. There were 18 teams of ladies playing. Each team had a poster made by students from the school. The photo featuring Pam Schramm, Nancy Keane, Vicki Krattli and Cindy Fuller is an example of the creativity, and the effort by the students in making these posters.

Loanne Rube volunteered to bake cookies for the Golf Maintenance Solutions to show the appreciation of the Women's 18 Hole Association for the work and care that they provide in maintaining our golf course. The guys were very appreciative of the yummy cookies. Loanne is featured in the photo with the GMS team.

Several ladies braved the early morning cold to play in the last sponsored event of 2023. This ended a very successful year of many tournaments. We couldn't do it without the wonderful volunteers who give of their time and talent.

Despite the cold several ladies had Birdies and Chip Ins.

Birdies: Judy Owen #15, Monica Saneholtz 11 & 15, Suzie Q Conklin #11, Renee Woolard #11

Chip Ins: Judy O #15, Holly Magowan #7, Helen V #12, Barb Nilsen #14, Jay Lee #12, Suzie Q #11, Lyn Strong #13.

We are all looking forward to a great 2024!

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

The Ironmen are in afternoon play, gathering every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest to the pin.

On Thursday, December 14, 2023, the weather was mild and it was another great day for some golf. Eleven Ironmen played.

Al Bruno won **Third Place** with a net 29; Doug Herring won **Second Place** with a net 26; and Arki Galicki won **First Place** with a net 25. Way to go, Arki!

There were four **Birdies** today: two by Doug Herring on holes 2 and 3; one by Victor Hong on hole 9; and one by Bill Travis on hole 5.

Bill Travis won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 5 at 6 feet, 3 inches.

Al Bruno won **Low Gross** with a score of 30.

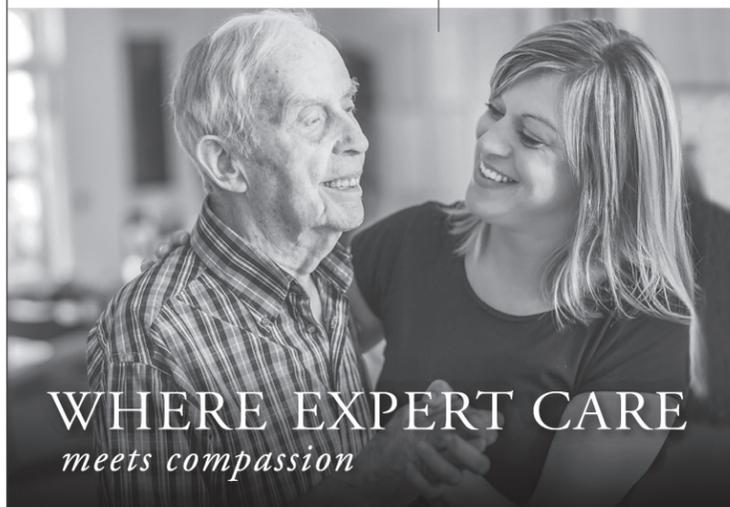
Doug Herring won **Golfer of the Day** honors with a second place finish and two birdies. Way to go, Doug!

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Cribari

5320-5363, 5400-5432 and 5489-5499—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
 5500-5576—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/27-12/29.
 Olive Tree fruit clean up throughout the district, in progress.
 Cribari West Perimeter Fence—Oleander hedge trimming and sidewalk clearing in progress.
 5171, 5190, 5201, 5246, 5258, 5270, 5288, 5308, 5336 and 5340—Chimney crown repairs, in progress.

Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
 3316-3366 and 3401-3431—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/27-12/29.
 Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 12/29.

Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

Glen Arden

7698-7752, 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/22-1/26.

Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.
 8501—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.

Turf herbicide—broadleaf (Turflon Ester EPA #62719-566), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the district in progress.

8372—Deck repairs in planning.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district is scheduled for 12/27-1/3.

Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/1-1/5.

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/8-1/12.

Dead/dying tree removals at various locations throughout the district, in planning.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 12/29.

6043-6045 (Fire Incident)—Awaiting for permits prior to scheduling repairs.

Olivas

8713-8738 and 8753-8768—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8646-8650 and 8665-8712—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/27-12/29.

8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Sonata

2025-2031 and 2065-2101—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

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Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 12/29.

Gutter cleaning in progress throughout the district.

Valle Vista

9015-9033—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

9048-9066—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/27-12/29.

Verano

7314-7394—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7200-7251 and 7300-7313—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 12/27-12/29.

Association

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), every Monday.

Irrigation repairs throughout the Villages, ongoing.

Shrub beds, cement cracks, random (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.

Turf herbicide - broadleaf (Turflon Ester EPA #62719-566), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.

Christmas tree pickup schedule throughout the districts, scheduled for 12/27-12/28 and 1/3-1/4.

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Shrub beds, cement cracks, (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout Club Centers, ongoing.

Foothill and Cribari Pool and Spa—Remodeling project in progress.

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Clubhouse—Underground pipe replacement and street repairs are scheduled to start 1/11.

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Glen Arden	February 26 through March 2
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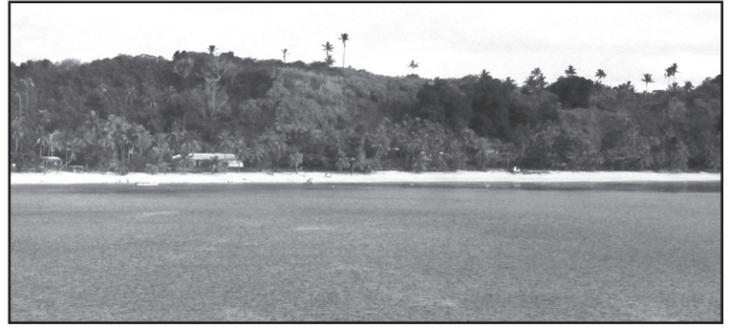


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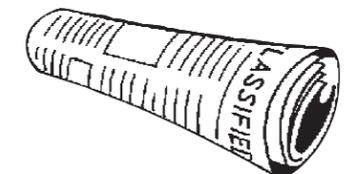
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Obituary – James S. Campbell and Hope S. Campbell

James Stratton Campbell

James (Jim) Stratton Campbell, 86, passed away on June 7, 2023, due to natural causes. He was an intelligent, well-educated, academic with a sharp wit and a penchant for wry humor. Jim was equally comfortable in his home office writing, reading, and editing documentation of all sorts as he was socializing with friends, neighbors, and relatives. As a caring father, husband, and grandfather, he loved his family, his Giants, his 49ers, and his highly frustrating yet entertaining golf game about which he often mused how confusing it was to him to be so mediocre at something he played for so long.

Jim was born to Joseph and Gladys Campbell in Oakland, California, on April 11, 1939. His family moved to Kansas City when he was ten years old, and he fully enjoyed his mid-west secondary education, his diligent work becoming an Eagle Scout, and his love of Chevrolet automobiles in the mid-'50s.

He attended Stanford University and graduated in 1958 with an English degree. Jim married his college sweetheart, Valerie Thias, and then spent two years on active duty as a US Army Signal Corps officer stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where his first son, Bruce William, was born. He returned to Stanford after his service for a Masters in Mass Communications and his second son, Scott David was born in 1963. The family settled in Sunnyvale where he worked in Technical Publications for Sylvania and spent considerable time in leadership positions with the Cub Scouts and Little League with his boys.

He dabbled in the arts in several ways. He was a DJ at country radio station KCKN, a studio feature producer at KNTV 11 in San Jose, and even an actor and director in amateur theater (then and recently). Jim also became a documentary producer and was also principal cellist for several local orchestras and toured Europe with one of them. Later in life, he won writing awards for published travel articles.

Jim's career in Technical Publications continued with roles at GTE Sylvania, Beckman Instruments, and Atari. He watched with pride as his sons graduated college and developed careers and families of their own.

Jim was also a visible entity at The Villages, not only on the golf course and as a thespian on stage, but as Master of Ceremonies at several Fourth of July parade celebrations.

Jim and Hope were married in 1977, and following retirement they moved to the Villages in 1991. They discovered the joys of RV travel, visiting all 49 contiguous states, while adoring their three grandchildren—Jillian (1998) from Bruce and Janet, and Alexander (1999) and Kady (2002) from Scott and Lisa. Jim and Hope were happily married for 46 years. Jim preferred not to have a memorial and was cremated, his ashes scattered in the SF Bay near Angel Island.



Hope Sturman Campbell

Hope Sturman Campbell, 83, passed away on July 13, 2023, after a lengthy illness. A two-time breast cancer survivor, Hope never stopped making her positive mental attitude a way of life. She was crazy about her grandkids and family and always had the house full of photos and mementos of her relatives in California and in Utah. She participated in several clubs and groups at the Villages, learned and loved to play golf, and never missed an opportunity to lead, organize and assist those with which she was involved. There was hardly a charity Hope didn't give to in her final years which involved animals, Native Americans, the under-privileged, liberal-minded organizations, and others in need.

Hope was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming on October, 22, 1939. She was literally a coal miner's daughter, living in Stansbury, Wyoming, until the family moved to Provo, Utah, in her early teens and ultimately settled in Provo's sister city, Orem. Today it's hard to find a single remnant of Stansbury, Wyoming.

She excelled in school, and was a talented musician and vocalist. She and her sister, Diana, sang at various engagements when she was only 7 or 8 and once won a talent contest and sang live on the radio. She played percussion in her high school band, and learned how to play guitar as well. She graduated from Orem High School in 1957 and moved to Salt Lake City to attend business school.

In 1963, Hope left Utah and moved to Mountain View, California, where she worked as a typist at Sylvania. She married her first husband, Stu Neisner. Following the merger of Sylvania with GTE, she worked her way up the ladder and became a technical writer and editor, and later a Technical Publications Manager overseeing proposals for multi-million-dollar government defense contracts. While at GTE, she met her true love, James Campbell. They were married in 1977 and Hope was immediately a step-mother to two teenagers (Bruce and Scott, Jim's sons). The boys visited Jim and Hope during the summer months each year.

In addition to her step-mom duties, Hope stayed in close touch with her Utah clan. Family members visited each other frequently. Whenever she visited her Utah contingent, she always brought fun and laughter and lots of wonderful recipes, as she became a gourmet cook and chef in the '80s. Hope retired from GTE in 1988 after 25 years. She and Jim lived in Sunnyvale until they moved to The Villages in 1991.

Hope is preceded in death by her parents, Olen Sturman and Martin Sturman; and her sister, Joy Sturman Bunker. She is survived by her sister Diana Sturman (Johnny) Bleggi (Mapleton, Utah); and her sister, Robin Sturman (Thomas) King (Riverton, Utah), her two step-children, Bruce (Janet) Campbell (Mountain View, California); and Scott Campbell (Colorado Springs); and her three grandchildren (Jillian Campbell, (California), Alexander Campbell (Colorado Springs), and Kady Campbell (Fort Collins, Colorado). Hope and Jim were happily married for 46 years. Hope also preferred not to have a memorial and was cremated, her ashes scattered in the SF Bay near Marin County.

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