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THE HOA BOARD LETTER

by George Podolsky

New HOA Meeting Date

Starting **January 2009**, all HOA meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The next HOA meeting will be on January 28, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

This is our annual meeting where you elect new members to the Board. Please plan on attending.

Election of Board Members

In October an application to have your name placed on the ballot to serve as a Board Member, was mailed to all home owners. Individuals, who will preserve the original intent of our *senior housing development* and our *homeowners association*, are needed on the ballot. Time is running out. If you have not mailed your application mail it as soon as possible.

Security System

Based on recommendation from the Moreno Valley Police Department and our Insurance Carrier, the Board is obtaining information from several security companies for the installation of a security system for the Clubhouse, Exercise Room and Pool area.

Heating of the Pool

Two years ago the Board presented research from different Solar Companies regarding solar heating systems. The companies advised us on what would help reduce the high winter months gas bill for heating the pool. This information has been presented at HOA meetings. In May of this year, the Board met with a solar company representative. He said there is not enough roof area to support the amount of equipment required to heat the pool. We learned that the costs of materials and installation did not justify the spending of \$30,000 to \$50,000.

The following is a report from the solar company.

Solar Heating Facts CoolPlanet.net

In order for any solar system to be effective, it needs to be in direct sun light. During the days of winter, the sun is unpredictable, a passive solar system may require almost the same amount of auxiliary conventional heating as a non-solar system. A solar swimming pool system should be installed where it receives the maximum exposure for the greatest Return On Investment.

Conventional kinds of passive solar designs, which have gotten so much press in recent years, can prove most disappointing. The typical direct-gain solar system, for example, *depends on DAILY recharge to carry it comfortably through cold winter nights. And when sunshine fails to materialize, avoiding chilly water temperatures means turning to a back-up gas/electric heating system.*

During the rest of the heating season, though, a solar water system can keep a pool comfortable with almost no back-up heat and can save up to 60 percent on conventional summer fuel costs."

The summer saving would be minimal as we pay very little to heat the pool in the summer months.





THE GARDENER'S CORNER

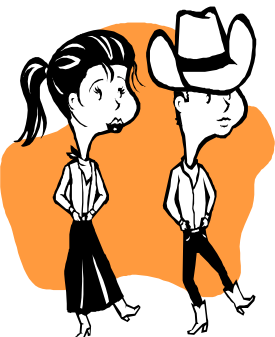
by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner...December weather can be deceptive. Rain, high temperatures or frost are all possibilities. The days will be short and the soil will become cold. During warm spells you can prune fruit trees and vines but only after the leaves have fallen. This indicates that the trees are fully dormant and pruning will not damage living tissue. Don't clip spring blooming shrubs or you will remove this coming year's color.

Roses are blooming but don't feed them this month. Let the dying roses make rose hips which strengthen the overall bush and prepares it for winter. Continue watering until the rains take over. Irrigation should be reduced but not stopped as plant photosynthesis slows down and cold weather dries plants out.

Don't worry that our houseplants don't seem to perk up now...they are going dormant just like plants outdoors. Plants need this rest so stop feeding them and water them less frequently. Also, be sure they are not getting blasted with hot air from a hot air vent or fireplace. The most comfortable temperature range is 65 to 75 degrees.

The garden is a treasure trove of possibilities for holiday decorations. Pyracantha berries alternated with popcorn make attractive garlands. Herbs too, can trim yule logs, flavor jelly or vinegars, give fragrance to clusters of twigs or wreaths and perfume the air in stove potpourris.



COME ON DOWN

TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOR LINE DANCING

TWO HOURS OF FUN AND EXERCISE

(No experience necessary)

Every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Any questions, call Doris Asiak

What's Cooking?
(from Katie's Kitchen Corner)

By Katie Wenke

Oly says this is always a hit at potlucks. Let's all give it a try – sounds delicious! Thanks for sharing this recipe with us. Need more folks to share recipes.

OLY'S COPPER PENNIES

(From Oly Vernlund - great for potlucks)

- 2 pounds carrots, cut into ½ inch rings
- 1 green pepper, sliced
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 can tomato soup
- ½ cup salad oil
- ¾ cup cider vinegar
- 1 tsp mustard
- 1 tsp Worchester sauce
- 1 cup sugar

Cook carrots to medium doneness. Arrange the carrots, pepper and onion in layers. Mix all other ingredients and heat. Pour over the carrots, pepper and onion. Refrigerate overnight for best flavor.



Trash Day Reminder

After Christmas trash day will be

Saturday December 27

Mountain View Community Directory

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

As of December 1, 2008

Please Update Your Directory with these New E-Mail Addresses
& Updated Phone Numbers:

Gil Meyers: GilMeyer70@yahoo.com

Donna Casteloos: dcasteloos@verizon.net

Robert Garcia & Linda Frere: 951-924-6054

Thanks, Sue Janssen
242-0959

ESJanssen@verizon.net

E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE IMPORTANT AND FOR THE USE OF OUR COMMUNITY ONLY –
IT IS EASIER AND QUICKER TO REACH ALL RESIDENTS BY E-MAIL. IF YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL OR E-MAIL SO THAT THE NEW ADDRESS CAN BE IN-
CLUDED IN THESE UPDATES



HOLIDAY REMINDER:
HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CAN BE INSTALLED
THE WEEKEND BEFORE THANKSGIVING AND
SHOULD BE TAKEN DOWN BY JANUARY 15TH

PLEASE REMIND YOUR GUESTS THAT WHEN THEY COME TO VISIT
THEY NEED TO CALL YOU FROM THE GATE DIRECTORY, A CELL PHONE
WON'T WORK. ONCE CALLED FROM THE GATE DIRECTORY YOU CAN
BUZZ THEM IN HITTING THE 9 KEY ON YOUR HOME PHONE.



BUNCO

Bring Your \$5.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008

Last Month's Winners

Most Wins - Judy Kathriner
Most Bunco's - Twila DeWalt
Most Baby Bunco's - Sharon Cristino
Most Losses - Betsy Haas
Fuzzy Dice - Mary Ortiz

Potluck dinner at 6 pm

For more information contact:

Marilyn Dawson

Marilyn6515@verizon.net

“BINGO”



Next Bingo will be Tuesday, January 27, 2009

6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse
Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards
Snacks: Anything you fancy

October Winners:

Shirley De Carlo, Joan Brodowski, Marilyn Dawson,
Lola Emmermanis, Twila DeWalt. Doris Asciak

Coverall: Sharon Cristino, Bev Bailey and Doris Asciak

For more information contact
Godfrey Asciak or Mike Frahm



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 14th
5 - 8 PM

YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT THESE HOMES AS THEY SHARE
THEIR COLLECTIONS AND DECORATIONS WITH YOU.

RON AND NANCY BERGER
14662 MOUNTAIN VISTA DRIVE

TWILA DEWALT
14562 MOUNTAIN VISTA DRIVE

GARY AND TERI ELDRED
14560 GRANDVIEW DRIVE

LORIPHILLIPS
14703 GRANDVIEW DRIVE

KATIE WENKE
14724 GRANDVIEW DRIVE

JAY AND MARILYN DAWSON
14848 SAN JACINTO DRIVE

DONNA CASTELOES
28540 GRANDVIEW DRIVE

MOUNTAIN VIEW SOCIAL CLUB

October 16 – November 15, 2008

BALANCE FORWARD: \$1,713.30

INCOME:

| | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------|
| Bar (October) | \$ 103.00 | |
| 50/50 (October) | 64.00 | |
| Ladies' Luncheon | 180.00 | |
| Advertisements | 115.00 | |
| HOA Reimbursement—Newsletters (Sept and Oct) | 285.86 | |
| Clubhouse Rental Reimbursement | 150.00 | |
| Social Activities Reimbursement— Merit Company | <u>\$ 50.00</u> | |
| Total | | \$ 947.86 |

EXPENSES:

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| Administrative Supplies | \$ 9.07 | |
| Bar Supplies | 110.47 | |
| TGIF Supplies | 9.14 | |
| Newsletter (November) | 282.95 | |
| President's Gift | 25.00 | |
| Bar Refrigerator & Warranty | 236.84 | |
| Jason's Deli-Ladies' Luncheon | 215.50 | |
| Jason's Deli Driver Tip | 20.00 | |
| American Cancer Society | 71.37 | |
| Ladies' Luncheon Food | <u>44.13</u> | |
| Total | | <u>(\$1,024.47)</u> |

BALANCE \$1,636.69

FUNDS ON HAND:

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| Washington Mutual | \$1,450.04 | |
| Petty Cash | <u>186.65</u> | |
| Total | | \$1,636.69 |

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| | | | To Be Reimbursed |
| | <u>Newsletters 2008</u> | <u>Advertisements</u> | <u>by HOA</u> |
| November | \$282.95 | \$115.00 | \$167.95 |

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Hass
Treasurer

Dine Out



STEER 'n STEIN

Monday, December 8

6:00 pm

With all the turkey and ham this time of year, we thought a change would be nice.

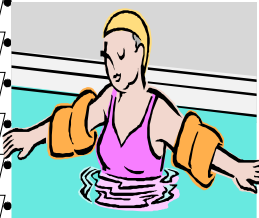
Join us at the *STEER 'n STEIN* right here in Moreno Valley. They have a nice menu selection and all will receive a separate bill.

We would like to let them know how many to expect, so please give us a call if you are planning on coming. Also if you need a ride, please let us know.

Ron and Gretchen Williams

WATER AEROBICS

by Doris Polley



There will not be any water aerobics for the months of December, January, and February, unless we start having 100 degree weather. That is pretty unlikely.

Project Linus

by Janet Jarosh

Over the last 30 days our Project Linus Chapter has delivered 265 hand-made blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and Parkview Hospital's NICU. On November 15th, some of our chapter members at Discovery Christian Church in Moreno Valley had a Fleece Blanket Making Day and completed another 36 blankets.

Keep up the great work at Mountain View! We received another 26 blankets and afghans this month, plus yarn and cash donations from our neighbors. It really helps to provide seriously ill children with the comfort of a snuggly security blanket during their stay in the hospital...

Please continue to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of making these "security blankets" for seriously ill children. A donation jar is available at the Clubhouse during TGIF's. Checks can be made payable to Project Linus (a 501c3 Charity, tax deductible) and mailed or dropped off at my house.

Again, thank you for your support. Janet Jarosh/Coordinator, 14711 Grandview Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92555.

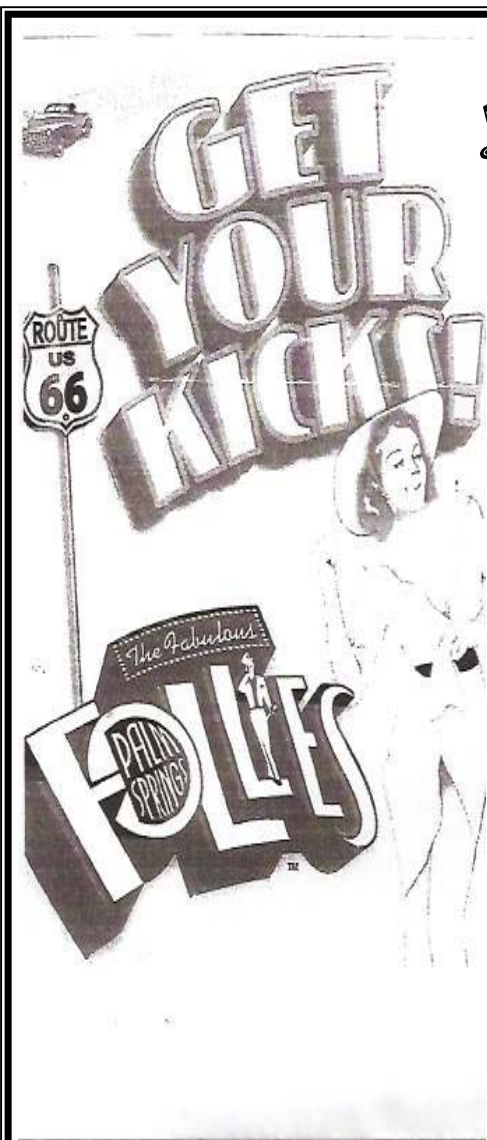




Ladies Bible Study

On November 3rd, our Ladies' Bible Study Group and their guests enjoyed a wonderful day at the Mission Inn. Our guide explained the history of the fabled inn and took us through each of the four wings. Many stories seemed to come alive in the retelling of past events and we could only imagine the delights in which many of the famed guests rejoiced. We concluded our visit with a marvelous luncheon on the premises.

Our Bible Study will resume in January. We are meeting for lunch on December 8.
For more information, call Kay Donner or Gretchen Williams



*If you ever plan to motor west,
Travel my way, take the highway that's the best.
Get your kicks on Route sixty-six.*

PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES

GET OUR KICKS ON Route 66

February 21st, 2009

\$60.00 per person

Wayne Williams

**Need you reservation and 1/3 deposit ASAP
to confirm our group. Get more than 15 and
our cost will be 10% less.**

MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—NOVEMBER 19, 2008

By: Sue Janssen, Secretary

BOARD ACTION

Approved minutes of previous meeting

Approved financial report for September 30, 2008:

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| Operating Funds | \$ 9,939.94 |
| Reserve Funds | \$ 572,072.28 |
| Petty Cash | \$ 523.00 |
| Owner's Receivable | \$ |
| Pre Paid Insurance | \$ -0- |
| Total Cash and Investments | \$ 582,535.22 |

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| Y-T-D Reserve Funding | \$13,666.00 |
| Reserve Funding Budget | \$69,012.00 |

Attorney authorized, by the Board, to issue Intent to Lien Letters.

The Board approved Artistic Maintenance proposal to replace dead and/or dying plants in the pool area. The Board tabled the Artistic proposal for flood Control Channel Weed Abatement until a more detailed proposal can be submitted. A new proposal will include quarterly weed abatement instead of the yearly schedule we now have.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board approved the purchase of a \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit from the Imperial capital Bank.

The Board approved the draft audit for the year ended July 31, 2008 prepared for the Association by Tipton & Tipton. The Audit will be distributed to the membership in accordance with Civil Code.

The Board asked management to secure bids for the painting of the Wrought Iron fence on Grandview around the drainage channel. The Board suggested that there also be an option for homeowners whose properties boarder the drainage channel to have their portions of the fence painted, at the homeowners expense, at the same time as the Associations portion is painted. More information to follow.

Landscape maintenance violations that are not corrected in a timely manner will be forwarded to the Moreno Valley Code Enforcement Unit.

The Board approved the purchase of a new 19" LCD TV to be installed in the exercise room. Collister Maintenance will see that the new TV and also the new mini-refrigerator are secured by security wires.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. The Board has elected to move the monthly meetings to the 4th Wednesday of each month so that the management company can be better able to supply current financial reports.

Discussion was held regarding the decision by the Board to not heat the pool during the winter months of December, January & February. All scheduled maintenance will be performed during these months. The pool will reopen on March 1, 2009. Solar heating was discussed.

The Board will not schedule a meeting in December.

ANNUAL HOA MEETING & ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28, 2009 at 6:30 PM



POP TABS

Thank you for your continued support. We've added 10-1/2 pounds to our total - making it a total of 217.25 pounds since we started.

Please drop your tabs off on the desk at the library. I pick them up every Wednesday after coffee.

Please read what Ronald McDonald house does with them:

Pop Tab Collection Program

- Many Ronald McDonald Houses work with local recycling centers to raise money by collecting tabs from aluminum cans.
- Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because the tabs are pure high-quality aluminum, unlike cans which consist of aluminum and other alloys. Tabs are also easier to store than whole cans.
- If your local Ronald McDonald House participates in the program, it's likely cardboard collection containers in the shape of a house have been distributed to schools, community and civic groups and other organizations in your area, as well as at the Ronald McDonald House, local McDonald's restaurants, local banks and grocery stores. You can collect pop tabs to donate to your House.
- After the tabs are collected, the local RMHC Chapter brings the collection to local recycling centers, where they are weighed to determine their value. One pound of tabs is worth 57 cents, and one gallon of pop tabs (4,175 tabs) is worth \$1.49.
- The recycling center then sends the local RMHC Chapter or House a check for the total value. To date more than 400 million pop tabs have been collected, generating more than \$4 million.

The holidays are here and more pop is used - so keep collecting. Also remember when you're cooking, some of those cans have pop tops, even some dog food cans.

Thanks again,
Nancy Berger

WHAT'S HAPPENING

By Joanne Pavlik



The close of 2008 sure crept up quickly, but it's not over yet! As a matter of fact, this last month will be our busiest! The season started at the November TGIF. Thank you to all who decorated the tree, decked the halls, and baked for the cookie exchange.

Join your Mountain View family on December 13th for a catered dinner. There is a **\$5.00 charge per person**, and **reservations are necessary**. Call Betsy Hass for your reservation and payment by December 8th. We will also play our friendly steal-a-gift game. Please call Pete to offer him relief hosting the bar at this or any event. In the Holiday spirit, the social club half of the 50/50 will be donated to Project Linus. Janet Jarosh and the blanketeers use your cash or yarn donations to create the beautiful security blankets for local children in crisis.

The **Christmas Walk of Homes** is on December 14th. Marilyn Dawson and Katie Wenke are again organizing the event this year. Homeowners volunteer their homes and beautiful decorations for all the community and their families to enjoy. Children are most welcome.

Carolers !! Mort Howe, and Kay Donner have volunteered to organize the Mountain Troup of Carolers on December 16th. If you like to sing, want to carol, come join us.

For more information call Mort Howe or Kay Donner

FYI !! Water Aerobics is suspended until March due to a "too-cool pool". It will not be heated during the winter months.

THANK YOU:

.....to Pete Hite for the donation of a laptop computer to the social club. Our secretary, Sharon, will make good use of it as she loves to "Excel".

.....to Doris Polley who has moved the time of the Wednesday line-dancing class to accommodate the HOA. The class now meets from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

.....to Lola Emmermanis, VP, for setting up a new Impress account at Office Max on Eucalyptus. When you present our corporate number for a purchase or service, we will receive credit towards printing the newsletter. Thanks, in advance, to all of you who will use our **Max** number. You ultimately will be saving your HOA money. Cut out the card below and present it at time of purchase.

Dates to Remember

- December 8th: Dine Out, Steer N Stein
- December 13th: Christmas Dinner/ Gift Exchange
- December 14th: Christmas Walk of Homes
- December 16th: Caroling Mountain View

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*LADIES CHRISTMAS
LUNCHEON*

*Thursday, ,
December 11, 2008
12:30 PM*

*MORENO BEACH
GOLF COURSE*

*Bring an unwrapped stuffed animal or toy. Please
leave the price tags on. We will donate them to
Toys for Tots or M.V. Fire Department*

*Sign up in the clubhouse or
call*

*Joanne Phillips
OR
jotphillips@verizon.net*

This article is from AARP Bulletin October 2008

A Hospital Germ on the Warpath By Betsy McCaughey

Grace Voros was 85 and enjoying life, watching her family grow and taking romantic walks with the man she fell in love with 61 years ago, when she took a minor fall. She went to the hospital for an x-ray, where tests confirmed she had no broken bones. But while there, she contracted an infection no one in the family had ever heard about, "C. diff," and died.

C. diff, short for *Clostridium difficile*, is raging through hospitals, infecting hundreds of thousands of patients a year. The bacteria contaminate every surface, including bed rails, bed tables, nurses' uniforms, privacy curtains, faucets and call buttons. When patients touch these surfaces and then pick up food without washing their hands, they ingest the germ. Any patient taking antibiotics who ingests C. diff is in danger of developing severe diarrhea, leading to dehydration, inflammation of the colon and even death.

Routine cleaning isn't enough to protect you from C. diff. Researchers at Case Western Reserve and the Cleveland VA Medical Center found that after routine cleaning at a hospital, 78 percent of surfaces were still contaminated. To kill the germ, you need to use bleach.

When surfaces are not properly disinfected, the results can be deadly. At Thomas Jefferson Medical Center in Philadelphia, three consecutive patients occupying the same room came down with C. diff. One died. Staffs at many U.S. hospitals are woefully uninformed about what to do.



One study reported that 39 percent of medical personnel didn't know that C. diff could be spread on stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs and other equipment. About two-thirds of medical staff were unaware they should clean their hands with soap and water, because alcohol sanitizers don't kill this superbug.

What can you do to protect yourself? Insist that everyone treating you clean their hands before touching you.

Clean your own hands thoroughly before eating. Do not touch your hands to your lips. Do not place your food or utensils on any surface except your plate. Ask family to bring wipes containing bleach to clean the items around your bed.

When you leave the hospital, assume any belongings you bring home are contaminated. Do not mix clothes from the hospital with the family wash; wash with bleach. Regular laundry detergents do not kill C. diff.

If you are visiting someone in the hospital, be careful about eating in the cafeteria or a restaurant where the staff go in their scrubs or uniforms. These uniforms could be covered in invisible superbugs. More than 20 percent of nurses' uniforms had C. diff on them at the end of a workday, according to one study. Imagine sliding into a restaurant booth after a nurse has left the germ on the table or the seat. You could easily pick it up on your hands and then ingest it with your sandwich.

Poor hospital hygiene and lax practices such as wearing scrubs in public are putting all of us at risk. That's why I founded RID, the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths, so that other families won't have to go through what Grace Voros' family suffered. □

Betsy McCaughey is a former lieutenant governor of New York.



Christmas Party and Holiday Dinner

\$5.00 per person

Menu: Orange Chicken, Chicken Carbala, Shrimp Scampi
salads, fruit, assorted desserts, and coffee

Saturday, December 13th

5:30 pm Dinner

\$15.00 Gift Exchange Game

50/50 (with club share donated to
Project Linus)

*Reservations are necessary for this event, so,
get on my list early.....*



*Deadline to reserve is **December 8th**.*

*Please give payment to Betsy Hass, 485-7172,
for your reservation.*