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HOA Board Letter by Charles Foronjy, HOA President

Hello Mt. Viewers,

Well it seems our warm weather is behind us, as well as the beautiful daylight we love so much!

The holiday festivities are in gear, please check the newsletter for information as to what, where and when they will be happening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Deanna and Merit, the HOA board members, as well as the community members for a year's worth of work and their tireless effort to make our community a great place to come home to!

Hopefully, everyone will have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season! Enjoy!!

Be careful and see you next year! Charles Foronjy, HOA President

FYI 5-Star Medical Alert Phone

This handy device may be purchased from WalMart or other stores for approximately \$48.00 plus tax. Activation cost is \$39.84 including tax and the monthly fee is \$17.00. It can be worn around your neck or attached to a belt. There are two ways to contact help. A tap of the button gets an operator at 5-Star. If you hold the button down, it automatically calls 911. This phone is active wherever there is a cell phone tower. You can wear it around the house, take it with you on a walk, or even use in your car.

Note: The pool will remain heated until January 2, 2013.

What's Happening?

by Carolyn Daniels, Social Club Chair

Looking Back

Did you ever try to do something right and things keep getting weird? Every time we work on the newsletter we work ourselves silly trying to make sure everything is right. Invariably, something goes wrong. There were a couple of errors on the calendar for November that just seemed to slip though all of the layers of proofing. Try as we may, there will be times like that. Just remember if you ever have a question about something feel free to call.

The November newsletter came out before we had the **Oktoberfest**. The following is an account of the party. It was another great evening where **80 plus residents attended**. Our band turned out not to be the Western Express as planned, but another group that willingly filled in at the last moment when one of the Western Express members became ill. Although the band was OK, I think many of us preferred Western Express. They have big shoes to fill. The next time we book entertainment we are looking at a DJ that many of us heard at another party. If anyone out there knows of a reasonably priced band or DJ that is tried and truly good, let us know. I have to raise my stein in a salute to Yolanda for her German culinary skills! Even though she said she had never made German potato salad, what was the first thing gone? Yum! Speaking of steins, you know you are getting older when you forget the Beer Stein Contest. My apologies to those of you who faithfully brought your steins, new and old, to compete in the contest, and I forgot. I saw steins that looked like a blue crow to an old Irish one with shamrocks. Thanks for your faithfulness, next time I will make an agenda.

The Ladies' Luncheon for November was scheduled to be at the Tamale Factory in Riverside. Even though we had a confirmed reservation, it appears the restaurant chose to close their establishment on Veterans' Day rather than to serve us. Never fear, our super duper lunch planners arranged for us to slip over to the Spaghetti Factory a few blocks away. We waited only a couple of minutes for them to set the table for 16; they seated us and served us so quickly you would have thought we were expected. What a class act! Our super duper lunch planners and the Spaghetti Factory deserve huge kudos! A big thank you to Marilyn Dawson and Lori Humphrey. You guys do it right every time!

We played **Bunco on Tuesday** night and had a great time. However, I left without getting the win ticket with all of the big winners on it. I do remember there was a three-way tie for the most wins. As you can see, practice makes perfect!

Looking Ahead

December is always such a fun month with exciting activities to share with family and friends. As of this writing, we still have not decorated the clubhouse. But when you receive this newsletter, it will all be done and the crumbs from the cookie exchange will be just a pleasant memory. Please make it a priority to either attend one of the functions or just come to the clubhouse to see all of the new decorations we have this year.

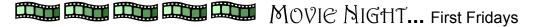
The Social Club sends Holiday Wishes to everyone and hopes you will all enjoy the beauty of the Season in your own way.

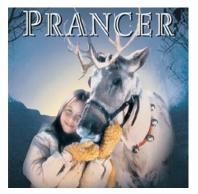
Our big plans are for the Holiday Dinner to be held on Saturday, December 15th, are well under way. Once again Yolanda will please us with her yummy lasagna dinner. Judy Box and I will be taking reservations for this special event. We really must have reservations since it will be too cold to eat outside. Therefore, we will have to accommodate everyone inside. The clubhouse has a Fire Marshall maximum capacity of 86 but we can only accommodate 65 for a seated dinner. Get your reservations in early to be sure you can attend. If we fill up, we will make a waiting list in case of cancellations. Dinner will be \$5.00 and we will be collecting toys for the Spark of Love Toy Drive. This is always a great way to spend some time with your neighbors during the busy holiday season and share with the less fortunate.

We are also looking forward to the Ladies' Luncheon to be held at the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Clubhouse. Marilyn Dawson, Lori Humphrey and friends are working their little fingers to the bone planning and preparing goodies and surprises for everyone. It will be held on Monday, December 10th at noon, and will feature a special menu with five choices, with an all-inclusive price of \$14.95. (However, if you want an adult beverage it will be added to your check.) Check the insert in this newsletter for the menu. When you call your reservation in to either Marilyn Dawson or Lori Humphrey by December 6th, let them know which menu item you would like to order so the chef can plan ahead.

Planning Ahead

In January after all of the Holidays are behind us, we will get back to basics. Watch for your January newsletter with the details. Once again, I encourage all of you to find activities of your liking and join them. I live here so I have things to do, people to do them with and places to go. Come and join the fun and participate in your favorite activities. If you don't see something you like to do, let me know and we will see if it is something we can include. I look forward to hearing from you with new ideas.





December 7 6:45 pm at the clubhouse

Bring your Grandkids!!!

"Prancer" (1989) Rated: G

A little girl befriends a wounded reindeer she believes is one of Santa's team that pulls his sleigh at Christmas.

Cast: Sam Elliott, Cloris Leachman Rebecca Harrell Tickell

Bring a snack to share. Beverages will be sold for \$1.00.

Carolyn Daniel's Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Pie

1 10-12 inch flour tortilla

1 rotisserie chicken skin discarded, meat shredded into bite-sized pieces (about 3 cups)

1/2 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro (I used around 1/4 cup - just taste preference)

1/3 cup drained jar pickled jalapenos - chopped

2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

salt and pepper

2 large eggs

1 cup whole milk

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

- 1. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 450 degrees. Grease 9-inch pie plate. Press tortilla into prepared pie plate and spray lightly with cooking spray.
- 2. Toss chicken, cilantro, jalapenos, 1 cup of the cheese, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in large bowl until combined, then spread filling over tortilla.
- 3. Whisk eggs, milk, flour, baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt in bowl until smooth. Slowly pour over filling and sprinkle with remaining cheese.
- 4. Bake until surface is golden brown, about 20 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve.





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Important Safety News

It has been brought to the board's attention that there has been recent activity in the community causing some concern for the safety of our residents. As homeowners, we all want to feel safe in the place we call home. It's hard to be prepared for all of the unknowns or the "what-ifs", but there are several safety precautions we can take to help keep us from becoming victims:

- Have a car or home alarm—USE IT.
- Don't leave your garage remote visible in your vehicle when it is parked in the driveway/street.
- Don't open your door unless you know who is there. Tell them through the door you are calling "911".
- Keep your garage closed at all times unless entering or exiting.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Install motion activated lighting near garage doors/side doors.
- If walking at night, buddy up and take a cell phone.
- Make friends with your neighbors—rely on each other.

Most importantly—when in doubt CALL THE POLICE (911) IMMEDIATELY!

The Association is a great tool for notifying the membership of these incidents, but the Police Department is the first and appropriate agency to call in an emergency.

We wish you a safe Holiday Season!

To our neighbors and friends,

We wish to thank all our wonderful friends and neighbors here in Mountain View for their kind prayers, cards, gifts, and food when we experienced the loss of our dear son, Drew. Drew had a stroke on a Friday and died the following Wednesday. We shall miss him terribly. We are so happy living here in this community where everyone cares and respects our privacy. Thank you all.

Ken and Shirley DeCarlo and Family

WHERE DID MY FAVORITE AUTHORS GO?

If you've recently been unable to find books by your favorite author in our library...check in the cupboards below the bookshelves. Some of the more prolific authors' books have been consolidated and placed on the shelves inside the cupboards. A couple of the authors are Nora Roberts and Danielle Steele.





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