



THE VIEW JANUARY 2010

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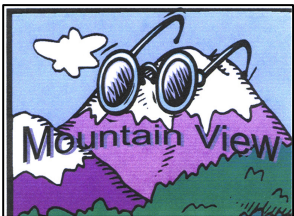
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THE HOA BOARD LETTER

By George Podolsky

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE HOA

2010



THE GARDENER'S CORNER

By Vickie Burt

Mid-January is a good time to prune. Not as in eating...as in cutting back. Some garden heavy hitters including crepe myrtle and rose benefit from pruning this month.

Prune roses 12 to 18 inches from the ground just above a joint that will produce a bud. There are volumes of information on the web and in gardening books on the best way of pruning roses. Check there for more details. Roses also benefit from an application of four tablespoons of Epsom Salts worked into the soil around them now. The magnesium and sulfur in the Epsom Salts helps to produce more flowers. Wait about six weeks before feeding the newly pruned roses.

Trim Crepe Myrtles to produce new flowering wood. Be gentle; aggressive trimming in one year could harm the tree. Use a gentle approach for shade and fruit trees, also.

Feed azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons. These plants like acid based fertilizers. There are a number of them on the market. Hydrangeas are another acid loving plant. Periodically throughout the year I put coffee grounds on the soil of acid loving plants and my roses too. Compost and compost tea is another way of fertilizing.

Keep leaves and other garden debris cleaned up as they encourage pests and disease. Then sit back, relax and get ready for great blooms in the Spring.

Project Linus

by Janet Jarosh

Thank you for your continued support of the Moreno Valley Chapter of Project Linus Charity. We delivered 104 blankets on 12/3, 179 in November, and a total of 329 this quarter so far. I will be going back to the hospitals a couple of times over the next weeks to get blankets delivered for the holidays.

Our year end total will be somewhere around 1,800; for a grand total of nearly 16,500! Keep up the great work Blanketeers. These security blankets are truly cherished by the children for many, many years.....

Please continue to make monetary donations to help defray the costs of making "security blankets" for seriously ill children. Checks can be made payable to Project Linus (a 501c3 charity, tax deductible) and mailed or dropped off at my house.

Thank You for your support. Janet Jarosh/Coordinator (for Riverside and San Bernardino counties), 14711 Grandview Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92555





DINE OUT

January 14, 2010, 6:00 pm

Mimi's Restaurant

12580 Day Street

Moreno Valley

Call Rick or Janet Hansen for reservations

Social Club Dining...



Supper Club

at

Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Course on JFK

6:00-9:00pm

\$9.95 per person

January 14 Tour the Italian Coast

February 18 The British Isles

RSVP by Monday before: Xochitl Golden, 924-4444 ext 203

Xochitl.mvr@verizon.net

Changes in monthly activities

Tai Chi—meets Tuesdays from 9-10am

L/R/Center will not meet on January 4th

Truth Project will begin January 22nd and be held on Friday

Mornings from 10am - noon for 13 weeks

No Water Aerobics in January

JANUARY 2010

Hope you are looking forward to a great new year. We have so many who lend a helping hand from neighbor to neighbor. You ALL do much to make our community a friendly and enjoyable place to live. A very special thank you goes to the Social Club Officers: Betsy Hass, Lola Emmermanis, Sharon Cristino and Judy Box. They work behind the scenes making sure all is in order, helped cook the lovely Christmas dinner, even sometimes are the only ones setting up and decorating the club house for our special events! You are very appreciated.

Also, the HOA Board puts many hours into taking care of matters concerning our community and have been supportive of the Social Club. A special thanks to the HOA Board for last year.

We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner and fun gift exchange. Once again, Yolanda Takaacs provided the delicious main dish. Yolanda also does the newsletter. Yolanda, we can't say thank you enough for all you do.

Here are some changes to note.....

Newsletter: The "VIEW" will resume coming out at the first of the month! If you have information for the newsletter, it should be in by mid-month.



Tai Chi: Tai Chi will change from Tuesday afternoons to Tuesday mornings at 9:00am.

Recipe Exchange: Katie Wenke has done a great job giving us delicious recipes each month in the "VIEW". We want to express our thanks to Katie as she takes a break. If you would like to do the *Recipe Exchange* by having a recipe each month (one of your own or from someone in the community) in the newsletter, please let Gretchen know.

WII: We will begin our WII groups this month. Many of us do not know much about WII, but have heard it is lots of fun. This might be a good time to join something new and just for the fun of doing it and meeting new people. If you are interested in joining a WII group, Below are the six WII groups that will be beginning. Give the WII Group leader a call if you would like to be part of one or more groups. Each group will decide the best time for them to meet.

WII Sports:	<u>Bowling</u> Janet Hansen	<u>Golf</u> Jo Pavlik	<u>Tennis</u> Betsy Hass
WII Exercise:	<u>Aerobics</u> Twila DeWalt	<u>Balance</u> Judy Box	<u>Yoga</u> Joan Williams

Garage/Yard Sale: In April the Social Club will sponsor the first annual yard sale open to the public. This will be your chance to sell items you no longer need while earning a little extra money.

Upcoming Events for your calendar:

...also check the clubhouse bulletin board regularly for events and activities

Jan. 29	TGIF
Feb. 26	TGIF
March 13	St. Patrick's Day party
March 26	TGIF
April	Annual garage/yard sale

What's Cooking

I like to begin the first morning of the new year relaxing with my favorite pot of tea (Earl Grey) and these scones. I enjoy different combinations. Some of my favorites are cranberry, walnuts and orange zest, or recently, pecans with mini cinnamon chips...yummy. Have a blessed 2010. Gretchen

The Best Ever Scones

3 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 Tbsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
2 cups heavy cream or buttermilk
1 cup...chopped dates, dried cranberries, blueberries or cherries
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cut two 10" rounds of wax paper. Use one to line the bottom of a 10" cake pan. Reserve the second.

Mix the dry ingredients.

Add fruit and nuts.

Make a well in the center and put the cream into the well.

Mix by hand just until evenly moistened.

Place the dough in the cake pan and press into an even layer.

Cover with the second piece of wax paper.

Freeze until very firm – at least 12 hours.

The next morning, remove the dough from the freezer and let stand for 20-30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Turn the dough out on a cutting board, removing wax paper.

Cut into 12 wedges, place on a lightly oiled baking sheet, 2" apart.

(I bake mine on a pizza stone.)

Bake until golden brown, 30-40 mins.

Serve warm or at room temperature.



MOUNTAIN VIEW BOOK CLUB

Once again, we are considering reviving the Mountain View Book Club program with a February target date.

Anyone interested in joining, please send an email to Cathy DeWalt (dewaltcr@roadrunner.com).

We'd like suggestions on what to read and how to structure the club.

The Moreno Valley library has an on-line program we could do:

http://www.ci.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/library/book_club.shtml

Mountain View Financial Information For the Period Ending October 31, 2009.						
Income Statement			Current Month	Year to Date	Balance Sheet	
Revenue					Assets	
Homeowners Assessments			\$25,755	\$77,265	Cash and Investments	
Interest			\$128	\$1,925	Operating Account Funds	\$12,989
Other			\$642	\$1,826	Petty Cash	\$1,107
Total Revenue			\$26,525	\$81,016	Reserve Account Funds	\$606,122
Expenses					Other Assets	
Reserve Contribution			\$6,160	\$20,021	Owners Receivables	\$25,196
Utilities			\$4,799	\$16,062	Allowance Bad Debts	-\$3,655
Land Maintenance			\$3,108	\$17,665	Receivable from Merit	\$12
Swimming Pool/Spa			\$226	\$2,653	Total Assets	\$641,772
Common Area			\$1,547	\$5,025	Liabilities	
Administration			\$17,799	\$29,862	Prepaid Homeowners Assessments	\$10,366
Total Expenses			\$33,638	\$91,289	Total Liabilities	\$10,366
Net Income/Loss					Members Equity	
			-\$7,113	-\$10,273	Reserve Fund Balance	\$606,122
					Operating fund Balance - Beg of Year	\$35,558
					Current Year Net Income/Loss	-\$10,273
					Total Liabilities and Members Equity	\$641,772

MOUNTAIN VIEW SOCIAL CLUB
FINANCIAL REPORT
September 15, 2009 – December 14, 2009

BALANCE FORWARD: \$\$\$1,208.47

INCOME:

Bar (Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec)	\$ 501.00	
50/50 (Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec)	230.00	
Western Dinner/Dance	318.00	
Market Day Income	448.50	
Advertisement (Oct and Nov)	150.00	
HOA Reimb: Sept, Oct & Nov News	<u>211.22</u>	
Total		\$1,858.72

EXPENSES:

Newsletter	\$ 257.25	
Western Dinner/Dance	400.48	
Market Day Expenses	67.68	
HOA Board Recognition	9.88	
Christmas Dinner	439.65	
Sing-A-Long & Cookie Exchange	15.17	
Linus Project (from Dec 50/5)	80.00	
Caring Committee	21.78	
Board Recognition	28.22	
HOA Candidate Night	8.16	
Social Club Mtg Refreshments	3.99	
Bar Expenses	109.83	
Cupboard Supplies	<u>92.86</u>	
Total		(\$1,534.95)

BALANCE \$1,532.24

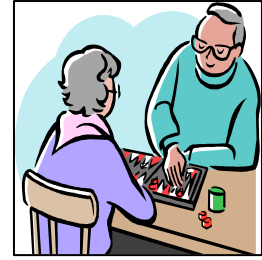
FUNDS ON HAND:

Washington Mutual	\$1,394.43	
Petty Cash	<u>137.81</u>	
Total		\$1,532.24

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Hass

Check out our puzzles and games

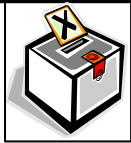
Did you know that there are puzzles and games for residents to use at the club house? You may check out, from the library, a puzzle or game to use with your family and friends. Please return promptly. They are located on the lower shelves of the library.



THANK YOU

What a wonderful Christmas dinner and party! The club house looked very festive thanks to so many who helped set-up and decorate. Sixty-four enjoyed a wonderful dinner and lively gift exchange.

Thank you Social Club for providing such a great dinner, and all those who cooked and served the food, decorated the clubhouse, set-up the tables and chairs, served at the bar and helped clean up and put things away.



Reminder...Be sure and vote

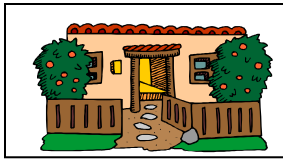
These candidates are running for a position on the HOA board:

Don Maclsaac
Sue Janssen
Ron Sais
Ruben Rivera (write in)

You can vote by mail or at the club house on January 27.
Details and ballot were mailed to each resident

LADIES LUNCHEON

THE LADIES LUNCHEON WILL NOT BE ON THE SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY DUE TO EXHUACTION FROM HOLIDAY MADNESS AND I'M SURE NO ONE WANTS TO EAT "MORE" FOOD SO SOON!! WE WILL RESUME ON FRI. FEB. 12TH FOR VALENTINE'S DAY. I AM TRYING FOR THE SOBOBA SPRINGS GOLF COURSE.....THE LUNCH I HAD THERE WAS WONDERFUL! "HAPPY NEW YEAR" TO ALL....JO ANN



Join in the fun here at Mountain View

Regularly scheduled monthly events...

BINGO

Meets the 4th Tuesday 6:30pm in the clubhouse. Cost of \$5.00 includes 3 bingo cards.
Bring any snack to share. Contact person: Judy Box

BOWLING

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am at Brunswick Lanes on Sunnymead Blvd.
Contact person: Judy Hedger

BUNCO

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. Bring \$5.00 to play.
Contact person: Marilyn Dawson

CARD/GAME NIGHT

Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm in the clubhouse. Bring any snack to share.
Contact person: Twila DeWalt

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Meets Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30am. This is a non-denominational Bible study for all women.
Meets in various host homes. Contact person: Kay Donner

LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER

Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:30pm in the clubhouse. Bring \$6.00 in quarters and \$1.00 for snacks. Contact
person: JoAnn Foronjy

LINE DANCING

Meets Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00pm in the clubhouse. No experience necessary.
Contact person: Doris Asciak

MEN'S GOLF CLUB

Meets Tuesdays. Contact person: Patrick Phillips

MORNING COFFEE

Meets Wednesdays at 8:30am in the clubhouse.
Contact person: Joe Brodowsky

TAI CHI

Meets Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00am in the clubhouse.
Contact person: Suzanne Werner

WATER AEROBICS

Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00-3:00pm in the swimming pool.
No class from Dec.- Feb. Contact person: Doris Polley

YOGA

Meets Thursdays from 9:00-10:00am. Contact person: Joan Williams