



# THE VIEW

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## THE HOA BOARD LETTER

by Fred Humphrey



Summer is here. Warm weather is ahead and it is time to replace all those plants and trees that were damaged during the cold winter. We have quite a few parkway trees that are dead and need to be replaced. Please be proactive and replace them before Prescott writes you a letter. There is a new form which should be used to expedite the process. The new form is available on our website or in the Clubhouse.

By now, all homeowners should have received the new Rules and Regulations and the Restated Design Guidelines. These documents are updated to reflect all of the changes made since 2001, such as Ryland turning control of the Board to the Association and changes in law. The Design Guidelines also include a new set of minimum standards for the front and back yards. The major change made to the Rules and Regulations is to restrict street parking to visitors and vendors. Most homes in Mountain View have space for two vehicles directly in front of homeowners' lots. Restricting that space for visitors and vendors will alleviate any parking problems and also help improve access for emergency vehicles. These proposed changes will be discussed at the June 20, 2007 Community Association Meeting and hopefully be adopted at the July 18, 2007 meeting. Comments may be made at those meetings and/or to Prescott as instructed in the cover letter.

There was a break-in at the Clubhouse and some items such as pool cues, pool balls, bottles of wine, etc. were taken. Most of those items have been replaced. Prescott is having the doors fixed and possibly new locks on the pool room door. We have also decided to leave the outside lights on all night to discourage vandalism. If you see something suspicious, please let someone know, either the police or a board member. Also, please remember our gates and walls are not meant to be secure, only to discourage.

The Social Club does not have a full slate of officers for 2007/2008 due to a lack of volunteers. All the dinners and club activities are sanctioned by the Social Club under the review of the Board. If we do not have a Social Club, all activities will be eliminated as well as the parties and dinners. Please consider a position on the Social Club Board or on a committee. We need a president and secretary for 2007/2008.

Lets keep Mountain View "a great place to live."





## THE SUMMER BOOK CLUB BY JOAN WILLIAMS

**THE BOOK CLUB WILL BE DISBANDING FOR THE SUMMER, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO STOP READING! I HAVE A FEW SUGGESTIONS OF BOOKS WE HAVE READ, AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**VICTOR VILLASENOR'S RAIN OF GOLD COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. THIS BOOK WAS OUR SELECTION FOR JUNE, BUT IS WORTH A READ IF YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO IT YET. IT IS A TRUE STORY OF THE LIVES OF TWO ORDINARY, YET REMARKABLE, MEXICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES. THE FAMILIES LEAVE MEXICO AS A RESULT OF THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION OF 1910. AS MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS TO THE UNITED STATES, THE FAMILIES SUBSIST AS BEST THEY CAN. THE BOOK IS A REMARKABLE COLLECTIVE MEMOIR OF A PEOPLE AND TIME. IT HAS SEX, ROMANCE, VIOLENCE, BOOTLEGGING, THE AMERICAN DREAM, AND STRONG FAMILY DEVOTION. WHAT MAKES IT OF ADDED INTEREST TO US IS THAT IS THE TRUE HISTORY OF TWO FAMILIES WHO LIVED HERE DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF SANTA ANA AND CORONA. ALTHOUGH IT IS A LENGTHY BOOK, IT IS AN EASY READ.**

**ANOTHER BOOK WE READ IN THE PAST, WHICH STIMULATED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, IS THE DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY BY ERIK LARSON. THIS IS A WELL-DOCUMENTED SPELLBINDING TRUE STORY OF TWO MEN—AN ARCHITECT AND A SERIAL KILLER WHOSE FATES WERE LINKED BY THE GREATEST FAIR IN AMERICAN HISTORY: THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR OF 1893. I FOUND THE DESCRIPTIONS OF WHAT THE ARCHITECT AND THE BUILDERS HAD TO GO THROUGH TO CREATE THIS MARVEL SO EXCITING THAT I LITERALLY COULDN'T PUT THE BOOK DOWN. OTHERS WERE AS FASCINATED BY THE MYSTERY OF THE SERIAL KILLER. IN ADDITION THERE WAS A SUPPORTING CAST OF REAL LIFE CHARACTERS INCLUDING BUFFALO BILL, THEODORE DREISER, SUSAN B. ANTHONY, THOMAS EDISON, AND OTHERS. IF YOU HAVEN'T READ IT, THIS IS AN EXCELLENT READ!**

**SOME BOOKS CAN BE READ AGAIN AND AGAIN. EACH TIME THEY ARE READ, IT IS AS IF SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED. THE EDUCATION OF LITTLE TREE BY FORREST CARTER IS ONE OF THESE BOOKS. ORIGINALLY TO HAVE BEEN CALLED "ME AND GRANDPA," THIS BOOK IS CARTER'S AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL REMEMBRANCES OF LIFE WITH HIS EASTERN CHEROKEE HILL COUNTRY GRANDPARENTS. BUT IT IS MUCH MORE THAN A TOUCHING ACCOUNT OF 1930S DEPRESSION-ERA LIFE. AFTER READING LITTLE TREE ONE NEVER AGAIN SEES THE WORLD IN QUITE THE SAME WAY. UPON PUBLICATION IN 1977, THE EDUCATION OF LITTLE TREE WAS WIDELY REVIEWED AND UNIVERSALLY ACCLAIMED. IT WAS AN ABBY AWARD WINNER FOR BOOK OF THE YEAR. YOU'LL LOVE IT!**

**IF YOU WANT TO LAUGH UNTIL YOU DROP, I SUGGEST YOU REREAD AUNTIE MAME BY PATRICK DENNIS. THE BOOK IS FILLED WITH WITTY PHRASES AND FLAMBOYANT CHARACTERS. MAME, THE GRANDE DAME OF GRAND DAMES EXEMPLIFIES AMERICAN OPTIMISM AND SELF-INVENTION. SHE IS HILARIOUS, SPARKLING, AND UTTERLY INDESTRUCTIBLE. ALTHOUGH DISGUISED AS A LIGHTWEIGHT PIECE OF FLUFF, AUNTIE MAME IS A UNIQUE LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT. EVERY PAGE SPARKLES WITH WIT, STYLE AND HIGH MORAL PURPOSE. IN 1955 WHEN IT WAS PUBLISHED, THE BOOK WAS ON THE NEW YORK BESTSELLER'S LIST FOR 112 WEEKS AND SOLD OVER 2 MILLION COPIES. WHAT MORE CAN I SAY?**

**NOT EVERYONE LOVES DEAN KOONTZ, BUT I AM PARTIAL TO HIM. TWO OF MY FAVORITES ARE LIFE EXPECTANCY AND FROM THE CORNER OF HIS EYE. IN TYPICAL KOONTZ STYLE, THE BOOKS BEGIN WITH A HORRIFYING EPISODE. ONCE YOU ARE THROUGH THAT, THEY BOTH MORPH INTO SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND UNIQUE. IF YOU ARE A KOONTZ FAN, TRY THESE.**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MAY 16, 2007**  
**by Fred Humphrey, President**

A decision was made in executive session to approve action on delinquent accounts. The Minutes of the April 26, 2007 meeting were approved. The financial reports for the period ending April, 2007 were approved.

Operating Accounts \$26,438.60  
Reserve Funds, \$464,217.29  
Delinquent Assessments (over 90 days) \$9,783.00  
Total Liabilities & Equity \$490, 655.89.

The Facilities Committee reported that the proposal for staining the concrete at the Clubhouse was rejected due to excessive cost. The Board has authorized the planting of perennial flowers when possible to reduce costs. The olive trees have been sprayed. The pepper tree at the JFK gate still needs to be replaced. The bent bars on the JFK gate have been replaced. The pool is now clean and ready for the summer session. There still seems to be a problem with adequate water circulation in the pool which is causing layers of warm and cooled water. The Property Manager was instructed to contact the pool company and resolve the issue. We now have a new rental agreement for the Clubhouse. There was a break-in at the Clubhouse, but most of the stolen items have been replaced.

The Social Club reported that there will be a party and live band on June 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. No RSVP is necessary. Admission fee is \$5.00 per person. The social club does not have a slate of officers for next year due to a lack of volunteers. The Board accepted the responsibility of looking for volunteers. May 22 was scheduled for the election of officers, but that date might have to be delayed until a slate of officers is developed.

The Finance Committee budget meeting was held with Prescott and the annual budget is being developed. The Budget will be approved by the Board at the June 20, 2007 Community Association meeting and then sent to all homeowners. The Board accepted the Reserve Study prepared by Foresight Financials Services, Inc. At the recommendation of Foresight, the Board approved the use of the Current Reserve Method for funding in 2007/2008. The board authorized the Property Manager to obtain a price to retrofit the doors in the Clubhouse pool room with the same doors as the front and sides of the Clubhouse. This will be done to improve security.

***Next meeting of the HOA Board is on June 20 , 2007***

## BOOK CLUB

by Joan Williams

We will be reading Victor Villasenor's *RAIN OF GOLD* in June. This true story chronicles the lives of two ordinary, yet remarkable, Mexican-American families. The families leave Mexico as a result of the Mexican Revolution of 1910. As Mexican immigrants to the United States, the families subsist as best they can. The book is a remarkable collective memoir of a people and time. It has sex, romance, violence, bootlegging, the American Dream, and strong family devotion. What makes it of added interest to us is that is the true history of two families who lived here during the early years of Santa Ana and Corona.

Join us for a discussion on the last Monday of the month, Monday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

This will be the last meeting of the Book Club for this season. We look forward to seeing you.

## CARING COMMITTEE

by Kay Donner

As you know, June brings to a close my commitment as your Caring Committee chairperson. I have been honored to serve in this capacity for the last two years, but I now wish to "pass the baton." I pray that there will be two or three of you who would like to respond to this position. At times it seems a bit overwhelming and having a team would help in many situations. Thank all of you for helping each other when the time came to offer aid. What a really nice neighborhood this is to live in.

God bless you all.

Kay Donner



## Thank You

*In memory of my husband Parry, I want to thank all of you for the cards, telephone calls, special gifts left at my door and the beautiful shawl—and those of you who stopped by just to hug me.*

*Thank You,  
Terry O'Brien*



## ***THE GARDENER'S CORNER***

*by Carole Sweeney*

***From the gardener's corner...*** Summer arrives this month and plant growth shifts into high gear. Longer days and lots of sunshine—our plants just love it! If you haven't done it already, **thin your tree fruits** at opposite sides of branches for balanced and more complete development with less strain on trees, especially those bearing fruit for the first time. Leave at least three inches between apricots and plums; and five inches between peaches, nectarines, pears and apples.

**Feed fruit trees** approximately every three weeks during their growing season with a half or quarter dose of fertilizer to encourage them to produce fruit and grow strongly for next year's fruit. **Keep citrus and avocado well watered** and a three-inch layer of mulch to maintain cool temperatures. They are more tender than other fruit trees and cannot withstand the stress of alternate moisture and dryness.

Make sure azaleas and camellias get sufficient moisture during the summer when they set buds for next year's flowers. Use pliers to **pull tree seedlings** without having them break off at ground level and grow back stronger than ever. Grasp the stem at the soil line; carefully wind the stem around the pliers and pull straight upward. The whole root system will come out, even in dry soil.

Do you drink coffee? Use those **coffee grounds to strengthen your roses**. Particularly with a newly planted rose that seems spindly.

Happy digging in the dirt!

## **Project Linus**

*by Janet Jarosh*

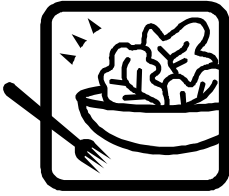
Join the Mountain View group of Project Linus Blanketeers in hand-making security blankets for seriously ill children at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. They can be knitted, crocheted, quilted or fleece - any style, any color, machine washable, new, in child-friendly colors for ages newborn to teenage.

If you have an interest in making blankets or donating, contact me by phone or email [janet@citiusa.com](mailto:janet@citiusa.com). Even if you don't craft, you can help simply by donating a few skeins of yarn (Red Heart yarn from WalMart is a great source).

We have recently added a Shawl Ministry (separate but somewhat related to the Project Linus group). Those involved knit or crochet beautiful shawls to be given as gifts to those in our neighborhood who are grieving the loss of a loved one. A nice card is included with the shawl explaining how the shawl has been lovingly made to comfort and give solace. All are invited to join us in making the shawls and blankets.

Keep up the good work and Happy Blanketeering!





## What's Cooking? (from Katie's Kitchen Corner) by Katie Wenke

June welcomes in the beginning of summer. As Oscar Hammerstein said, "June is busting out all over." Try this yummy salad as we begin the season of hot summer nights.

### WARM CHICKEN AND SPINACH SALAD

(Serves two)

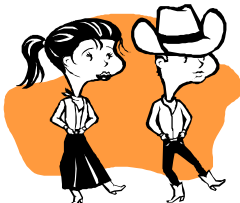
½ bag of baby spinach  
½ lb asparagus (bottom snapped off and cut diagonally into about 1 inch pieces)  
2 heaping TBS finely chopped green onion  
1 tsp olive oil  
3 TBS water  
½ pound chicken breast tenders (cut into smaller pieces)  
Salt and pepper to taste

Dressing:

1 ½ tsp Balsamic vinegar  
1 ½ tsp lemon juice  
¼ tsp Dijon mustard  
1/8 tsp sugar  
1 ½ tsp olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste

Spread spinach out on a plate and set aside. In a non-stick skillet, heat 1 tsp olive oil over medium high heat until hot. Add asparagus and onion and cook for about 5 minutes or until golden. Reduce heat and add the water. Cook covered for 5 minutes or until the asparagus is tender. Spoon asparagus mixture over the spinach. In the same skillet, increase the heat and add ½ tsp olive oil. Cook the chicken seasoned with salt and pepper to taste for about 5 minutes or until the chicken loses its pink color throughout. Turn the chicken once while cooking. Add chicken to salad. Wisk together the vinegar, lemon juice, mustard, sugar and the 1 ½ tsp olive oil. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add dressing to the hot skillet and stir until hot. Drizzle dressing over chicken and vegetables.

This makes two servings. Add crusty bread and you have a great meal. Sorry, this really serves two best. If just one, ask a friend over for dinner.



*COME ON DOWN*

*TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOR LINE DANCING  
TWO HOURS OF FUN AND EXERCISE*

(No experience necessary)  
Every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.  
Any questions call Doris

# “SPLISH/SPLASH”

## LADIES LUNCHEON

### BY THE POOL

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 noon

## Pot Luck Salad Luncheon

Bring a salad to share...drinks will be provided

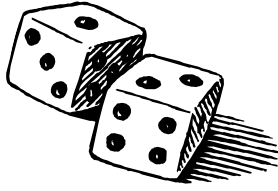
Any questions, call Joanne Phillips or  
e-mail at: [jotphillips@verizon.net](mailto:jotphillips@verizon.net)



## DINE OUT

by *Bill and Kay Donner*

What a lovely brunch we enjoyed at Cal Baptist University. Many discovered a “new favorite” place to eat. This month is our final month to plan the Dine Out, and since we all enjoy the China Garden, we've booked it again for Thursday, June 7. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m. If you need a ride, please call us and we'll arrange transportation for you. The cost of dinner will be \$12 per person, which includes tax and tip. If you order wine, the charge will be added separately. Thank you for supporting our Dine Outs. We hope to see you at our final dining affair.



# **BUNCO**

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007**

6:30 pm

## *Last Month's Winners*

Most Wins - Marilyn Dawson

Most Bunco's - Katie Brambila/Sharon Cristino/Gordan Hass/Judy Kathriner/Doris Polley

Most Baby Bunco's - Fran Martinez

Most Losses - Lori Humphrey

Fuzzy Dice - Joyce Collins

*(Bring a snack to share.)*

For more information contact:

**Marilyn Dawson**

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# **BINGO**

**Tuesday, June 26, 2007**

**(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)**

**6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse**

**Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards**

**Snacks: Anything you fancy**

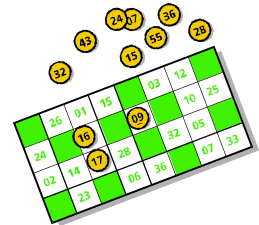
**April Winners: Fran Martinez, Sharon Cristino (2), Helen Lumkoski,**

**Shirley DeCarlo, Doris Asciak, Lola Emmermanis (2)**

**Coverall: Mary Ortiz**

**For more information contact**

**Godfrey Asciak (485-5138) or Mike Frahm (243-6663)**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Janet Hansen



Hello Neighbors,

The Social Club has been busy getting ready to welcome back "The Reflections," a small band with a big band sound. This is going to be a wonderful night of music going back to the 40's (before our time) to the music of today. This band gladly accepts requests and is great for dancing. Bring your dancing shoes and an appetite for hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and all the fix'ns. Save the date—Saturday June 16th at 5:30 p.m.—for dinner and the band.

The cost is \$5 per person-pay at the door. Come on down to the Clubhouse and join in on the fun.

There will be a pay bar and a 50/50.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 5 6:00 p.m. Social Club Meeting—New Officers Announced—Everyone Welcome**

**June 16 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Band \$5.00 per person. Pay at the door.**



## YOGA

by Joan Williams

The Thursday yoga classes will be suspended for the summer. I encourage you to take advantage of the water aerobic classes. Thanks to those who have attended.