

SUN VALLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

VOLUME EIGHTY-SIX FEBRUARY 2014

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The regular Board meeting was held February 4, 2014. New officers are:

President	Karen Clement	956-440-0121
Vice President	John Culhane	956-230-0208
Treasurer	Jerry Bates	956-577-6290
Secretary	Miriam Boardman	956-423-2270
Maintenance	Leroy Beauregard	248-434-8214



Thank you to all who have served this past year.

Debbie was asked to return as Office Manager. Debbie will complete the new phone directory. Many people have asked that the billing system be changed to a simpler format. Therefore, if you wish your SVV bills to be sent to you by email, leave your summer email address in the office. If you wish them sent by mail, make sure your address is correct at the office. A subsidiary ledger will be available for those who wish an update on their accounts.

The Board voted to proceed with the request to reseal our streets. The date is pending until a special meeting of the homeowners is held in order to ask for a special assessment.

Once again, the Board thanks those who read the water meters. They request that the meters be accessible. They must be easily found and free from grass and brush. If they are full of spiders, ants, bees, or any insects, please spray them. If they have water standing in them, they need to be repaired. Some meters are under bougainvillea branches and cedar trees. These need to be trimmed away.

The Board wants to send its sincere condolences to the families of Ernie Smilski and Harry Wilson.

Miriam Boardman, Secretary, SVV Board

SVV MEN'S CLUB



The landscaping with river rock around the swimming pool and the hall has been completed by some excellent volunteer workers.

Pancake breakfasts Saturday mornings have had a good attendance - from 33 to 46 people. You can get pancakes, sausages, and bacon for \$3.00.

The January Ice Cream Social was well attended. This week our Ice Cream Social will be on Saturday, February 8. You can buy tickets or admission at the door for \$2.50.

The Spaghetti Dinner held on January 25 showed a profit of about \$600. Thanks to all the helpers and donations.

Bingo attendance has been up and down from 23 to 40 people. Bingo is Thursday night at 7:00 PM, and cards can be purchased for 50 cents each.

We will miss one dedicated Men's Club volunteer, Ernie Smilski, who passed away on January 25.

BINGO

Bingo is played on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. This fundraiser is open to the public as well. Feel free to invite friends from other parks. Come and try your luck. The more players - the more fun - the bigger the prize money!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Saturday mornings from 7:30-9:00 AM, you can go out for pancakes, bacon, and/or sausages, and coffee at the hall for a mere \$3.00! Also open to the public, this is an important fundraiser for our park. Come on out to support our initiatives and visit with friends!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our next Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, **(yes Saturday!)** February 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



We will be serving the usual array of several flavors of regular ice cream, one flavor of "No Sugar Added" ice cream and frozen yogurt along with cookies and coffee.

Everyone is welcome, residents, family, friends from other parks and of course overnight guests. Bring your own bowls and spoons.

Many of you will already have bought your tickets. If you miss your ticket seller, you can purchase tickets at the door.

SVV LADIES' CLUB

Ladies of the park get together every Tuesday afternoon to play Bridge, or the card games "65" or "500". New owners, renters, and guests are welcome to join in the games, conversations, snacks and coffee. Our next month's meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4 at 3:15 PM.

For the new executive, the month of January was a very busy time. The ladies' project was to houseclean and organize the Gold Room. Paul Sansom, Larry Harding, Lloyd Fisher, and Ed Clark were willing to help us realize our vision.

Old shelves were removed from the Gold Room. The fridge was moved, and shelves and cabinets were purchased. When the shelves and cabinets were installed in the Gold Room it was amazing how much space there was for all the groups to store their supplies. Shelves were built in the side shed for storage items, and the TV stand got two extra shelves and doors for storing cards and puzzles. Thank you to all the different groups and the volunteers who sorted through all the stuff and reorganized. A huge thank you to the four men who gave their time to help this project succeed!

The pizza party at Mr. Gatti's was hosted by Val Clark and Linda Besselle. Bingo was called by Gord Park with six winners. There were 73 residents and guests who enjoyed the pizza buffet.

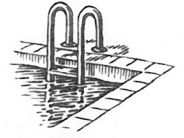
Marlyn Harding and Susan Ketchen are hosting our Ladies' Luncheon at Los Nortenos Restaurant on February 11. All ladies, overnight guests, and renters are welcome to join us. The signup sheet is in the post office.

At the monthly meeting held on February 4 the ladies passed a motion that declares the hall a "Scent Free Environment" for Ladies Day on Tuesday. Because of allergies to perfumes, it makes it difficult for some residents to enjoy an afternoon of socializing.

March 8 is our spring rummage sale. If you have items for the rummage sale, you can bring them down to the barn. Please make sure that all items work if they are electrical or have a motor; that items are clean and usable; and that clothes are clean, not torn, and are wearable.

SWIMMING POOL AND COMMON AREA TRASH

The pool is covered and uncovered by residents. The signup sheet is in the Rec. Hall. If you are able, and have not already done so, please consider taking a week.



Each week starts on a Thursday and includes putting out the garbage. Thursday evening the trash should be emptied from the hall and both bathrooms. The garbage from the bins behind the office building has to be removed and placed on the right side of the curb in front of the office building on Thursday night for pickup on Friday. Only six bags of trash can be placed out at one time. Clean 45 gallon garbage bags need to be put in the emptied garbage cans in the bin. Bags are kept in the narrow cupboard by the kitchen trash can.

There are no set times to uncover the pool, so if you wish to use it, you are welcome to take the cover off if it has not been done. Volunteers are asked NOT to uncover the pool if the forecast is lower than 75 degrees.

REMINDERS:

- **To all who use suntan lotion while on the lounge chairs – please cover the chair with a towel or pad as the oils and lotions deteriorate the vinyl.**
- **Be sure to shower before using the pool, and please do not use soap or shampoo in the shower, as the shower drain is not going to a septic tank.**
- **The use of the pool is restricted to our park residents and their overnight guests – no exceptions, please.**

SVV MEN'S GOLF

Every Monday we play nine holes, best ball, at 9:00 AM, at the Tony Butler Golf Course. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the Post Office until Friday each week. After our weekly golf, we go to the SVV Rec. Hall for snacks and refreshments. For more information, call GERRY REIGH (364-0798)

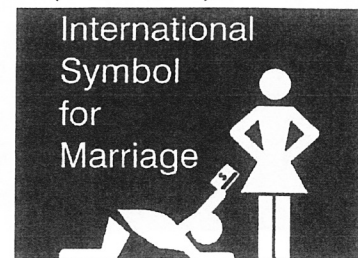


SVV LADIES' GOLF

We play nine holes at Tony Butler Golf Course Monday mornings at approximately 9:15 AM following the SVV Men's Golf League. There is no signup sheet. Just drop in at the course. We are always happy to welcome more to our numbers. For more information, contact DEBBIE BATES (577-6290).



I remember the words to every song in the 70's, but I forget why the heck I came into this room.



SVV FRIDAY MIXED GOLF SCRAMBLE

Who – pairs or singles of all abilities and gender;

What – 9 hole, best ball scramble, prizes (low score, closest to the hole, lost ball guess, 50/50 draw), refreshments after, good times;

Where – Stuart Place Golf Course, followed by an awards ceremony at SVV Rec. Hall with cash bar, beverages, snacks;

When – Every Friday (weather permitting) shotgun start at 10:00 AM;

How – Sign up at the Post Office by 3:00 PM Tuesday and we post team lists Wednesday;
For more information, call PAM BUHR (970-1802).

ANNUAL SVV MIXED 9 HOLE BEST BALL CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT: BOYS AGAINST THE GIRLS!

DATE/TIME: Friday, February 21, 11:00 AM SHOTGUN START

PLACE: For the Golf – Stuart Place Golf Course

For the Get-together – Rec. Hall for refreshments and snacks and awards!

ELIGIBILITY: Must be either a male or female.

COST: \$1 for play, plus green fees to Stuart Place \$12 (\$16 with power cart), Lost Ball Guess and 50/50 tickets available for 50 cents each, and \$1 for each 'refreshment'

Watch for the sign-up sheet coming soon to a Post Office near you.

GO GIRLS!

GO BOYS!



2014 SUPER BOWL POOL WINNERS

RIGHT WAY

1st Quarter Lynnea Cummings

2nd Quarter Elaine Lynch

3rd Quarter Rachel Busing

Final Score Mike Wyer

WRONG WAY

1st Quarter Karen Clement

2nd Quarter Farnon Keeler

3rd Quarter Bob Groombridge

Final Score Ernie Smilski



Thanks to Gerry Reigh for organizing this every year. The winners especially thank him!

SHUFFLEBOARD

We have had a very energetic group of shufflers come out Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM, even when it was 43^o F! To play, sign up in the post office. It is only 50 cents for lots of fun and laughs. Even if the list is full, add your name, as we sometimes need spares. Remember to call Marlyn if you have signed up but are not able to make it. For more information, contact MARLYN HARDING (956-230-0340).



I don't think we get smarter as we get older.
I just think we run out of stupid things to do.

My brain is like the Bermuda Triangle.
Information goes in
and then it's never found again.

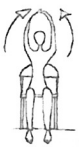
EXERCISE

Come along to the Rec. Hall for a low impact exercise workout with Jane Fonda or Richard Simmons! There is now a small group Wednesdays 8:30 – 9:45. We are going to try Zumba as well. Join us if you like but feel free to drop in on your own if other times suit you better. You can find the DVD/VCR workouts in the cabinet under the TV. The hall is free Sunday, Monday, and Friday all morning; and until 10:00 Tuesday and Thursday mornings (However, shufflers gather briefly from 8:30-9:00). It's also available before 9:30 Wednesday. If you are an early bird, you likely will find the hall free every morning before 9:30 except for Saturday. Questions? Call CATHY MEDHURST (230-3174)



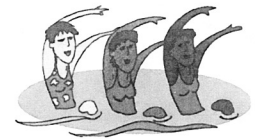
CHAIR YOGA

On Thursday mornings from 11:00 AM to noon, please come to participate in this gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair, or standing using a chair for support. This movement is especially beneficial for people dealing with arthritic health issues, or the onset of such. No equipment is needed. Flexibility is optional! Questions? Call PAM BUHR (970-1802).



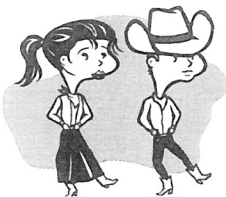
WATER WORKOUT

Monday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00 PM (weather permitting), join us in the pool for a workout. You don't need to know how to swim. Water resistance training is low impact and easy on joints. You do as much as you are able so this is open to any and all. Work hard and your reward is the restorative and therapeutic portion at the end in the hot tub! Too cool for the pool? When that is the case, anyone who wishes will collect in the hall at 3:00 PM for another Line Dance class. Questions? Call PAM BUHR (970-1802).



LINE DANCING

Line Dance instruction and practice is available Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:00 PM and some Mondays at 3:00 PM – (see Water Workout write-up). No experience is necessary. Come on out y'all! Cowboy hats and boots are optional. Questions? Call PAT WYER (425-6186)



'65'/BRIDGE/'500'

On Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 PM, the Ladies in the Park play cards. Some play Bridge and some play '65', and some play '500'. So, you have lots of choices. Each week the ladies take turns, and we are treated to culinary delights with our coffee afterwards. Come and join us.



'GAMES OF CHANCE' NIGHT

All are invited to play *Pokeno* and *Texas Hold 'Em* Fridays at 7:00 PM at the Rec. Hall. Don't be shy. Lessons are free!

BRIDGE



Bridge is played Saturdays at 7:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Post Office. We are now playing with three tables. For more information, call DIANNE JOHNSON (423-0089).

EUCHRE

Join us Sunday and Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM to play the card game, Euchre. It's easy to learn and anyone is welcome to drop in. For further information, contact VIRGINIA SKEIM (428-5070).

POOL ROOM NEWS

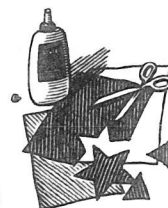


Our pool hall is available to all. No formal programs are ongoing. Just drop in and shoot a few.

HANDICRAFTS



Handicrafts are held Wednesdays at 1:00 PM at the hall. Our last project was making bags for wheelchairs or walkers. The sewing girls did a wonderful job. Also, Dawn Moore was teaching us how to make scarves. Many thanks, Dawn. Come on down. We would love to have you. For further information, contact DIANNE JOHNSON (423-0089).



ARTIST GROUP

If you are interested, a group of SVV artists meets Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Rec. Hall to work on personal painting or drawing projects. If you are like-minded, drop in or call SUE FISHER (423-7314) for more information.

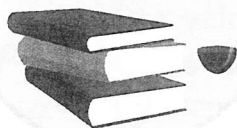


BEGINNER WATERCOLOR CLASSES

Dawn Gates is teaching beginner watercolors at the hall Thursday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. There is no charge for the lessons but you need your own basic supplies. Call DAWN for the list. (956-425-3366)

SVV BOOK CLUB

The Book Club



Our February selection is *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman. If you need a book, let us know. We will get together at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 18 at the clubhouse. Bring your analysis, insights, beverage of choice, and book recommendations for March. DEBBIE BATES (577-6290) is our contact person if you would like more information.

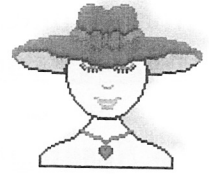
VALENTINE DANCE

The Valentine Dance is back by popular demand. Saturday, February 22 at 6:00 PM kick up your heels to the live country music of Ken and Brenda. This is open to Villagers and any invited guests. There are only a few tickets left. For tickets (\$6) contact DOUG AND LYNDA DANELL (230-0265).



SVV RED HATTERS

We had a get together on January 22. Fourteen visited Lolette's Tea Room for a luncheon. Everyone loved the ambience AND the food, delicious freshly homemade soup and sandwiches. Lolette provided three lovely necklaces for door prizes. The lucky winners were Susan Harkness, Cathy Medhurst, and Dawn Moore. Watch for news about our next outing at the Post Office. For more information, contact VAL CLARK (412-3667).



2014 LONGEST CAUSEWAY RUN AND FITNESS WALK

Port Isabel (Library) to South Padre Island (Louie's Backyard)



Hooray!! The weather co-operated, despite a "little" fog, for the first time in a few years. An all-time record attendance from Sun Valley Village (16 participants) set off across the causeway! Nineteen were registered, however illness and injury pared our numbers down ... Debbie Bates, Judy Berezowski, Bonnie Dimmick, Marilyn Hermiston, Doug and Lynda Danell, Rolande LeFave, Jim Coulter, Pam Buhr, Yvon and Linda Besselle, Ed Clark, Lynnea Cummings, Lovey Netrval, and Susan and Graham Ketchen completed the walk. Forced out due to

illness/injury were Val Clark, Sue Fisher, Carol Nesbitt and Pat Wyer (I'm sure they'll be back in 2015!). We enjoyed the company of participating dolphins who joined the fun and a duo of terns that provided entertainment fighting over a fish. Some of us witnessed a proposal at the highest point of the causeway. She said yes through her tears. AAww! A great lunch followed at Senor Donkey before heading back to the compound. Many thanks to the drivers ... Yvon Besselle, Pam Buhr, Sue Fisher, Doug Danell who got us there and back with great skill. Sue Fisher also provided "shuttle service" before and after the walk. We encourage ladies and gents to mark their calendars and join us at next year's Causeway Walk January 10, 2015.

BLOCK PARTIES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY, 15 (16 rain date)

Hosts will provide specific details.

PALM TREE

Hosts: McCuaig, Wyer

ORANGE

Hosts: Harding, Clement, Culhane, Beavis, Green

WEST SIDE (Altas Palmas, Buttercup, Goldenrod, Poinsettia, Primrose)

Hosts: Buhr/Park, McClaskey, Medhurst

Turkey Season

I shot my first turkey yesterday.

Scared everyone in the frozen food section.

It was awesome. Getting old is so much fun!



VISITORS

Remember to let the newsletter staff know about your visitors.

- **To Linda and Yvon Besselle and Val and Ed Clark:** Linda and Ken Paquet from Gatineau, Quebec are visiting.
- **To Jerry and Betty Bean:** They enjoyed a visit with Betty's brother and his wife, Jim and Stella Blakley, from Ainsworth, Iowa from January 18-29.
- **To Susan and Craig Harkness:** They welcome Gord and Anne Santarossa in February, who leave the snow and freezing cold of Thunder Bay to visit the sunny? and warm? Valley.
- **To Jim and Diane Coulter:** Diane and Jim have their friend, Joanna Brunka, visiting them from Winnipeg. She is here for 3 weeks and will also visit her other friends in Mission. This is her first visit to Texas. She is hoping for warm weather after the winter they have been having in Winnipeg.
- **To Joanne and Marvin Prystupa:** Their son, Ryan, daughter-in-law, Laura, and grandchildren, Kaleb and Hailey, from Stonewall, Manitoba will be visiting from February 4 to 12.
- **To Lloyd and Carol Bates:** They were very happy to have had Lloyd's son and his wife, Steve and Barb Bates, visit from January 19-22. They are from Northglenn, Colorado.
- **To Tom and Marilyn McCuaig:** Tom's brother, Jim, and his wife, Merla, visited last month. They very much enjoyed their eight day visit despite the renovations. Jim said he even enjoyed that. Both of them commented on how nice the people in the park were.
- **To Pam Buhr and Gord Park:** Their friends, Judy and Peter from Winnipeg, are here for their annual short stopover in our Village. They are very happy to get away from the deep freeze up north. Luckily, they missed our mini deep freeze last week!



RENTERS

A BIG WELCOME TO NEWLY ARRIVED SEASONAL RENTERS!

Art Grant and Judy Harkness	15638 Primrose Lane (from MB & SK)	956-367-3140
Don and Brenda Vanalstine	25511 Goldenrod Lane (from Ontario)	956-364-1106
Alex Diner & Margaret Thomasson	25409 Goldenrod Lane (from Ontario)	
Blaine and Brook Kell	25478 Goldenrod Lane (from Ontario)	807-620-7810

FOR SALE

John and Rosie Culhane	15776 Palm Tree Drive
Bill and Miriam Boardman	15757 Palm Tree Drive
Carolyn Herron and Norman Frost	15719 Palm Tree Drive
Myron and Ruth Woodhouse	15689 Palm Tree Drive
Les and Marge Dappen	25370 Altas Palmas Drive
Jim and Ana Moulder	25486 Altas Palmas Drive
Bill and Miriam Boardman	25478 Goldenrod Lane



CORRECTION:

Our apologies to new owner Clarita (NOT Choreta) Cortez for this error last month.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

You will find these updated lists attached. Please let us know if there are any errors or omissions. PAM BUHR (970-1802 pambuhr@gmail.com)

IN OUR PRAYERS

Murray Knecht, Bob Groombridge, Jackie Beauregard



CONDOLENCES



Our heartfelt sympathies go to Marilyn Smilski, on the passing of her husband, Ernie; and to Lorraine Wilson, on the passing of her husband, Harry. Ernie and Harry will be sorely missed in our Village. We celebrate their lives through the many fond memories of time spent in their company. They will live on through those memories.

SVV WEBSITE (<http://svvpoa.com>)

Doug Danell, our 'webmaster' welcomes content to post on the website. If you have a photo you would like published there, you may send it to him via email (ddanell@shaw.ca). Include captions if you wish. Properties for sale could be posted with accompanying photos as well. Let's make this an interesting site to surf!

THE WAY WE WERE (Excerpts from Past Newsletters)



I left you with a question last issue. Where was the lot from which the Gunn trailer was removed in March of 92? Remember that there were many residents out to watch the progress and even coffee was served. I have it on good authority that it was where the Boardman's now reside. It was Bill who had the mobile removed before they put their new one on.

These excerpts are from October 1992.

After a long, hot Texas summer and a long, cold, wet northern summer, we welcome all you WINTER TEXANS back to the Valley. Weather always keeps us guessing no matter what the year...

The Powers have sold their mobile at 201 Goldenrod to Jim Lee, a retired teacher. WELCOME! So, Jim lived here about 20 years before he sold to the Boardmans a while ago.

CONTEST – NAME THIS NEWSLETTER – YOUR SUGGESTIONS OF A NAME FOR THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE DROPPED IN THE 'NEWS ITEMS' BOX LOCATED IN THE POST OFFICE. BE CREATIVE... I guess no suggestions were forthcoming as the title never changed!

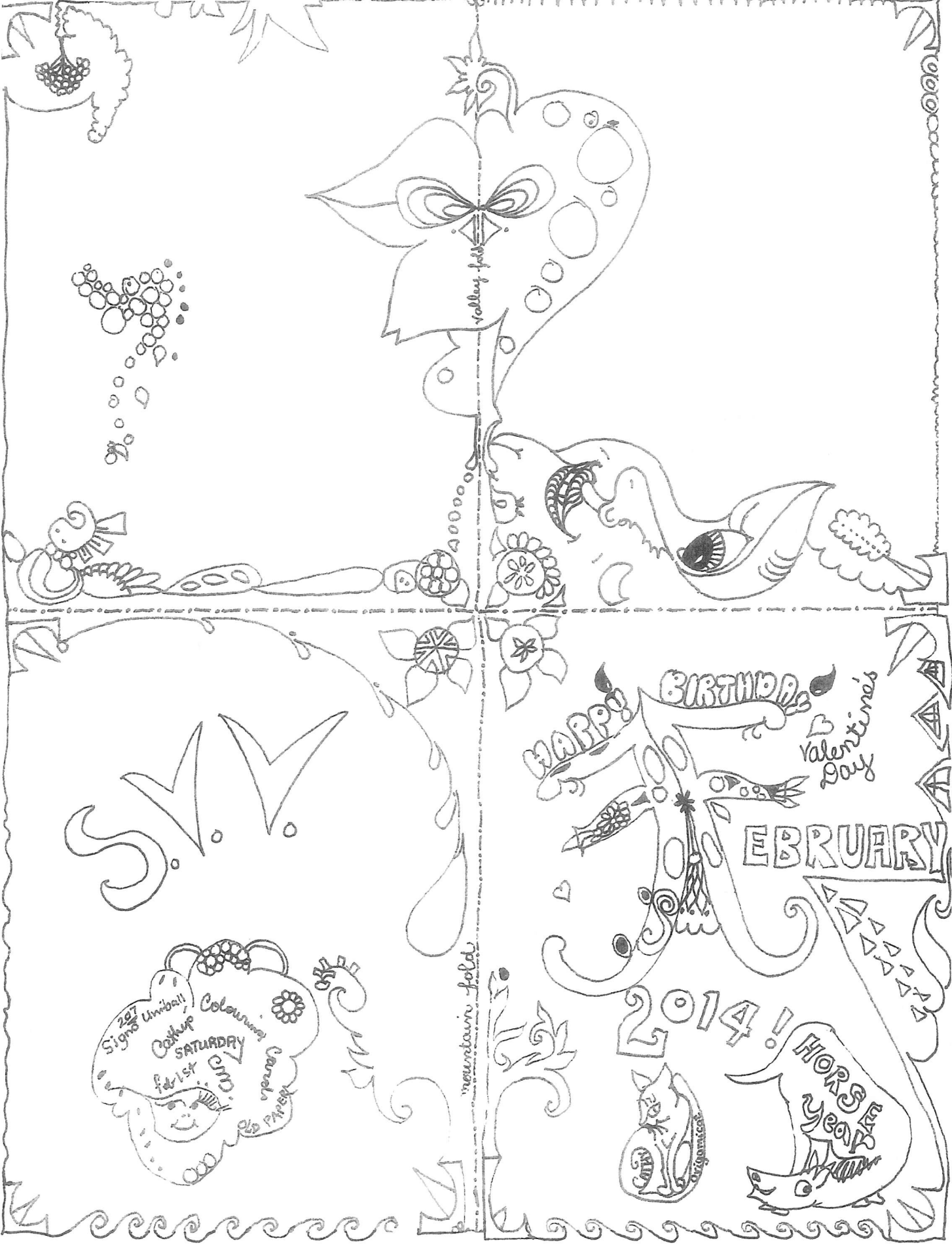
EDITORS' NOTE

This Village is a 'hummin' at this time of year. It is so great to see most places occupied and the occupants very occupied with all that there is to do around here.

Thanks for your enthusiastic participation!

Newsletter Staff:

**Debbie Bates, Linda Besselle, Val Clark, Pam Buhr,
Susan Harkness, Irene Hubbell, Betty Stevens**



valley fold

mountain fold

287 Umbrell
Coloured Paper
Scissors
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SATURDAY
Feb 1st 2014

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY

2014!

HORSE Year

FEBRUARY 2014

SUN VALLEY VILLAGE EVENTS

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