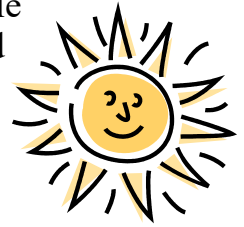


SUN VALLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2019

If you have arrived recently copies of the December Newsletter are available at the hall. You should get a copy of it as there is important information in it and the Calendar of Events for the year is attached. Alternatively, past newsletters are always available on the website (<http://svvpoa.com>).



SVV BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Happy New Year to all!

The Board has appointed Cheryl Matthews as Park Manager. Cheryl will continue to work in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings but with added responsibilities.

Our residents should know that Regular Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month; November through March. These meetings start at 7:00 PM in the Office. Residents wishing to make presentations to the Board may do so at the beginning of these meetings. Our **Property Owners Association Annual Meeting will be held January 21, 2019 at 7:30 PM.** The meeting is open to property owners and their significant others – no exceptions. Please make every effort to attend this meeting personally or by proxy. Two Board positions are to be filled.

Have you read any of the SVV Newsletters? Please read the Trash Talk section about the do's and don'ts of trash. As stated, the dumpster is for Orange Drive and Palm Tree Drive residents only. These residents are billed for dumpster use. If the dumpster is full, the dumpster is full. Take your trash home until the dumpster is emptied. Please do not leave trash beside the dumpster. The dumpster is emptied three times per week in January, February, and March.

Did you know there is handicap parking by the club house? Please note that it is for designated handicap vehicles ONLY. Please do not park there with golf carts or vehicles unless you qualify.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR KAREN

REMINDER: A Reception to celebrate and honor the life of Karen Clement will be held this Sunday, January 13 at 11:00 AM at the SVV Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be an opportunity to chat with her family and you are encouraged to share your memories and stories about Karen during the "open mike" segment of this gathering.

SVV MEN'S CLUB

We have two weekly Fundraisers:

- **Pancake Breakfasts** every Saturday morning, except on Rummage Sale dates. Come down anytime from 7:30-9:00 AM to enjoy pancakes, bacon, breakfast sausages, and coffee at the hall, all for \$4.00! **REAL MEN WEAR APRONS!**
- **Bingo** is held every Thursday at 7:00 PM.



Both Bingo and Pancake Breakfasts are open to the public. Feel free to invite friends from other parks.



We have had our first Ice Cream Social of the season. Thank you to all who attended to support this fundraiser. The next one will be Sunday, February 10 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Bring your own bowl and spoon. Members of the Men's Club will be around selling tickets (\$3/ticket) shortly before the event. Tickets will also be available at the door.



The annual **Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Saturday, January 26, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Bring your own table setting. Enjoy all the spaghetti you can eat, along with Caesar salad, bread, coffee, and dessert, all for only \$8! Ticket sellers will be calling on you soon. Tickets will also be available at the door.



Note that the Men's meeting is held on the FIRST Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM. Please attend so that you can have input in planning projects.

SVV LADIES' CLUB

WHAT IS IT?

SVV Ladies' Club meets every Tuesday at 1:00 PM. We meet at the Hall to play cards and socialize over refreshments and a light snack. There is a business meeting and a birthday celebration the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting starts at approximately 3:15 PM.

SVV LADIES' CLUB REPORT

Christmas has come and gone and it is the New Year. **HAPPY NEW YEAR.** A new year with a slightly new Ladies Club Executive:

Past President – Debbie Bates

President – Pat Wyer

Vice President – Lovey Netrval

Secretary – Judy Harkness

Treasurer – Betty Clark*



Since the last report, we have held the Fall Rummage Sale with net proceeds of \$2180.35. **WOW!** The party basket was won by Pam Buhr and Val Clark won the other two draws. Those Clarks sure are lucky!

New this year was the Pre-Christmas Happy Hour held December 14. Gord played music. A little singing, a little dancing, lots of laughs!

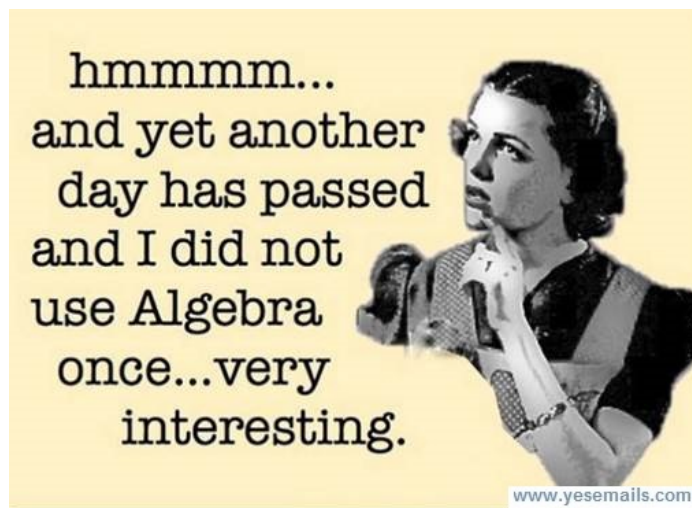
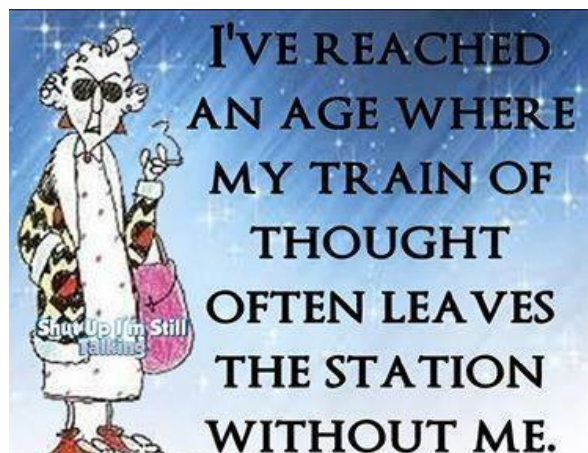
The Christmas Dinner Potluck had 70 attending and Christmas crackers were cracked. Doug Danell won the 50/50 draw (\$100) and Butch Beauregard won the Brownsville Boat Tour and Shrimp Boil.

A number of residents attended the New Year's Party and welcomed in the New Year.

Val Clark & Linda Besselle hosted the Pizza Party January 8. Thanks ladies.

Many events are to come in January. Check your calendar.

'Change for Charity' and 'Loaves and Fishes' donations continue all season. Thank you for your generosity.



TRASH PROCEDURES AKA TRASH TALK!

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

EAST SIDE DUMPSTER: -For residents of Orange Drive and Palm Tree Drive ONLY, who are being charged a fee by the City for this service:



All garbage placed inside the dumpster **must be in sealed or tied garbage bags of any size. Nothing is to be placed outside the bin;** the City will not pick up anything outside the bin. Pick up days are MONDAY & FRIDAY. January, February, and

March there will be a third pickup on WEDNESDAY.

The City has provided the following rules regarding what is **NOT ALLOWED** in the bin:

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| -Propane tanks or cylinders | - automobile tires |
| -Lead-acid batteries (e.g. car batteries) | - paints, solvents, or any liquids |
| -Hazardous materials (e.g. pesticides) | - gypsum (drywall) |
| -Brush or tree trimmings | - animal carcasses |
| -Used oil or oil filters | - TVs or computer monitors |
| -Medical waste (e.g. syringes) | - hot ashes |



WEST SIDE PICKUP: Thursdays – The trash must be placed in the brown Waste Management Bags which can be purchased by calling 800-383-0519 and paying online or arranging to leave a check. The bags will be delivered to your home. **West Side households do NOT use the dumpster.**

COMMON AREA TRASH and SWIMMING POOL COVERING DUTY

These duties are provided by resident volunteers. The signup sheet is in the Rec. Hall, as is a copy of these instructions. 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 trash. **By 5:30 PM Thursday** evening, the trash should be emptied from the **hall, including both bathrooms**, the **barn**, and the **Pool Room**; and along with the trash from the bins behind the office building, placed on the right side of the curb in front of the office building. Only six bags of trash can be placed out at one time. Clean 45-gallon garbage bags need to be put into the emptied garbage cans in the bin. Bags are kept in the narrow cupboard by the kitchen trashcan. **None of this trash is to be placed in the dumpster.**

During your week you are also responsible for uncovering and covering the pool. Remember **two people** must do this and **if the outside temperature is below 70, the pool is NOT to be uncovered.**

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, **provided the temperature is 70 or above and there are two of you.**



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 owners, their tenants, their overnight guests, or contract purchasers who reside on the property. – no exceptions, please. (as per Article II, Section 2.2, Covenants and Bylaws)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SVV MEN'S & LADIES' GOLF

Residents of the Village AND friends play nine holes at Tony Butler Golf Course Monday mornings. The men start at 9:00 AM and the women follow at approximately 9:15 AM. 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 (956-577-6290).



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 9:00 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 (204-807-8389).

During his physical, the doctor asked the patient about his daily activity level. He described a typical day this way: "Well, yesterday afternoon I waded along the edge of a lake, drank eight beers, escaped from wild dogs in the heavy brush, jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake, marched up and down several rocky hills, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand and took four leaks behind big trees." Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one heck of an outdoorsman!" "NAH," he replied, "I'm just a lousy golfer."

SHUFFLEBOARD

We are seeing 24 players with everyone now here. We even had 17 out to play in a coolish, cloudy, breezy 50 degrees. So far in our 2018-19 season there have been 12 days of play. Our most frequent winners are Marilyn Hermiston, Jackie Beauregard, and Betty Clark. All were in the money 6 times! The signup sheet is at the Post Office. We play Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM. The cost is 50 cents. All are welcome. Questions? Call SUSAN KETCHEN (956-230-2143).



EXERCISE

Come along to the Rec. Hall for a low impact exercise workout every Thursday morning at 10:30 AM. Also, feel free to drop in on your own to use the available DVD workout sessions when the hall is free. Questions? Call LORRAINE WILSON (956-536-0075).

WATER WALKING

Monday and Wednesday at 3:30 PM; Friday at 1:30 PM - as long as the weather is above 70 degrees F. For further information, contact DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476).



'65'/BRIDGE/'500'

On Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 PM, the Ladies in the Park enjoy coffee, company, and card playing. 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 a light snack and 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! For more information, contact JERRY BATES (303-475-0631).

POOL ROOM

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



HANDICRAFTS

The craft group will not be meeting on a regular basis as we have no projects. If we have something we want to work on we will post a bulletin in the Post Office. FYI - there are 3 sewing machines available to borrow. Please contact DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476) for more information.



ART GROUP



There is always room for one more. If you like to draw or paint, come to the hall at 9:30 on Wednesday or Saturday morning. You'll find a group of friends working on their own art projects. Bring your own supplies and something to work on. Lots of people will gladly share information, ideas, and methods, even though we say this is a "self-directed" art group. For information, call SUE FISHER (956-423-7314)

EUCHRE

Come out and play Euchre Sunday and Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. It's easy to learn and anyone is welcome. It only costs a dollar! Questions? Contact CINDY SCHUSTER (267-357-5594).



BRIDGE

Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM a few get together to play Bridge at the Hall. If you are interested, please contact VIRGINIA SKEIM (956-428-5070).

My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

EVENTS

In January there is so much happening in our Village and in the surrounding area.

2019 POLAR BEAR DIP

New Year's Day 15 people from SVV headed to South Padre Island for this event. There were 8 dippers and 7 towel bearers and photo takers (an important job!). Two of the dippers were very ugly old ladies! After the plunge we all headed off to the Padre Brewing company for a wonderful lunch. Plan on joining us for this fun time in 2020!

SVV PIZZA PARTY

Mr. Gatti's welcomed 70 SVV people for the annual Pizza Party this past Tuesday. We played Bingo and ate some excellent food. The Bingo winners were Lorraine Wilson, Donna Cooper (2 times!), Pat Wyer, Lovey Netrval, Murray Knecht, Cheryl Mathews, Larry Morningstar, Lloyd Fisher, and Brenda Vanalstine. A good time was had by all!

WINTER TEXAN EXPO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 and WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 - McAllen Convention Centre on Ware Road – 9:00 AM-3:00 PM both days - lots of entertainment!

HEB WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 11:00 AM Come on down to the hall for this free 'cocktail party'. It's 5 o'clock somewhere!



HAWAIIAN LUAU POTLUCK DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19- Put on your best Hawaiian shirts and come enjoy a pot luck dinner. Hawaiian punch ('spiked' and non-'spiked') will be served at 4:00 PM and dinner at 5:00 PM. There is no cost. Please bring your own place settings and a dish to share, anything you wish – true potluck! Special treat – Hula Hoop contest after dinner! Hope to see everyone out.

HARLINGEN WINTER TEXAN APPRECIATION FIESTA

MONDAY, JANUARY 21 – Casa de Amistad, 1204 Fair Park Boulevard – 1:00-5:00 PM – Mariachis, Business Expo, Car Show, Free T-shirt

ANNUAL MIXED GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Everyone is welcome to come out for this Best Ball Novelty Tournament. A signup sheet will be posted soon. For more information, call PAM BUHR (204-807-8389).

BROWNSVILLE ZOO TOUR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 - \$10.50 per person including a guided tour - time to be announced.

You know you're a bad driver when Siri says, "In 400 feet, stop and let me out."

FREE WALKING TOURS OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Reprinted from local newspaper

Did you know the founder of Harlingen named the city after a fishing and shipping town in the Netherlands?

Take a guided walking tour through historic downtown Harlingen and learn this and many other surprising facts about the events landmarks and businesses along East Jackson Street.

Downtown Harlingen, a designated Texas Main Street district, offers the free walking tours every Saturday at 9 AM with the exception of the first Saturday of the month, which is Jackson Street Market Days.

The walk lasts 90 minutes, so participants are asked to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

“We encourage locals to take advantage of these free tours of the Downtown area to learn more about Harlingen history, the businesses and the murals, said Downtown Manager, Edward Meza.

“Many locals who have taken the tour are amazed about the history of Downtown and Harlingen,”

The group meets at J&B’s Café, 204 E. Jackson Street, and goes through the Historic District, including stops at 10 murals and various historic buildings.

No reservation is needed, and any size group is welcome.

Schools, churches, RV parks and other large organizations are able to make special arrangements by calling (956) 216-4910.

“There are other interesting bits of Harlingen history in every corner Downtown,” Meza said.

& Coming up next month...

BLOCK PARTIES

The Annual Block Parties are coming up SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23. The hosts of each party will be providing more detailed information in a few weeks.

BUHR/PARK, BEAUREGARD, BETTY CLARK, and HARKNESS/GRANT are the hosts for the WEST SIDE.

STEVENS and CUMMINGS are the hosts for PALM TREE DRIVE.

Hosts TBA for ORANGE DRIVE. Any volunteers? Let Pam know pambuhr@gmail.com
204-807-8389

CASINO TRIP

The SVV Casino Trip date has been changed and a new signup sheet will be in the Post Office. If you signed up previously you will have to sign up again if you can go on the new date – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27. The cost is \$79 per person based on 2 people per room. You get \$40 back to spend! The bus will leave from the Post Office. The bonus is that the new date will mean you can play Bingo on the Wednesday Night! Questions? Contact JACKIE BEAUREGARD (231-233-5381).

Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

RECIPES

This is a new addition to our newsletter. When we have a standout recipe that everyone has enjoyed at a dinner or an event, we will try to publish the recipe.

Debbie Bates's open house had everyone talking about her stuffed mushrooms, and at the Christmas dinner, one of our new residents, Bev Howard, brought a chocolate mint dessert that everyone liked. Those recipes follow. If you have a request for a recipe everyone would like, let Pam Buhr or Diane Coulter know.

Deb's Stuffed Mushrooms

- Appx. 48 medium-large whole mushrooms cleaned, and stems removed.
- 1 pkg. any flavor desired Stove Top Stuffing, prepared per pkg instructions.
- 1 lb. any type Breakfast Sausage, cooked, drained and crumbled. (I use low fat)
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan Cheese

Combine prepared stuffing, sausage and cheese with 1 beaten egg until sausage is distributed. Stuff each mushroom with mixture, heaping and rounded. Place stuffed mushrooms in single layer on large baking sheet. At this point you may sprinkle each mushroom with some shredded Parmesan cheese. Lightly drizzle all mushrooms with Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Bake in 425° oven for 12-15 mins. Transfer to serving platter and serve warm.

Bev's Chocolate Mint Eclair Dessert

- 23 whole chocolate graham crackers
- 3 cups cold fat-free milk
- 2 packages (3.3 to 3.4 ounces each) instant white chocolate or vanilla pudding mix
- 1/2 teaspoon mint or peppermint extract
- 3 to 4 drops green food coloring, optional
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen reduced-fat whipped topping, thawed

Chocolate Frosting:

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons baking cocoa
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon fat-free milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar

Coat a 13-in. x 9-in. dish with cooking spray. Break five whole graham crackers in half; line the bottom of pan with three half crackers and six whole crackers.

In a large bowl, whisk milk, pudding mix, extract and food coloring if desired for 2 minutes (mixture will be thick). Fold in whipped topping.

Spread half over graham crackers. Top with another layer of three half and six whole crackers. Top with remaining pudding mixture and graham crackers (save remaining half cracker for another use). Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

For frosting, melt butter in a saucepan. Stir in cocoa and milk until blended. Remove from the heat; stir in vanilla and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Spread over dessert. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Aging seems the only available way to live a longer life.

THE VILLAGE GREETERS!

They are the Welcome Wagon for SVV! The current greeters are Lorraine Wilson for the West side, and Pat Devries for the East side. New owners and seasonal renters will enjoy a visit from one of them. They can help you get oriented with the life of the Village. Thanks for being our ambassadors, Lorraine and Pat! Please help them by keeping them informed of new people arriving. Following are our latest new people. Help to make them feel welcome if you see them around!

NEW RESIDENTS

Amador & Connie Caro	25425 Goldenrod Lane	956-730-3702
Philip & Gloria Moolenaar	25335 Goldenrod Lane	P-219-929-5970 (c) G-219-395-0450 (c)
Lupe & Dora Lopez	15729 Orange Drive	D 956-792-8142 (c) L-956-742-8571 (c)

RENTERS

A big welcome to our newest arrivals!

Glen & Karen Gildenheimer	25330 Altas Palmas Drive	(Ohio)	
Linda & Ken Paquet	25327 Goldenrod Lane	(Quebec)	819-775-0423 ©
Shirley & Ed Downey	25341 Goldenrod Lane	(Ontario)	807-633-5917
Craig & Susan Harkness	15816 Orange Drive	(Ontario)	956-230-0133
Lorne & Judy Berezowski	15804 Palm Tree Drive	(Ontario)	956-230-1625 ©
Don & Brenda Vanalstine	15950 Primrose Lane	(Ontario)	956 230-1398 B 519-923-3110 © D 519-378-4762 ©

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Dave Gardner	519-386-3623	25508 Goldenrod Lane
Debbie Bates (for Culbertson)	956-577-6290	25324 Goldenrod Lane

PROPERTIES FOR RENT

Rusty Truax (Charlyn Elliott)	817-683-8263	25330 Goldenrod Lane
Cheryl Matthews (Office Manager)	989-426-0645	SVV Apartment

ARE YOU MISSING?

If we have missed a new owner or renter, or property for sale or rent, please contact Pam and she will get the information into February's newsletter. pambuhr@gmail.com 204-807-8389.

A senior citizen named Joe was driving down the freeway, and his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife Doris' voice urgently warning him, "Joe, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 75. Please be careful!" "Heck," said Joe, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

VISITORS

To Marilyn and Doug Hermiston Their friend from Winnipeg, Judy Stoyko, from December 17 to January 7. This was her 4th visit to SVV!

To Susan Ketchen Sister Chris and brother-in-law Ian visited over Christmas. As usual the hospitality of SVV was wonderful!

To Bill and Karen Mau Their daughter-in-law and granddaughter from Indiana made a SURPRISE visit in October – no advance notice! But the surprise was on them! The travel package they bought took them from Indianapolis to Corpus Christi! After booking they saw that Corpus was not very near to Harlingen! Karen and Bill's son Erik, retired Navy from Esperance, New York, will be visiting for a couple of days January 16.



SVV OFFICE

Thank you to everyone who checked the directory for updates and or corrections. Deadline for any changes is January 15. The new 2019 Directory will be ready for pickup at the Annual Meeting on January 21. If you are unable to attend, they will be in the office for pickup.

Just a reminder that it is your responsibility to keep your water meter box clean (free of grass, weeds, leaves, bee hives etc.). It is also important to keep a functional cover on the box to help prevent any over growth and the building of bee hives. If your box is in need of cleaning out, and or, your cover is missing or in need of replacing, you can make a cover, or you can 'Google' Water Meter Box lids for a replacement lid.

CHERYL MATTHEWS, Office Manager (989-426-0645) cam2977@outlook.com

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

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 djd@djdanel.ca Include captions if you wish. Properties for sale could be posted with accompanying photos as well. The Newsletters and Calendars are available on the Website as well.



SVV has a Facebook page! Thanks for setting it up, Doug! **Sun Valley Village POA** Feel free to use it. Contact Doug if you need help with this.



<http://TheFunnyPlace.net>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jerry and I would like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Open House and for the many tokens of friendship we received. It was great fun to visit with longtime residents and those just joining our Sun Valley Village family. It made our holidays here in the valley just that much more special and fun.

Debbie and Jerry Bates

We are so glad to be a part of your wonderful park and look forward to many years of winter enjoyment. We come from the same town of DeMotte , IN as the Kingma's.

Phil and Glor Moolenaar

THE WAY WE WERE (Excerpts from Past Newsletters)

December, 1994 (Volume 14).

WHY WORRY?

THERE ARE ONLY TWO THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT:

EITHER YOU ARE WELL OR YOU ARE SICK.

IF YOU ARE WELL, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

BUT, IF YOU ARE SICK,

THERE ARE ONLY TWO THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT:

EITHER YOU GET WELL OR YOU DIE.

IF YOU GET WELL, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

BUT IF YOU DIE THERE ARE ONLY TWO THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT:

EITHER YOU GO TO HEAVEN OR TO HELL.

IF YOU GO TO HEAVEN THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

BUT IF YOU GO TO HELL

YOU'LL BE SO BUSY SHAKING HANDS WITH FRIENDS

YOU WON'T HAVE TIME TO WORRY!



*view life by smiles, not by tears,
and age by great moments, not by years.*

EDITORS' NOTE

SVV's population has gone up considerably this month. The place is a-BUZZIN'!



for wonderful neighbors in this so friendly community!

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