

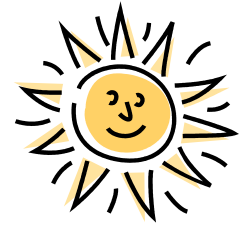
# SUN VALLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2018

## SVV BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

No urgent matters to report at this time. The Board would like to express appreciation for residents' support and extensive volunteerism, and wishes everyone a wonderful, safe, and healthy summer!



## SVV MEN'S CLUB

We meet every Tuesday at 10:30 AM. If you are able, please join us. Some that cannot attend the meetings can still help out, and many do. If you are tied up on Tuesdays but still want to do your part, contact the Men's Club president, JOHN HUKILL (440-7152), and he will let you know where there is a need.



### Men's Club Fundraisers:

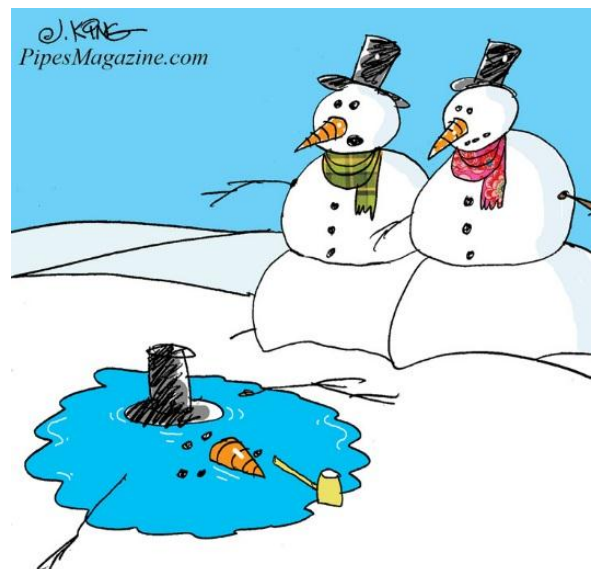


- **Pancake Breakfasts** take place Saturday mornings from 7:30-9:00 AM. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, breakfast sausages, and coffee at the hall, all for \$4! The last Pancake Breakfast for the season will be Saturday, March 24.

- **Bingo** is held every Thursday at 7:00 PM. Our last Bingo for the season will be Thursday, March 22. Both Bingo and Pancake Breakfasts are open to the public. Feel free to invite friends from other parks.



- Our last **Ice Cream Social** this year will be held on Sunday, March 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Come and enjoy some lively conversation with friends and neighbors. Members of the Men's Club will be around selling tickets (\$3/ticket) in the coming days. Tickets will also be available at the door.



*"Looks like Bob was the first to go. Would it be insensitive if I took his pipe?"*

## SVV LADIES' CLUB

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.



Our Ladies Luncheon was held at the Golden Corral February 20, 2018. Forty-one Ladies attended, and two games were played - Pie IQ and The Possession Game.

The Spring Rummage Sale was held March 3, 2018. The new hours were 7:00 to 11:00 AM. Net proceeds were \$1467.74.

Another new event is the Ugly Sweater/T Shirt Happy Hour March 7, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Expect the unexpected.

The SVV finale is our Spring Potluck Dinner on March 18, 2018. Safe travels. See you in the Fall.

## LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH

The Ladies Potluck Lunch (formerly called Salad Lunch) is on March 13, 2018. It begins at 11:30 AM. The theme is pink; think pink or maybe even spring. Be prepared for some fun games. **Please bring your own table setting.** We play our card games afterwards with the usual refreshments. All ladies in the Village are welcome even if you do not play cards.

## COLOURING CONTEST

Congratulations to the winner - Linda Ruch! Her artwork will be framed and hung in the hall. We can look forward to this event again next year.

## SHUFFLEBOARD

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will play at 9:00 AM as long as the temperature is above 50 F. Please try to arrive by 8:45. The signup sheet is located in the Post Office. No experience necessary!



Many thanks to the following wonderful people: Judy Harkness for taking over for the past two years, Brenda and Don Vanalstine for always being ready to help whenever and wherever needed, Jim Coulter for getting the rocks polished and for setting up every week.

Attendance has been great. There have even been names on a spare list. So far this season 25 game days have been played. Attendance has varied from 5 to 24. Average attendance has been 15. Judy Harkness, Jim Coulter, and Murray Knecht have come in first the most with three firsts each. The last organized games will be played March 29. See you next November. Any questions? Contact SUSAN KETCHEN (956-230-2143)

The past, the present, and the future walk into a bar...  
It was tense.

I had to clean out my spice rack and found everything was too old and had to be thrown out. What a waste of thyme.



## 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 (956-970-1802).

## MIXED GOLF BARBECUE WINDUP

Last golf day will be Friday, March 16 after which we will enjoy a hotdog BBQ lunch and draw for the yearly prizes. Golfers are asked to bring a dish to share. The Stuart Place owners have been very welcoming and accommodating to our group. We will continue to golf there in the fall. **FYI Stuart Place will be open all summer for your golfing pleasure.**



"I love the women's tees on this course!"

After a particularly poor round of golf, Arthur was walking to his car and was stopped by a police officer. He asked, "Did you tee off on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole about 20 minutes ago?" "Yes." Arthur responded. "Did you happen to slice your ball so that it went over the trees and off the course?" "How did you know?" replied Arthur. "Well," said the police officer very seriously, "Your ball flew out onto Stuart Place Road, crashed through a driver's windshield causing the car to go out of

control, crashing into five other cars and a fire truck. The fire truck couldn't make it to a fire, and the building burned down. So, what are you going to do about it?"

Arthur thought for a moment and then said... "I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."

## WATER WALKING



Water Walking continues Mondays and Fridays at 1:30 PM and Wednesdays at 3:30 PM, weather permitting. Our last class will be Monday, March 19. For further information, contact DIANE COULTER (230-1476)..



### '65'/BRIDGE/'500'



On Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 PM, the Ladies in the Park play cards. Some play Bridge. Some play '65'. Some play '500'. So, you have lots of choices. Each week the ladies take turns supplying a snack to enjoy with 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 DONNA COOPER (419-789-0413) or JERRY BATES (303-475-0631).



### EUCHRE

Euchre is scheduled for Sunday and Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. It's easy to learn and anyone is welcome. If you wish to play, contact BRENDA VANALSTINE (519-378-4762).



### 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).

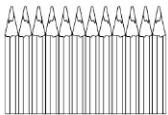
### POOL ROOM NEWS

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



### HANDICRAFTS & ADULT COLORING

The Ladies continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 PM to work on their own projects or to color. Come down to chat or to see what everyone is working on. We will be going out for our Farewell Lunch on March 21. For more details contact DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476).



### 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 supplies and work with like-minded people. Even though we say this is a "self-directed" art group, we all gladly share information, ideas, and methods. For information, call SUE FISHER (956-423-7314)



Atoms are untrustworthy little critters. They make up everything!

**SVV BLOCK PARTIES**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**PALM TREE**



Our Block Party was hosted by Phil and Dawn Moore, and Jim and Char Pearson at the Pearson's. We were blessed with good neighbors, good food, sunshine with a breeze, and the ever-popular bean bag toss. Winners were Pat Wyer and Marilyn McCuaig. In second place were Dave Lynch and Char Pearson. The door prize was won by Betty Stevens. Sloppy Joes on a bun were served along with plenty of snacks and wonderful side dishes from our Palm Tree neighbors.

All in all it was a wonderful day. Looking forward to next year. Hosts for next year are Betty and Art Stevens and Lynnea and Pat Cummings.

**ORANGE**

This year's annual block party was hosted by Cindy & Rudy Schuster and Donna & Larry Morningstar at the Morningstar home for food and both homes for the games. We had approximately 45 guests. The food was spectacular and plentiful as always.

The competition games were awesome considering the winds for that day. We had Bocce Ball (2 sets), Ladder Ball, and Bean Bag Toss. Our Olympic winners were:

<b>Bocce ball #1</b>	Susan K & Donna M.	(Gold).
	Rosie C & Diane	(Silver)
	Peter N & Jill K.	(Bronze)
<b>Bocce ball #2</b>	Larry M & Dale G.	(Gold).
	Lloyd F. & Pat D.	(Silver)
	Felix & Anna	(Bronze)
<b>Ladder Ball</b>	Larry M & Janie R.	(Gold).
	Lloyd B & Jill K.	(Silver)
	Peter N & Felix	(Bronze)
<b>Bean Bag</b>	Susan K & Lloyd F.	(Gold)
	Dorothy & Peter N.	(Silver)
	Farnon K & Helen T.	(Bronze)

A fabulous day was had by all. We did forget to ask for volunteers for next year so please step forward if you can do it. A big thank you to all who attended and participated.

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

The West Side Block Party (Pirate Theme) was a whopping success! Fun was had by all. Debbie Bates cooked and pulled the pork for sliders and the Committee assembled them. We had games to play - Pin the Eye Patch on the Pirate, Cannon Ball Race, and Captain Rum Bowling. There was an awesome turnout of good eats and desserts. There was a collection taken to cover cost and there was \$41 left after expenses which was donated to the Ladies' Club.

Many thanks to the Committee - Debbie & Jerry Bates, Pat & Ed Kingma, Cheryl & Don Matthews, Loraine Wilson, & Brenda & Don Vanalstine!

Next year's hosts - Buhr/Parks, Beauregards, Betty Clark, Harkness/Grants

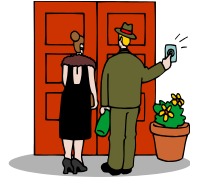
6:30 is the best time on a clock... hands down.



## VISITORS

**To Paddy Girvin:** friend, Kelly Curtis from Thunder Bay – February 23-March 6.

**To Bruce & Jean Merriman:** Daughter, Patti, granddaughter, Corrie, and Corrie's friend, Aryanna, will arrive on March 8<sup>th</sup> from Thunder Bay and will be here until March the 19th. Granddaughter, Teighlor, and her husband, Zack, will also be here from March 15th to March 22nd. They too are from Thunder Bay. All are hoping for warm weather as Thunder Bay has had an exceptionally harsh winter this year.



**To Bill & Miriam Boardman:** Visitors this past week were their daughter, Terri Snyder, Grandson, Damion, and his wife Amie Snyder from Mentone, Indiana. Gary and Linda Easterday from Rochester, Indiana were also guests. The Boardmans were not only thankful for the great weather, but for the beautiful pool and for all of the neighbors who stopped by to chat.

**To Peter & Lovey Netrval:** Peter's sister, Liz Munci, from Winnipeg, is visiting for March. We will be enjoying the sightseeing throughout the Valley. Liz is very impressed with our park and all the activities available to residents and guests.

**To Lloyd & Carol Bates:** Carol's good friend, Judy Baity, from Denver, Colorado, visited February 17-22. We went to Quinta Mazatlán, SPI, Turtle Rescue, Joe's Oyster Bar and had a great time.

**To Larry & Donna Morningstar, Don & Brenda Vanalstine, & Lorraine Wilson:** Former longtime resident, Lu Halstead, arrived in SVV to renew old friendships. It is so great to see her around the Village again.

**To Susan Ketchen:** Dorothy, from Ponemah, Manitoba is still around. She wanted to mention that she is having a wonderful time and the people are great.

## COMMON AREA TRASH and SWIMMING POOL COVERING DUTY

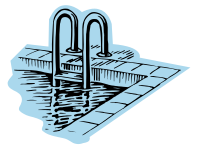
These duties are provided by resident volunteers. The signup sheet is in the Rec. Hall, as are a copy of these instructions. If you are able and have not already done so, please consider taking a week.



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.**



A man sued an airline company after it lost his luggage. Sadly, he lost his case.

I'm only friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y.

## **NEW WEST SIDE GREETER**

Lorraine Wilson has taken over from Diane Coulter as the West Side greeter. Thanks for volunteering, Lorraine, and thanks, Diane, for doing the duty for the past few years.

## **NEW RESIDENTS**

Bob Pryor	25392 Goldenrod Lane	972-287-2518 C
Mike & Hilda Soto	25373 Goldenrod Lane	956-326-6237
Rory & Lori Hygaard	15804 Palm Tree Drive	
Judy & Bill Dilley	15737 Palm Tree Drive	

We are very pleased to welcome y'all to our Village and look forward to seeing you around.

## **RENTERS**

**A big welcome to our newest arrivals!**

Pat & Kelly Mintenko                      25464 Altas Palmas Drive                      (Ontario)

## **PROPERTIES FOR SALE**

Dave Gardner	519-386-3623	25508 Goldenrod Lane
Clare and Rolande LeFave	705-487-2768	15738 Palm Tree Drive
Floyd and Linda Ruch	956-244-0603	15729 Palm Tree Drive
George Osterhout	316-448-0014	15748 Palm Tree Drive
Bob and Dorothy Winters	920-407-2837	15758 Palm Tree Drive



## **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

To voice your concern over the mosquito population please call the following agencies:

East Side SVV (Orange, Palm Tree):

Harlingen Health Department Mosquito Control 956-216-5225

West Side SVV (Altas Palmas, Goldenrod, Primrose):

Cameron County Environmental Health, Mosquito Control 956-247-3599

Mention that we are a 55+ community and that striped mosquitoes, which are a species with the potential to spread the Zika virus, have been sighted in our Village. The more calls made, the more likely we will get action...

## **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@djanell.ca](mailto:djd@djanell.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.

To be old and wise, you must first be young and stupid

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I want to thank everyone who remembered my birthday. It is really nice to have friends who remember the day, but not the year. Thanks again for making it a very nice day.

Karen

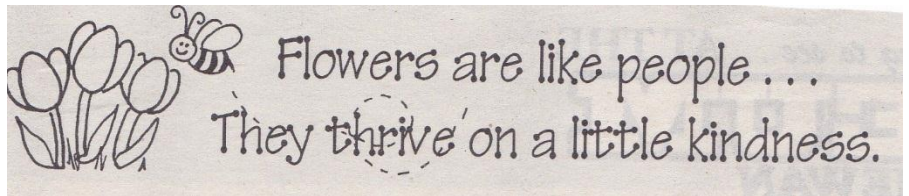
Musings from a former Board Member...

Board Members volunteer a good deal of their personal time and energy to help ensure that our Association is run efficiently and that our property values and lifestyles are upheld through enforcement of the by-laws. Each and every decision made by the Board is made with the welfare of the majority of the Association Members in mind.

Board decisions and actions sometimes bring them into conflict with some of the members who feel that they are being adversely affected by those decisions. A small minority of the members of the Association can spread a lot of negative thinking and division within the park. Their refusal to abide by association by-laws and their ongoing rabble-rousing have an overall negative effect on the neighborly feelings and friendliness that we have come to expect from each other.

Having to deal with these folks causes the Board to expend a good deal of our budget through consultation with the association legal counsel, concerning by-law changes and other legal actions, including levying fines and obtaining liens on properties. It also causes a good deal of consternation in the personal lives of the Board Members, not just in the winter months but throughout the year.

If we want to get volunteers to serve on the Board, we should all try to make their jobs less difficult and frustrating. We can all help by complying with the By-laws and Covenants, and basically, by just trying to be good neighbors.



## THE WAY WE WERE (Excerpts from Past Newsletters)

From the November, 1994 newsletter (Volume 13

Written all in CAPS...

*BE SURE TO PAY DONELLA YOUR 2.50 PER PERSON, FOR OUR THANSGIVING DINNER PRIOR TO THE DINNER. IF YOU ARE NOT ON HER PAID LIST, YOU WILL NOT EAT.*

No worries – Cheryl will take the money for our spring dinner at the door as well. LOL

Another all CAPS notice...

*WE'RE SORRY TO REPORT THAT THERE ARE THIEVES AMONG US. THIS SUMMER, A MATTRESS AND SOME KITCHEN ITEMS THAT WERE PLACED IN THE BARN FOR OUR SALE, WERE TAKEN. IF THERE IS ANYONE SO HARD UP THAT THEY HAVE TO STEAL, PLEASE LET SOMEONE KNOW AND WE'LL TAKE UP A COLLECTION FOR YOU.*

Yikes! That's telling it like it is!

There were nine listed in the New Owners section of this fall 1994 newsletter. The only one from the list who is still here is Duncan McKenzie. This would be his 23<sup>rd</sup> year in SVV by my calculations.





## SVV OFFICE

I still have several 2017/2018 Directories that haven't been picked up in the office. You can pick them up Tuesday or Thursday mornings.

Reminder that I will be making some changes to next year's directory. I would like to indicate whether your phone numbers are for a land line or a cell phone, and if a cell phone is yours or your spouse's. If you're a Canadian and you have a US phone number I will indicate that, and if you would like to include your e-mail address I will add it as well. For me to do this I will need your help. Please stop in the office on Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00 AM – noon to update your information, or you can email the information (svvpoa.texas@gmail.com). It will be greatly appreciated.

### **SAMPLE:**

Matthews	Don	Cheryl	C- 989-426-0645© D-505-917-4731© matthewscheryl825@gmail.com	25460 Goldenrod Ln 3952 Pinelands Rd	Gladwin, MI 48624
Jones	Dick	Jane	956-123-4567 D-956-555-4321©US 807-765-1234 dick&jane@gmail.com	45678 Goldenrod Ln 369 Hometown Rd	Thunder Bay, ON P1E 2G3

© Behind phone number = cell phone

Letter before phone number = First letter of first name of phone holder

Nothing behind phone number = Land line located at that address

US = United States phone number for Canadian residents


Thank you all for another great season, looking forward to working with you all again next year. Have a safe trip to your summer homes and have a great summer.

See you next season.

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

## EDITORS' NOTE

It's all starting to wind down. In another month SVV will be a different sort of place. Our year-round residents will attest to that. Thank you to the summer 'guardians' of the Village. Farewell to the seasonal nomads as they gradually drift back north. Safe travels to you.

 to all for a wonderful season!

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**LIFE IS TOO SHORT  
TO BE SERIOUS ALL  
THE TIME.  
SO, IF YOU CAN'T  
LAUGH AT YOURSELF,  
CALL ME...I'LL  
LAUGH AT YOU.**