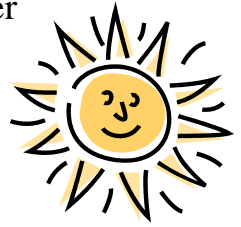


SUN VALLEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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If you have arrived recently copies of the November/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

The Board of Directors hold their monthly meetings at 7:00 PM, on the first Tuesday of every month. These meetings are open to Association members for the first thirty minutes. If you have something you would like to discuss, please attend. For your information, Minutes of these meetings are posted at the Hall and the Post Office, once they are approved at the next month's meeting.

December Meeting Highlights:

Ladies Club representative Betty Stevens appeared before the Board to discuss improvements to the rental apartment. She stated that the apartment was in need of a rain gutter to cover the area above the back door, over the deck. There are a few screens that need replacing on the rear of the apartment. The carpet is in need of shampooing and eventually it should be replaced. A new set of sheets is needed for the bed and hide-a-bed. A screen door protective guard is needed to prevent damage to the screen. The north side of the building and the carport are in need of power washing.

All of these projects were approved by the Board and we should be able to accomplish them, using volunteer help and within the Ladies Club allotted budget before the renters arrive on January 1st.

As usual, we thank the Men's and Ladies Club for their donations, which regularly enable the Association to keep its head above water financially.

Butch and John met with the owner of South Texas Pools recently and were told that the electric heaters were not designed for heating the spa 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. He said that we could expect them to fail regularly within six months to a year. The cost to replace them is about \$500. The proper solution for this problem is to install a gas heater for the spa which could be expected to last up to 20 years. The Board agreed that a gas heater should be installed and that we should get a couple of bids for this project and report back to the Association.

The common area lawn just south of the pool was infected with a fungus. A fungicide was applied and the area was fertilized, courtesy of the Men's Club.

The Board had a discussion regarding a member's request to rent the pool occasionally for the purpose of family reunions. In researching this request, the Board contacted our insurers to make sure that the Association, and by extension its members, would not be liable for personal injury lawsuits, if this exception was permitted.

The Insurance Company informed us that only those using the pool in compliance with the Association By-Laws and Covenants would be covered. The Board decided that the By-Law change voted on and approved at the 2017 Annual Meeting would be enforced and no pool rental would be permitted.

REMINDER: THE POA (PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION) ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 22, 2018 AT 7:30 PM. If you cannot attend, please give your proxy to someone. If we don't establish a quorum, we must call another meeting.

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!



- **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.



- Our first **Ice Cream Social** this year will be held on Sunday, January 7 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.



- The **Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Saturday, January 27 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.



SVV LADIES' CLUB

For those new to SVV, the Ladies' Club is a social club that meets every Tuesday, beginning in November through to the end of March. We gather to play some card games, have a light snack and enjoy visiting. A business meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month. The Club also raises funds from various events held throughout the season. Funds are donated back to the park to help support SVV. This, in turn, helps defray some park costs, helping to keep our annual dues down. All ladies in the park are encouraged to attend. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and learn about upcoming activities first hand.



Another great season is in full swing with lots of Ladies' Club activities under way. As usual, a very nice Christmas Dinner was held with 59 people attending, and bringing delicious food to share. Plates were filled and taken to shut-ins. Donna Cooper and Linda Ruch led a gift exchange/swap. It was a great evening.

Donations of \$100 each were made to The American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House, and Sunny Glen Children's Home. This is an annual donation from the Ladies' Club coffers. Also, donations of food items for Loaves and Fishes were delivered.

This year the New Year's Eve revellers enjoyed music and Karaoke at the Hall. Thanks again to the Pam and Gord.

Our next event is the annual Pizza luncheon for Ladies, their spouses/significant others, and house guests. The event is at Gatti's on Tuesday, January 16th at 11:00 AM. The signup sheet has been posted. This is always a fun time. Bingo will be played there with prizes donated by Gatti's. Linda Besselle and Val Clark coordinate the event. Thank You.

The next event is new this year: the "Hawaiian Luau Potluck" on January 20 from 4:00 to 6:30. Dress in colorful garments and bring a dish to share.

The Eagle Pass Casino trip is filling up nicely and will be lots of fun. There is still room. Contact Jackie Beauregard within the next week if you are interested in going. The bus will be picking us up in front of our Post Office on January 24th and will be returning on January 25th.

Other January events on the calendar are sponsored by the Men's Club. Check the event calendar.

SWIMMING POOL AND COMMON AREA TRASH



Note that at the time of printing there is no cover for the pool yet, but the common area trash duties will still be needed.

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 **Post Office**; 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 responsible for uncovering and covering the pool. 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. Note that the bubble side of the cover needs to sit on the water. The smooth part faces up.



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)

I'm not sure if I really believe all this stuff about genetically modified food being bad for you. I just ate a really tasty leg of salmon and I feel fine.



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 (577-6290).

SVV FRIDAY MIXED GOLF SCRAMBLE



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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 (970-1802).

ANNUAL MIXED GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE – Friday, February 2 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 (970-1802).



Jesus and Moses are playing golf and they're on the tenth hole. Moses hits the ball and it heads straight for a pond. Just before the ball hits the water, the pond parts and the ball rolls up onto the green.

Jesus winds up and hits one about to the same spot. Jesus' ball hits the water and skips across.

All of a sudden, lightning flashes and a ball drops from the sky. A fish swallows it, a bird picks up the fish and drops the ball onto a turtle, that walks over to the hole and drops it in.

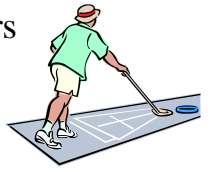
Moses turns to Jesus and says, "I hate it when your dad plays!"



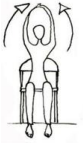
SHUFFLEBOARD

I am so glad to see new faces arriving and I am looking forward to our numbers growing. Once the weather improves I hope to see full courts for the new year.

Be assured our shuffleboard games are fun and newcomers are encouraged to come out and join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:45. We will play at 9:00 as long as the temperature is above 50 F. Any questions? Contact JUDY HARKNESS (956-230-8613).



CHAIR YOGA



On Thursday afternoons from 1:30–2:30 PM, please come to participate in this gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair, or standing using a chair for support. No equipment is needed. Flexibility is optional! Questions? Call PAM BUHR (970-1802).

WATER WALKING

Water Walking will resume as soon as the weather warms up! Weather permitting, we ‘water walk’ on Mondays and Fridays at 1:30 PM and Wednesdays at 3:30 PM. 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’; 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 afterward. 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). We will start as soon as we get a few people who are ready to play.



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.

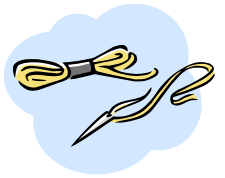
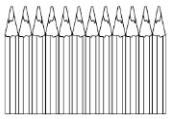


TEACHER: Pat, your composition on ‘My Dog’ is exactly the same as your brother’s. Did you copy his?

PAT: No, sir. It’s the same dog.

HANDICRAFTS & ADULT COLORING

Crafts will restart January 10 from 1:00-3:00 PM. We are going to refurbish the red Christmas balls for next year. We have no other projects lined up, so we will get together and just work on our own projects. If you like to colour please bring your colouring supplies and come down to the hall and join us. For further information, contact DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476).



ART GROUP

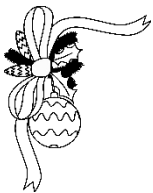
There is always room for one more. If you like to draw or paint, come to the hall at 9:30 on Wednesday or Saturday morning. You'll find a group of friends working on their own art projects. Bring your supplies and work with like-minded people. Even though we say this is a "self-directed" art group, we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



Original drawing by Cathy Medhurst



CHRISTMAS HOUSE



On December 18, 11 ladies from the Village went up to Falfurrias to the Christmas House. It is owned and run by 3 sisters ages 74-90. They live in the house which is their family home. It has been in the family for 110 years! These sisters have been collecting Christmas decorations for some 37 years. They decorate their house very beautifully. Janie, the youngest sister, gave us a tour which lasted 2 and 1/2 hours. Then they took us to their Christmas store to shop. We had lunch at Strickland's, a popular restaurant in Falfurrias. Thanks to Debbie Bates, Cheryl Matthews and Diane Coulter for driving. We all had a good day and it helped us get into the Christmas spirit.



HAWAIIAN LUAU POTLUCK DINNER

Saturday, January 20- We figure we will need a little get together by Mid-January, especially if the weather continues like it is this week. Put on your best Hawaiian shirts and come enjoy a pot luck dinner. Hawaiian punch will be served at 4:00 PM and dinner at 5:00 PM. There will be a signup sheet at the Post Office, so we know how many places to set. Please bring your own place settings and a dish to share, anything you wish – true potluck! Hope to see everyone out.

TEACHER: Don, what is the chemical formula for water?

DON: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DON: Yesterday you said it's H to O



ACTIVITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In October, one week after we arrived in Harlingen, I was given the opportunity to attend some free activities to be able to let people know what places of interest there are in the Valley. The first weekend was at South Padre. We had lunch at Pirates Landing and went out on the Pirate ship. This was fun, and we saw some dolphins too! We had a seafood buffet at Louie's Backyard and saw a beautiful sunset. The next day we had a tour of the new Sea Turtle facility that will be opening soon. It is a 6-million-dollar complex that will be used for education purposes and for visitors to learn more about sea turtles. We then went to Schlitterbahn's for dinner. We saw the indoor waterpark, which would be lots of fun for visiting grandchildren. The next morning we went out on the Breakaway Dolphin watch, saw more Dolphins, and learned more about sea life.

The following week included a walking tour of Harlingen, which I would recommend to everyone. It is free at 9:00 AM every Saturday morning. This is the third tour I have been on and it is very interesting to learn Harlingen's history and learn about all the murals in town. We had a very nice lunch at Coletti's. We also went to Quinta Mazatlan in McAllen. It is a garden, bird sanctuary, and the oldest Adobe house in Texas.

The following weekend we were off to Laredo, with the bus, meals and hotel all included. I thought of Laredo as a small cowboy town, but it was a big surprise as it has 1/4 million people! It is a big semi-trailer hub with over 14,000 trucks passing north and south over the Mexican border every day. We had a city tour, a historical tour, and then dinner at a beautiful golf course. The next morning they took us shopping to a real Mexican area, a wrought iron factory, and a glass blowing factory. After lunch at a local Mexican restaurant we headed back to the valley. It is about a 3 1/2 hour drive.

I was very lucky to be able to partake in all these events. We are not a big park, so it is hard to book tours because they always want groups of 35-50 people, but if anyone wants more information about any of the attractions please contact me and I will try to help you with any advice I can.

DIANE COULTER (956-230-1476).

I recently texted a short, romantic note to my wife while I was away on a fishing trip, and I missed one small "e". No problem you might say. Not so. This tiny error has caused me to seek Police protection to enter my own house. I wrote, "Hi darling, I'm enjoying and experiencing the best time of my whole life, and I wish you were her!"

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.



THE VILLAGE GREETERS!

Many of you may not be aware, but for many years there have been greeters who welcome people to SVV. The current greeters are Diane Coulter 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, Diane 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!

RENTERS

A big welcome to our newest arrivals!

Jim & Audrey Parres	Apartment	(Ontario)	807-621-1967
Paul & Linda Sansom	25420 Altas Palmas	(Manitoba)	956-264-3388
Bev & Dave Howard	25335 Goldenrod Lane	(Indiana)	765-667-3459
John Smid	25355 Goldenrod Lane	(Manitoba)	
Don & Brenda Vanalstine	25488 Goldenrod Lane	(Ontario)	519-378-4762
Linda & Ken Paquet	25327 Goldenrod Lane	(Quebec)	956-264-4290
Shirley & Ed Downey	25341 Goldenrod Lane	(Ontario)	807-633-5917
Marvin & Joanne Prystupa	15875 Orange Drive	(Manitoba)	956-564-1191
Judy & Bill Dilley	15757 Palm Tree Drive	(Ontario)	215-715-6052
Lorne & Judy Berezowski	15804 Palm Tree Drive	(Ontario)	956-230-2231
		Cell	807-620-1911

VISITORS

To Diane and Jim Coulter: Their friends from Winnipeg, Anne and Phil Tesarski. It is their first time to Texas and they love the greenery and the palm trees but are not too sure about the weather. They leave on Friday as the weather starts to rise.

To Jill and Farnon Keeler: Their daughter, Alison Keeler from Airdrie, Alberta. She is visiting from December 20 to January 5.

To Lynnea and Pat Cummings: Daughter, Courtney had a great time shopping and visiting all the places on her 'must see' list over the Christmas holidays.



PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Euriste Family	361-793-9285	25498 Altas Palmas Drive
Dave Gardner	519-386-3623	25508 Goldenrod Lane
Loren Ward	417-294-2542	25425 Goldenrod Lane
Bob and Claire Groombridge	807 577-1925	25392 Goldenrod Lane
Dan Blais	430 605-3242	25302 Goldenrod Lane
Jody Busing	515 290-9309	25373 Goldenrod Lane
Deborah Farrer (Mohler)	765-210-0141	25422 Goldenrod Lane
Clare and Rolande LeFave	705-487-2768	15738 Palm Tree Drive
Floyd and Linda Ruch	956-244-0603	15729 Palm Tree Drive
Tony and Helen Tribalski	574-549-2430	15757 Palm Tree Drive
George Osterhout	316-448-0014	15748 Palm Tree Drive
Bob and Dorothy Winters	920-407-2837	15758 Palm Tree Drive

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 956-970-1802

SVV OFFICE

It is time for the new directory to go to print. **Please make sure you have given me any changes to your information, such as address or phone number changes.** If you are renting your place, make sure I have your renters' information for the directory as well.

If you would like your quarterly invoices sent to you via email, make sure you keep your address updated with me. Thank you. Happy New Year!

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 (djdcamobile@gmail.com). 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.

THE MAGIC VALLEY By Kristi Collier, Welcome Home RGV

I don't know if you can feel it, but there is a certain level of excitement in the air. Every day, hundreds of Winter Texans are checking in at RV parks across the Rio Grande Valley, and so many are new to South Texas! What an exciting time for all of us because we know all it takes is a visit to the Valley to fall in love with the weather, with the cost of living, with the people. We call it the Magic Valley for a reason.

I've talked to so many of my Winter Texan friends who say you come to Texas the first time simply to visit friends and wound up buying a mobile or park model! It's no wonder! Retirement life in the Valley is much more affordable than other retirement destinations, so people find it hard to rationalize going elsewhere when paradise can be found for a whole lot less. I'm a little biased. I've lived in the Valley almost my entire life, and I find it hard to imagine living anywhere else. It doesn't surprise me one bit that our northerners love it down here, too. With so much to see and do, great weather, entertainment, dancing, karaoke, and happy hour (all in the same day!) it's incredibly hard to be bored.

And do you know that activities and entertainment in our parks are open to the public? So, if you are 55+ and looking for a fun time, I encourage you to consider joining our winter Texans this season. They have definitely found the fountain of youth, and it's been right here in our backyard the whole time. Once you get South Texas in your blood, it's hard to shake. I'd take the Valley over any other place to call my home, mostly because of the people who share it with me. Yes, all of you and the people who live here year-round are what make this place so magical. We're just connecting the dots.

TEACHER: Now, Arthur, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

ARTHUR: No sir, I don't have to. My Mum is a good cook.

THE WAY WE WERE (Excerpts from Past Newsletters)

With our own Spaghetti Dinner coming up it seems appropriate to share this article from the March, 1994 newsletter (Volume 12).

MARCH 5, 1994 A DAY IN HISTORY

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Al Hilt and George Klegas outdid themselves with the assistance of our star salesman.

A special thanks to the following for their help.

Miriam Boardman, Lorene Burns, Anna Crane, Marg Gallagher, Rita Graham, Joanne & Hugh Hansen, Audrey Harkness, Al & Sylvia Hilt, Dianne Johnson, Florence Johnson, George Klegas, Bill Lysak, Richie Mack, Bob Jones, Don & Eileen Wilbur, Sandy Richards, Ray & Donella Riddle, Virginia & Jim Skeim, Joe Zammit (ITALIAN SINGER) & Lorraine Zammit

Without them what would we do. 163 guests were served.

Several familiar names in that group! Speaking of familiar names, also from the same newsletter:

Visiting Don & Audrey Harkness, Son & daughter in law, Craig & Susan Harkness from Thunder Bay. That was 23 years ago! They must have been in their teens!

Also mentioned in this newsletter is the arrival of new owners – We welcome the Merrimans at 119 Palm Tree Drive. They will be here for a month and this is their first stay in their new home. 23 years later they are still coming down! Wow!

EDITORS' NOTE

What awesome weather! Our pool is getting a lot of use. NOT! This is what we had written in the newsletter last January! Sigh! Good thing there are lots of indoor activities to do. And, for those of you from up north, it is still better here!



to all the very humble behind the scenes volunteers! Know that you are appreciated!

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TEACHER: Gordon, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GORDON: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GORDON: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

