



THE VIEW

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Mountain View Community Association

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THE HOA BOARD LETTER

by George Podolsky



I would like to thank Fred Humphrey for his leadership as president of the Mountain Home Owners Association over the past three years. It was with Fred's great leadership that we were able to resolve many of the important issues that our community faced during that time.

I want to thank Vicky Bert and Jay Dawson for serving on the HOA board over the past two years. They were instrumental in helping to resolve the issue with the city over the drainage channel along Cactus. I hope the dedication and leadership of these two individuals has inspired others with some leadership abilities to consider running for election to the HOA board next year.

To those who quickly responded to the email and article in last month's newsletter that asked for volunteers to be trained on use of the automatic external defibrillator, I want to say Thank You. Your quick response to our needs is what helps to make our community a great place to live in. In fairness to all it was decided to train the first two people who responded.

During a recent walk through our community it was noted that, many of us have grass and weeds growing in the separations in the sidewalk, driveways, in the yard drains at the curb and between the concrete curb and street.

To help keep our community looking great I am asking that when you or your gardener sprays your yard for weeds that you take time to spray the weeds and grass that is coming up in these locations. By the way, if you have a neighbor that you know could use your help to accomplish this, be the great neighbor you are and spray their areas if needed.

I want to thank our Social Club Committee for a wonderful St. Patrick's Dinner. The decorations and food were great.

While we are on the subject of the Social Club Committee, I want to remind everyone that without a Social Club Committee we can not have such activities as Bingo, Bunco, Card Games, Dinner Parties, Line Dancing, and etc. Our HOA insurance coverage requires that all of these activities be run under the auspices of the Social Club Committee.

In June, the Social Club Committee will be having an election of officers for Social Chair, Social Vice Chair, Social Secretary, and Social Treasurer. We have all said at one time or the other, "One of these days I am going to do this; or I am going to do that", well, now that time has come. Now is the time to "take the bull by the horns", jump in and make this your turn to work with the men and women in our community who make this a great place to live. Your new ideas could add a new perspective to our future social activities .



MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MARCH 19, 2008
by Sue Janssen, Secretary

BOARD ACTION

- Approved minutes of previous meeting
- Approved financial report for January 2008:

Operating Account/s	\$ 19,839.02
Reserve Funds	510,184.56
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 564,027.45

Approved the training of four (4) resident volunteers on the new defibrillator being installed in the exercise room.

Approved Artistic Maintenance bid for planting seasonal color plants at pool; to install plant material on back slope and remove 2 pine trees; weed control in Grandview flood channel; planting of seasonal color at spa and red rock at putting green.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY REPORT

Artistic Maintenance has been authorized to offer Homeowners Pine Tree Removal Services for those Homeowners with overgrown pine trees on the golf course slope.

New ARC Guidelines are still being reviewed by attorneys. They will be presented to the Board at the April 16th meeting. Once accepted by the Board the Guidelines will be sent to the Homeowners for 30 day review and comment period.

NEXT HOA MEETING: WEDNESDAY, April 16, 2008 at 6:30 PM



The 2008 Edition of the Mountain View Community Directory is ready for delivery during the first 2 weeks of April. Remember that this Directory can not be left at your front door but must be personally delivered to you. So, please open your door to the person delivering the Directory in your area. If you have any questions about who will be delivering the Directory, please give me a call.

Sue Janssen 242-0959. Thanks to everyone.

Rancho Belago Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Report for March, 2008

By George Podolsky

The Rancho Belago Crime Prevention Committee did not meet in March. I want to remind you that the Rancho Belago Crime Prevention Committee will be having an open meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Moreno Valley Ranch Community Association, 16010 Rancho Del Lago, in Moreno Valley. Come and voice your opinion on what you would like the committee to focus on. 16010 Rancho Del Lago, Moreno Valley. Please plan to attend.

REMINDER

APRIL DINE OUT

By Bill & Kay Donner

We will be getting together at GRANDMA'S for dinner on Monday, April 7. Let's meet at 6:30. Take the 60 Fwy east. It will merge with the 10. Exit at Sunset and turn left. Turn right at the next signal. Turn right into the parking lot which is marked by a large covered wagon! Meals vary in price, but they do have some specials for seniors which will be about \$8 or \$9 (then 1/2 off the second meal). We'd like to give the restaurant an estimate on how many to expect, so please notify us at 413-6201.

Thanks again, the Donners

Reminder:
Social Club Committee elections are slated for June.
Social Club positions are: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
If you are interested in becoming involved, give Kay Donner a call and let her know that you'd like to be part of the Social Club — become part of a new beginning —



THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner... spring is here and none too soon. Thanks to the rain roses are looking good, camellias have bloomed and the azaleas are beginning to flower. Do you have bare spots between plants? Consider planting ground covers like wild strawberry or verbena.

Feed roses heavily to ready them for their long blooming season. 15-15-15 is as good as any special rose fertilizer. Water deeply. Weekly or every other week until fall, prune the spent blossoms down to the first five part leaf to gently shape the plant, feed lightly and water. Repeating this process will encourage bloom throughout the season.

Feed citrus now and if you need to remove a branch take it off all the way to the trunk.

Start thinning excess fruit set on trees and vines, allowing 5" between peaches on opposite sides of the branch and three inches between plums and apricots. Be ruthless in your pruning. The fruits are small now but will take lots of energy to mature. You don't want to stress the tree or vine to produce fruit you won't eat because there's too much ripening at one time.

U.C. Riverside Botanic Gardens will have its plant sale on Saturday April 5 from noon to 5 pm and Sunday April 6 from 9 am to 3 pm. I suggest Saturday as you will find the best plants.

If this newsletter arrives early try the Quail Gardens Festival and Plant sale in Encinitas (near Carlsbad) on March 29th and 30th 9 am to 4 pm both days. If you plan to go, please call me as I have someone who would like a ride. Happy digging in the dirt!



2008 Mountain View Book Club for Busy People

At our first meeting, we discussed the short story, "*The Necklace*" by Guy de Maupassant.

Although we had read this short story many years ago, re-reading it made it come to life even more. We came to the conclusion the main message of this story was about social class, contentedness, honesty, and assumptions and how all these issues can change lives - drastically.

Reading short stories seems to be working nicely. We were able to read the story the day of the meeting and have plenty to talk about. It wasn't such a big commitment as a book.

Our next meeting is planned for **Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30** at the clubhouse.

If this is not a good time for others, or if you'd prefer daytime meetings, please let me know.

The next short story is, "*Keys and Locks and Open Doors*" by Jane Wallis Hicks. If you would like a copy of this story and suggested discussion questions, please contact me at dewalter@roadrunner.com and I'll send you copies.

Let's talk The Dine Out!

The Dine Out Committee has a few questions to put before you so that we can be of better service to our community. We are trying to determine preferences such as:

1. How far would you consider driving for our dinners (Circle one or all):

- A. Moreno Valley
- B. Redlands
- C. Beaumont
- D. Hemet
- E. San Bernardino
- F. Other

2. What is a good time to meet?

- A. 5:00 pm
- B. 5:30 pm
- C. 6:00pm
- D. 6:30pm
- E. Other

3. What is a good day?

4. Would you consider spending?

- A. \$10 -\$15 each?;
- B. \$15 - \$25 each?;
- C. other?

5. Any other comments?

Please send (or give) responses to Kay or Bill Donner. Thanks for your input.

WANTED



Project Linus by Janet Jarosh

We are really bringing in the blankets these days! Several more ladies have joined our Project Linus group from Mountain View and the surrounding area of Moreno Valley. This month we delivered 355 more hand-made blankets to Loma Linda Children's Hospital and Parkview's NICU.



Thank You for the fleece and yarn donations this month. I can provide a receipt for "Gifts in Kind" for your taxes. And please continue to make monetary donations to help defray the cost of making "security blankets"

for seriously ill children. Checks can be made payable to Project Linus (a 501c3 Charity; tax deductible) and dropped at my house.

Again, Thank you for your support.

Janet Jarosh, Project Linus Coordinator
14711 Grandview Drive, Moreno Valley, CA 92555



LADIES LUNCHEON
Portillo's Hot Dogs

12840 Day Street, Moreno Valley

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

1:00 PM

(We are unable to make a group reservation, so if you are the first ones to arrive, grab a room!)

PLEASE RSVP—Sign up in Clubhouse, call or e-mail.

Joanne Phillips – 951-242-515

or

jotphillips@verizon.net

Call if you need a ride



Women's Bible Study: "Who is Jesus?"

Mondays, April 7 – May 12

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

28490 Grandview Drive

Join us for an exciting Bible study especially for women.

This 6-week study will be guided by Fran Scott, a long time resident of Moreno Valley, and presently the District Consulting Coordinator with Stonecroft Ministries.

Stonecroft Ministries has Bible studies in homes all over the world: these non-denominational studies are for women who attend or do not attend church. Also, this is a great study for women who have never studied the Bible before.

Come and enjoy friends, refreshments and a time of exhilarating discussion together for the one hour we meet.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Kay Donner or Gretchen Williams for more information.

What's Cooking? (from Katie's Kitchen Corner)

by Katie Wenke



CHICKEN SLAW

(Serves 2)

- 1 cup cubed cooked chicken
- 1 cup coleslaw mix
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1 hard-cooked egg, diced
- 3 TBS mayonnaise
- 4 tsp 2% milk
- 4 tsp lemon juice
- _ tsp brown sugar
- Dash celery salt
- Dash pepper, optional
- Dash paprika, optional

In a small bowl, combine the chicken, coleslaw, celery and egg. In another bowl, combine mayonnaise, milk, lemon juice, brown sugar, celery salt and pepper if desired. Pour over chicken mixture and toss to coat. Sprinkle with paprika if desired. Refrigerate until serving.

Try this recipe. It is Delicious!!!!

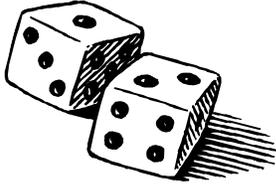
Bake some chicken for a meal and than use this recipe with the leftovers.

You can tell Spring is here by the activity at the Pool. There are 2 sessions of Water Aerobics – Daily at 7:30 am & Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 2:00 pm

Everyone is Welcome – Come Join the Fun!

DON'T FORGET LINE DANCING – WEDNESDAYS @ 2:00 P.M. 2 hours of fun & exercise





BUNCO

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008

6:30 pm

Last Month's Winners

Most Wins - Fran Martinez
Most Bunco's - Twila DeWalt
Most Baby Bunco's - Doris Polley
Most Losses—Gordon Hass
Fuzzy Dice - Beverly Bailey

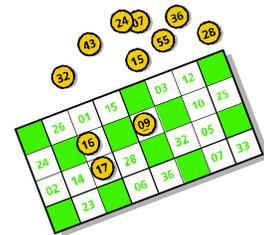
(Bring a snack to share.)

For more information contact:

Marilyn Dawson

Marilyn6515@verizon.net

Don't Forget "BINGO" Night



Tuesday, April 22, 2008

(4th Tuesday of each month)

6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards

Snacks: Anything you fancy

February Winners

**Louis Lukomski, Helen Lukomski, Lola Emmermanis, Katie Brambila,
Micki Stewart (2), Bev Bailey, Doris Asciak
Overall: Joan Brodowsky and Micki Stewart**

For more information contact

Godfrey Asciak or Mike Frahm

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Jo Pavlik



Fifty people enjoyed a great St. Pat's dinner thanks to volunteers: Kay Donner who organized the food and servers, Marilyn Dawson and 'crew' who decorated tables, Twila De Walt and Gordon Hass who manned the bar, and Gretchen Williams and Janet Hansen who served the delicious food, catered by Rene's.

CONGRATULATIONS to Larry Collins who won the 50/50 "pot of gold", and to Joyce Collins who took it. The fun evening continued even after the party as the line dancers cleared the tables and danced into the 'wee' hours. Hope everyone enjoyed their evening.

Kay Donner announces that The Moreno Ranch Golf Club is offering a brunch Saturday mornings with a 20% discount for 55+ers.

The Social Club Board will finalize a slate of officers to present for Board approval and your vote. We thank Kay Donner for heading the nominations committee and attempting to fill the activity-committees. Please call Kay or an officer if you are able to help with any office or committee. The more people volunteering make it easier on all, so please offer your help to keep the club active. Remember the schedule of meeting and events are tailored to the resources and people available, so please don't hesitate if you would like to help. There is a place open to you.

Our caring committee is standing ready to assist homeowners in crisis. We can act on a need if we are aware of a situation, so please call Carol Sweeney or Georgene Tacke as soon as possible when you hear of a neighbor's plight. It may be a good idea to review your emergency procedures and telephone numbers and share them with a neighbor or friend living in Mountain View. Although your procedures may never be needed, your plan will provide a smooth notification process for those assisting you.

Take notice that the **TGIF is on Friday, April 4th**. We have been trying to move it to the first week and finally it worked out!

NOTES

Margie Kross is looking for the tennis players. If you are interested in an occasional game or forming a regular group call Margie.

Paul Tacke suggests that we wear our name tags at events.

A special thank you to Sue Janssen for compiling the newsletter this month in editor Lori Humphrey's absence.

Save the Date: Our next Social Club Board meeting will be at 9:30am on Monday, April 14th. All Board members please come in order to plan the rest of the year and review the slate, your name my be on it!

MOUNTAIN VIEW SOCIAL CLUB
Financial Report January 16 – March 14, 2008

BALANCE FORWARD: \$1,295.52

INCOME:

50/50 (January)	\$ 45.00	
50/50 (February)	39.00	
Bar (January)	59.50	
Bar (February)	56.00	
Club House Rental Fees (4)	400.00	
Advertisement	<u>20.00</u>	
		619.50

EXPENSES:

Newsletter—February	\$ 220.76	
Newsletter—March	214.88	
TGIF Supplies—January	26.70	
TGIF Supplies—February	21.24	
Club House Supplies	60.20	
Signs for Gates	97.75	
Deposit for Signs for Gates	10.00	
Stamps for Library	34.47	
Christmas Dinner	60.29	
Care Committee Expenses	79.53	
St. Patrick’s Dinner Supplies	<u>61.88</u>	
		(887.70)

\$1,027.32

FUNDS ON HAND:

Washington Mutual Bank	\$ 786.95	
Petty Cash	<u>240.37</u>	

\$1,027.32

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January	\$268.08
February	214.88
March	<u>\$220.76</u>
	\$703.72

Advertising 2008

January	\$ -0-
February	-0-
March	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
	\$ 20.00

Betsy Hass
 Social Club Treasurer