



# THE VIEW

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## THE HOA BOARD LETTER

by Fred Humphrey



### IMPORTANT NOTICES

#### NEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY

As of January 1, 2008 we will have a new management company. The Board has acted to replace Prescott with The Merit Companies. Jacqueline Bill will be our new property manager.

The primary reason the Board replaced Prescott is that they felt Prescott was not giving their property managers the appropriate amount of support to do the job. In the last three years, Mountain View has had four property managers and at least twice that number of assistants. First, we had David Lidyoff, then Carol Foster, Jacqueline Bill, and finally Rhonda Patterson. We have just now learned that Rhonda Patterson is no longer with Prescott. The disruption caused by those turnovers is unacceptable and the level of service has not lived up to the Board's expectations.

Until the end of the year, our contact at Prescott is Gloria Todisco at the Temecula office (951-699-7656). After January 1, 2008 it will be Jacqueline Bill at the Merit Companies. Merit will provide us with the appropriate contact numbers in the near future.

Hopefully the change will be for the better. Please be patient during the change and, if you have any problems, please contact me or any other board member.

### VERIZON CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Verizon will begin installing fiber optics cable in Mountain View on December 3, 2007. The completion of this project will allow Verizon to offer television service, high definition television, internet as fast or faster than cable, and telephone services. Competition from another provider has to benefit us all and keep prices competitive. The project will take approximately four to six weeks to complete.

The project will include trenching of individual yards, removal and replacement of sections of sidewalks, and some street work. Verizon will be working in their existing right-of-way. A representative from Verizon public relations, as well as an inspector from the City of Moreno Valley, will be on-site during the majority of construction. Verizon has assured the Board that streets and sidewalks will be replaced in accordance with city standards. Any construction on homeowner's property will be done with minimal disruption and the landscaping will be replaced to its original condition.

Hopefully the addition of Merit as our new property manager and fiber optics cable by Verizon will continue to make Mountain View "a great place to live".





## ***THE GARDENER'S CORNER***

*by Carole Sweeney*

***From the gardener's corner***...December weather can be deceptive.

Rain, high temperatures or frost are all possibilities. The days will be short and the soil will become cold. During warm spells, you can prune fruit trees and vines, but only after the leaves have fallen. This indicates that the trees are fully dormant and pruning will not damage living tissue. Don't clip spring blooming shrubs, however, or you will remove this coming year's color.

Roses are blooming, but don't feed them this month. Let the dying roses make rose hips, which strengthens the overall bush and prepares it for winter. Continue watering until the rains take over. Irrigation should be reduced but not stopped as plant photosynthesis slows down and cold weather dries plants out.

Don't worry that your houseplants don't seem too perky now. They are going dormant just like plants outdoors. Plants need this rest, so stop feeding them and water them less frequently. Also, be sure they are not getting blasted with hot air from a hot air vent or fireplace. The most comfortable temperature range is 65 to 75 degrees.

The garden is a treasure trove of possibilities for holiday decorations. Pyracantha berries alternated with popcorn make attractive garlands. Herbs, too, can trim yule logs, flavor jelly or vinegars, give fragrance to clusters of twigs or wreaths, and perfume the air in stove potpourris.

Happy Holidays to One and All!

## **POP TOPS**

*by Nancy Berger*



We have added another 13.5 pounds to our already staggering amount and brought the total to 198.25 pounds collected. Thank you also to the children and grandchildren who are collecting the pop-tops as well.

By next report, we should be over the 200 pound mark. Ronald McDonald House has done well by our community. Keep up the good work!

Thank you all.



Trash Pickup will be on Saturday,  
December 29th during Christmas week.

## Project Linus

*by Janet Jarosh*

Thank you for your continued monetary donations, coupons, yarn, fabric and blanket making expertise for the children. Our chapter is making deliveries of over 150 blankets per month to Loma Linda Children's Hospital and Parkview Hospital's NICU. As of this date, 12,716 blankets have been donated.

Five Project Linus Cookbooks are remaining for sale at \$10 each. They contain recipes compiled from blanketeers from all over the U.S. Contact Janet to purchase them. Our chapter receives 100% of the proceeds.

Please make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of making these "security blankets." A donation jar is available at the Clubhouse during TGIF's. Checks can be made payable to Project Linus (a 501c3 Charity, tax deductible).



Again, thank you for your support. Together we can make a difference! Janet Jarosh/Coordinator, 14711 Grandview Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92555.

# What's Cooking?

(from Katie's Kitchen Corner)  
by Katie Wenke



Try these recipes courtesy of Janet Papiernik and Jo Pavlik. The cheese ball is great for entertaining and you might enjoy the breakfast casserole with friends while watching the Rose Bowl parade.

## CHEESE BALL

(From Janet Papiernik)

2 pounds Velveeta cheese  
6 oz cream cheese  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
½ tsp cayenne pepper

Mix well. Divide and roll into balls. Roll in any kind of chopped nuts you choose. You can also freeze these cheese balls.

## JO PAVLIK'S BREAKFAST SAUSAGE CASSEROLE

(Serves 12)

French or rye bread cut into cubes  
1 lb. Jimmy Dean's herb sausage, cooked and drained  
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, cheddar or both  
2 cups whole milk or cream  
6 eggs (8 if small)  
1 tsp dry mustard  
1 tsp salt  
Healthy dash of pepper  
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce or to taste  
Chopped onions/mushrooms, optional

Make the night before!

Grease pan and spread cubes to cover the bottom of pan. Spoon cooked and drained sausage over cubes. Beat in a blender: eggs, milk, dry mustard, pepper and Worcestershire sauce. Add in onions and mushrooms if using. Pour egg mixture over the sausage and cover the top with the cheese.

Refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350° for 30 to 40 minutes.



## POTPOURRI

by Joan Williams

*This column is designed to give information and helpful hints to homeowners in our community. If you have any tidbits to pass on please call Joan Williams at 924-4876 or e-mail at [joanjwms@verizon.net](mailto:joanjwms@verizon.net).*

*Terry O'Brien recently had ABC Windows replace the cracked handles on her glass sliding door. They are the company who installed our windows and sliding doors. A few other homeowners have had problems with the handles cracking or breaking. Terry gave us the following info:*



*If you rub silicon spray or Armorall (car protectant) on all sides of the frames of your glass sliding doors, they will slide easily and you will have less stress on the handles. If you need new handles, ABC Windows (1-800-222-1900) will deliver and install them. Be sure to tell them that you have a Ryland home with vinyl windows.*

*This is an oldie, but always welcome:*



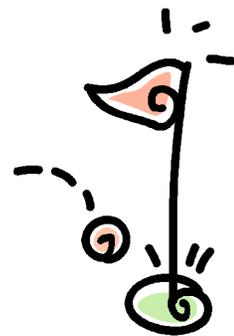
*I recently inadvertently "wrote" on the pants I was wearing with a ball-point pen. Old fashioned hair spray and a very little bit of elbow grease will take it out in a New York minute (that's about 36 seconds, for those of you who don't know). I keep a can to use just for that purpose in the laundry*

*room.*

## LADIES GOLF

by Nancy Berger

*Lady golfers are needed. The weather should be getting cooler and great for golf. Please call and let me know if you are coming on Friday, because sometimes we tee off later than 8:00 a.m.*



*Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought for a moment and then said, "and how old would you be if you let go?"*

*LADIES  
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON*



*THE EATING ROOM*

107 E. CITRUS STREET  
REDLANDS, CA

*Tuesday, DECEMBER 11, 2007*

1:00 PM

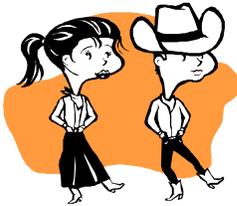
Call if you need a ride.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. – Sign up in Clubhouse, call or e-mail.

Joanne Phillips

or

jotphillips@verizon.net



*COME ON DOWN*

*TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOR LINE DANCING  
TWO HOURS OF FUN AND EXERCISE*

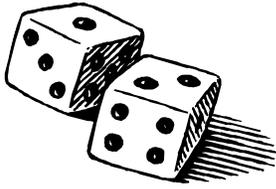
(No experience necessary)  
Every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.  
Any questions, call Doris

**Thank**

To the residents to Mountain View,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of blankets and pillows in support of our disaster relief collection for the fire victims. Seniors rock!

Audrey Flickinger  
For Lord of Life Church



# ***BUNCO***

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

***TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007***

6:30 pm

## *Last Month's Winners*

Most Wins - Marilyn Dawson  
Most Bunco's - Joyce Collins  
Most Baby Bunco's - Louie Lumkoski  
Most Losses - Rick Hansen/Gordon Hass (tie)  
Fuzzy Dice - Judy Kathriner

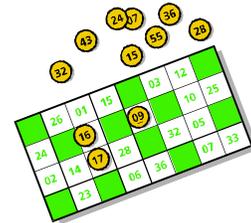
*(Bring a snack to share.)*

For more information contact:

**Marilyn Dawson**

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**Don't Forget "BINGO" Night**



**Tuesday, January 22nd,  
2008**

**(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)**

**6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse**

**Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards**

**Snacks: Anything you fancy**

## **October Winners**

**Joyce Collins, Lola Emmermanis, Mary Ortiz,  
Marilyn Dawson, Doris Asciak (2)**

**Coverall - Doris Polley**

**For more information contact  
Godfrey Asciak or Mike Frahm**



Please join us for the

# HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday – December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

We would love to share our homes with you as we begin this festive season.

Jay and Marilyn Dawson  
14848 San Jacinto Drive

Donna Casteloes  
28540 Grandview Drive

Katie Wenke  
14724 Grandview Drive

Chuck and Judy Hedger  
14720 Grandview Drive

Don and Laurie Phillips  
14703 Grandview Drive

Maggie August  
14540 Grandview Drive

Twila DeWalt  
14562 Mountain Vista Drive

Patrick and Joanne Phillips  
14642 Mountain Vista Drive

Take a drive (or a healthy walk) around  
the community to enjoy the holiday out-  
door decorations too!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Jo Pavlik



**Ho! Ho!**

It's that wonderful time of year. This year's **Holiday Open House** is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2. See the enclosed list of participating homes. **Our thanks to Katie Wenke and the Dawsons** for organizing this event. The tour is in its second year, and the popular home visits may become an annual event.

The tree is trimmed, the gifts all wrapped, the food prepared, and the bar is stocked. Sounds like a party is planned! All we need is you!! You are planning to be there, aren't you? Our own elves Kay Donner, Janet Hansen, Kay Howe and Rudolph are busy planning the menu and best of all, it is ***all compliments of the Social Club.*** *No-host bar.*

**5:30 pm, Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

In the giving spirit of the season, the Club proceeds from the **50/50** will be donated to the Linus project. So, you not only have the opportunity to help Janet Jarosh's blanketeters to knit for area traumatized children, you may also win some extra cash.

The gift exchange game is always a must, so join in by bringing a tasteful, non-perishable, wrapped gift. If you are lucky, you just may leave with that exact special gift that you always wanted and didn't even know it. See complete information in the enclosed article.

***The next Social Club Board meeting is at 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008.***

*I would like to extend my personal wishes for a  
Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.*

*Jo*