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# *"THE VIEW"* December 2024

Homeowners and Residents of Mountain View:

Can you believe the holiday season is here already? By the time you read this you will have had your turkey and all the trimmings. Still to come is Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. On behalf of the Mountain View Board of Directors, we wish you a very merry and joyful holiday season, and hope you have a safe and fulfilling time with family and friends.

There was not a regular board meeting for the month of November, but we had a special open session meeting held on November 18<sup>thi</sup> to approve the draft audit and tax review, which will be mailed to members no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> in accordance with civil code. The next board meeting will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Directors thanks those who make the effort to attend the HOA meetings. Your attendance is important and with your support it helps us to make decisions that include your input. And we don't take that lightly.

You may have already received your ballot from FirstService for our annual community election. Mountain View's governing documents state that we have an annual election every year to elect members to the board of directors. There are 255 homes in our community. We should receive 25% of the ballots back for the election to be valid. This year there were not any new candidates due to a lack of interest, and that's unfortunate. Gretchen Williams and I, the incumbents, are on the ballot. However, we still need the community to vote. Your participation in the community election process is essential.

The Social Club sponsored a Paint n' Sip last month hosted by Pat Ezell. The art instructor, Viveca Mays lives in the community and she was so helpful and made this such a fun event. There were about 25 people who signed up and attended. Our paintings were holiday appropriate. Christmas trees that we blinged out. The snacks were delicious, and the wine was flowing, if you know what I mean.

The Social Club is hosting their annual holiday dinner on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at a cost of \$25.00. Yolanda is preparing a delicious holiday meal. This year there will be an ugly sweater contest. Prizes will be awarded for the ugliest sweaters either purchased or homemade. Sweaters must be worn during dinner to be eligible to win a prize. Winners will receive \$10.00 gift cards.

That's all I have for now. Hope to see you at the HOA meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,

**Sharol Lewis** 



# Social Club

Special thanks to all who continue to help with setting up our events. We couldn't have these events if it weren't for those who organize, set up, decorate, serve and clean up.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Walker at 10:00 am on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Report**: Carol Walker gave the financial report. Bank balance is \$2,518.41. Oktoberfest brought in \$189.00. Cost of food was \$73.42. Bar brought in \$38.00 and TGIF 50/50 brought in \$45.00. Cost of food for the Fall Harvest Parade was \$73.75.

**Oktoberfest:** This year's event was moderately attended with about 27 people. We had some good costumes and had winners in the costume contest.

**Fall Harvest Parade:** This event had a dismal turnout; only 2 decorated golf carts and 1 undecorated bicycle. Not that many neighbors came out to see the parade, so this event will not be repeated next year.

**Paint n' Sip:** We had a great turnout for this event and everyone did a great job! The canvasses had a winter holiday theme on them. Viveca was a wonderful instructor.

#### Friends of the Neighborhood (FOTN): A

presentation on fraud and how to prevent it was on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Good presentation and a good turnout from the community.

Another card making event hosted by Diane Teffeteller will be on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the clubhouse. It is limited to 15 participants. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

Olinda Fritz is trying to find someone to put on a CPR training session. More on this in future newsletters.

**Holiday Homemade Cookie Exchange:** On December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, we will have a Homemade Cookie Exchange in the clubhouse. See the ad in this newsletter.

**Holiday Dinner:** On December 14<sup>th</sup> we will have a Holiday Dinner. We will have an ugly Christmas sweater contest. You must wear your ugly sweater if you want to participate. There will be prizes for the ugliest purchased Christmas sweater and for the ugliest homemade Christmas sweater. See the ad for the Holiday Dinner in this newsletter for all of the details including the menu. The following have been cancelled for December, but will resume in January 2025:

- Dine Out
- Bingo
- Page Turners book club
- TGIF

**January 2025:** TGIF in January will commemorate Chinese New Year, Year of the Snake on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**February 2025:** TGIF in February will commemorate Black History Month. The theme is Soul Food on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The next Social Club meeting is on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the clubhouse. All are welcome to come and help plan some fun.

The Social Club wishes everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year!

> The Social Club Committee: Carol Walker, Vivian Hollomon, Judy Box, Jo Lippire, Grace Paltikian

#### Outside Community Events

#### Ladies' Luncheon

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 11:30 am Steer 'N Stein 14950 Perris Blvd., MV RSVP: Grace Paltikian: 714-614-3809

#### Men's Breakfast:

Wednesday, December 11, 2024; 9:00 am Harry's Cafe 748 Ramona Expwy., Perris RSVP: Dan Klaas: 909-223-0116

#### Dine Out

No Dine Out for December

# Something Lovin' from the Oven

By Eunice Kang



#### **German Pfeffernusse Cookies**

½ cup molasses	1¼ tsp cardamom
¼ cup honey	1 tsp nutmeg
1/2 cup butter	1 tsp cloves
2 eggs, lightly beaten	1 tsp ginger
2 tsp anise extract	2 tsp cinnamon
4 cups flour	1 tsp pepper
3/4 cup white sugar	1⁄2 tsp salt
1/2 cup brown sugar	1 cup powdered
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> tsp baking soda	sugar

- Cook molasses, honey and butter together over medium heat until creamy.
- Cool to room temperature.
- > Stir in lightly beaten eggs and anise extract.
- > Combine all dry ingredients except the last.
- > Thoroughly combine both mixtures.
- Refrigerate 2 or more hours.
- > Roll dough, in hands, into acorn size balls.
- Place on greased cookie sheet.
- ➢ Bake at 325⁰ for 10-15 minutes.
- Remove to a rack set above a cookie sheet.
- > Sprinkle with powdered sugar while hot.
- Shake or tap off excess sugar.
- > Sprinkle and shake again when cooled.

This will be my last article of:

#### Something Lovin' from the Oven.

Starting in January, my new article will be:

#### **Healthy Living**

I am on a journey to be slimmer, healthier and more physically fit. I will be sharing some of the things that are helping me on my quest.

Since my fall in May, I have graduated from a wheelchair to a walker to walking on my own.

I have lost some weight but need to lose more. As I give you my tips, I would enjoy hearing about what is working for you...Eunice Kang

#### The Green Thumb Corner

From the archives by Victoria Klaas

Greetings Fellow Gardeners,

December is often an odd mix of bitter morning cold or unprecedented afternoon warmth. Lots of plants will bloom in December and early January.

If you planted annuals like Violas or Icelandic Poppies in October, they are probably blooming right now. Turf grasses will benefit from a light feeding of granular fertilizer this month. Feed them again in January and February. Cold nights mean that summer producing nitrogen soil bacteria are now dormant and unavailable to roots. Artificial fertilizers will quickly green up brown or yellow lawns.

You should also plant your perennials this month. Delphiniums, Foxglove, Columbine, and Coral Bells will bloom in late winter. Crowded perennials such as Daylilies or Agapanthus may be divided during the winter months. This is also an ideal time to relocate roses or small deciduous fruit trees. Prune them down to a manageable size first before digging them up.

Cymbidium Orchids often begin blooming in December. These hardy orchids do very well outdoors under covered patios as they require some winter chill to bloom. Their flowers are spectacular as long, showy shapes of twenty or more blooms. You can also plant spring flowering bulbs like Narcissus, Tulips, and Hyacinths. Garden herbs and vegetables may also be planted in December.

This is also the month for snails and cutworms. Baits are available for both. Personally, I have found the live Decollate snail to be very effective. These small, conical snails look harmless but at night, they hunt in small "packs" to surround and devour the pesky European Brown Garden Snail. Don't expect to see them much as they burrow into soil by day and emerge after dark or on wet days. The more you release, the faster the infestation is controlled.

Don't forget to protect tropical and subtropical plants from frost. If frost threatens, cover them or move them under a patio or indoors. Don't prune these plants during cold weather as it will only stimulate new growth and make them more vulnerable. If plants are damaged by frost, resist the impulse to prune off the damage. The damaged portion will protect them from further cold injury. Be patient. Delay pruning tender plants until mid-April

~Happy gardening, Victoria

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#### Quotes of the Month

"Living your best life is your most important journey in life."

~ Oprah Winfrey

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope."

~Helen Keller

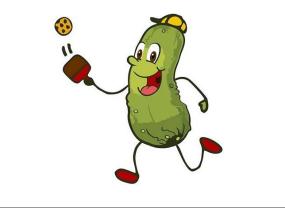


#### Important Information

Per the Facilities Committee, every resident of Mountain View needs to have his/her address number light lit for emergency purposes. If your lights are not lit up at night, the light bulbs probably need to be changed. The light bulbs you need are <u>incandescent</u> <u>11 watt bulb with wedge base</u>. These bulbs are available at Home Depot, Lowe's or Ace Hardware. The address number light takes two bulbs.

### Pickleball News

Pickleball is changing its starting time. Effective December 2, 2024, Pickleball will start at 8:00 am instead of 7:30 am. Please note this on the calendar.



#### History Facts

# French waiters once went on strike for the right to grow mustaches.

In 1907, one of the more unusual strikes in France's history unfolded. Better wages and working conditions were at stake, as is often the case, but this strike was also about something unexpected: the right to grow a mustache. Mustaches were at their peak in early 20<sup>th</sup> –century Europe and were even obligatory for policemen – an attempt to convey military-like masculinity and authority. Restaurant servers, however, were forced to be clean shaven, a reminder of their "lower class" status. Behind closed doors, trade unions began organizing a strike for workers' rights to autonomy over their facial hair. They were also fighting for one day off a week and their fair share of tips, which were often the only source of pay for servers. Surveys about dates and times were sent to the various unions and, after results were compiled, strike instructions were sent to union members. On April 17, 1907, at 6:30 pm sharp, waiters walked off the job.

Although the number of servers who took t the streets in protest is unclear, *The New York Times* estimated it at about 500 by late April. While the strike wasn't without its critics, the wait staff found solidarity in high places, including in Parliament. Socialist Deputy Antide Boyer – who even before the strike, had proposed a bill that would make mustache bans illegal – told *The New York Times* the mustache rule was "grotesque and humiliating". Boyer's bill never actually passed, but the strike resolved quickly. After 16 days, the waiters returned to work. They did not get their desired one day off per week, but a fairer pay structure was in place – as were their mustaches.



# SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024 10:00 am - NOON CLUBHOUSE

BAKERS NEED TO BRING A HALF DOZEN OF COOKIES OR CANDIES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.

ALL COOKIES/CANDIES MUST BE HOMEMADE, THEY **CANNOT** BE STORE/BAKERY PURCHASED, MADE FROM BOX OR REFRIGERATED/SLICE & BAKE TYPE OF PRODUCT.

# RSVP BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

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HAPPY BAKING



#### **Christmas Holiday Dinner**

Join us for a wonderful dinner to kick off the holidays.

Saturday, December 14, 2024 at the clubhouse

5:30 – 7:30 pm



The Social Club is sponsoring an <u>UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST</u> this year. An ugly Christmas sweater is several things: the more ornate or tacky, the uglier. The basic garment is a sweater or sweatshirt, pullover or cardigan. You can make your own or purchase one. They are available at Amazon, EBay, Pinterest, Kohl's or Walmart. You can do a hybrid by embellishing a purchased ugly Christmas sweater.

We will be giving out 2 prizes, one for the Ugliest Homemade Christmas Sweater and one for the Ugliest Purchased Christmas Sweater. So let your imagination go wild – you do have to wear the sweater to this dinner.

Come and enjoy a festive dinner, Christmas decorations, music and a fun contest. The bar will be available and there will be 50/50.



# ARC Committee Notice



The December ARC will meet on an as-needed basis.. Any new Home Improvement Forms requiring ARC approval must be submitted to FirstService early enough for them

to review and forward to ARC by Friday, December 20, 2024.

# A Bit of Humor

- I tried cooking with wine last night...after 5 glasses, I forgot why I was in the kitchen!
- Remember when teachers would say..."You won't have a calculator everywhere you go." Well, we showed them!
- Run from people who love drama, or they will put you in one of their episodes!
- You cannot be a true coffee lover until you've tried to suck the spilled coffee off of your shirt. Get on my level.
- When I say, "I'm just going to the bathroom" my dogs hear, "family meeting, assemble now!"



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