



THE VIEW

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Mountain View Community Association

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THE HOA BOARD LETTER

by Fred Humphrey



Our new management company, The Merit Companies, took control of our properties as of January 1, 2008. By now you should have received several pieces of correspondence from Merit giving you contact phone numbers and internet access to your account.

Property Manager: Jacqueline Bill
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Direct Phone 951-973-7523
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After Hours Emergencies: 888-596-4984

Please feel free to call any of these representatives with questions or concerns. The management company is here to help the HOA.

Annual elections are coming up on February 20, 2008. The annual meeting, which is for the purpose of election of board members only, will be held in the Clubhouse starting at 6:30 p.m. A short regular Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Three board positions are vacant. The three candidates running for these positions are Roberta Hicks, Don MacIsaac, and George Podolsky. Please mark your calendars and come out to meet your new Board.

The Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club is attempting to start a monthly dinner club on the last Thursday of each month provided they have a sufficient turnout. On February 28th, they are planning a Mexican Buffet for a price of \$20.00 which includes tax and tip. The only extras will be a cash bar. You can make reservations at 951-924-4444.

Let's all participate in 2008 to make Mountain View "a great place to live."



Mountain View Community Association

Financial Statement
November 30, 2007

Income Statement	Current Month	Year To Date
Revenue		
Assessments	\$25,755.00	\$103,020.00
Interest	\$1,889.81	\$7,215.80
Other	\$590.00	\$2,634.00
Total Revenue	\$28,234.81	\$112,869.80
Expenses		
Utilities	\$5,753.96	\$18,473.25
Land Maintenance	\$3,365.61	\$16,798.61
Pool Maintenance	\$460.00	\$2,318.49
Community Buildings	\$670.78	\$2,714.65
Other Areas Maintenance	\$2,937.57	\$10,286.85
Administration	\$9,762.59	\$29,555.37
Total Operating Expenses	\$22,950.51	\$80,147.22
Reserve Funding	\$8,374.61	\$28,971.14
Total Expenses	\$31,325.12	\$109,118.36
Net Revenue/Expenses	-\$3,090.31	\$3,751.44
Balance Sheet		
Assets		
Operating Assets	\$27,211.89	
Reserves	\$511,446.24	
Other Reserve Assets	\$0.00	
Total Assets	\$538,658.13	
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$20,280.31	
Reserves	\$511,446.24	
Equity	\$6,931.58	
Total Liabilities	\$538,658.13	

MOUNTAIN VIEW SOCIAL CLUB

Financial Report

December 15, 2007-January 15, 2008

BALANCE FORWARD:		\$1,600.60	
INCOME:		-0-	
EXPENSES:			
Newsletter—January	\$ 268.08		
Wine & Christmas Tree			
Storage Containers	<u>37.00</u>		
		(305.08)	
			<u>\$1,295.52</u>
FUNDS ON HAND:			
Washington Mutual Bank		\$ 947.04	
Petty Cash		<u>348.48</u>	
			<u>\$1,295.52</u>

Newsletter 2008

January \$268.08
 \$687.64

Advertising 2008

January \$ -0-
 \$ -0-

Betsy Hass
Social Club Treasurer

A decorative blue box with a white border containing the words "Thank You" in a blue cursive font. The box is flanked by decorative flourishes.

My heartfelt appreciation goes out to all my good friends and neighbors for all of their condolences at the loss of my mom, Diane, after a long illness. I have been in New York for the last five months and it has been a difficult time, to say the least. A special thanks goes out to all of you who took "special care" of Charlie during my absence...I am so grateful.

JoAnn Foronjy



THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner...February means starting a new garden. Although frosts are possible, they are not probable since the average last frost date is January 28th. Successful gardens result from planning ahead. The time and effort you know you will be able to give to your garden this year should determine how extensive it will be.

This month is the time to feed deciduous fruit trees and fertilize roses, perennials and cane berries when they begin to grow. Also, apply the last dormant spray when buds are swollen but don't yet show color.

If you haven't already, try planting a pineapple guava. Planted in the sun or slightly shaded area, this shrub can be shaped into a small multi-trunk patio tree; a thick privacy hedge; a background shrub; or an espalier plant. Coolidge is the most available, is self-pollinating, and it produces heavy crops of small fruit. It's fun to try something new.

Groundhog Day marks the halfway point to spring. Hooray and Happy digging in the Dirt!



Book Club

By Cathy DeWalt

The book club is back, but in a different form...It's now the book club for *busy* people. After all, this is an "active" senior community!

A planning meeting was held on Wednesday the 16th and it was decided to hold our book club on the second Wednesday of every month. It will be in the clubhouse at 6:30 pm.

Instead of trying to read a full book, which for some people may be too time-consuming, we decided to read short stories and occasionally poetry. The stories may be read in advance or during our meetings and discussed.

We may explore new stories and writers and/or revisit some of our favorites from high school and college. In view of this, at the first meeting, **FEBRUARY 13, 2008 at 6:30 pm**, we will read and discuss one (or both) of the following:

"The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant

"The Jewel of the Mountain" by D. Wayne Dworsky

To view and print a copy of the above stories and discussion questions before the meeting, check your e-mail or contact me at dewaltcr@roadrunner.com and I'll send you a copy.

REMEMBER: *The experts say we need to keep exercising our minds to avoid dementia!*

Project Linus

by Janet Jarosh

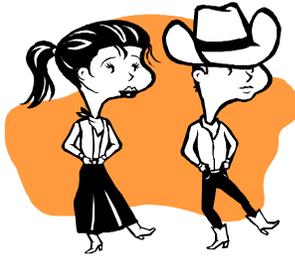
Good News! This past month, our chapter was mentioned in local newspapers in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Also, I was interviewed for an article written by Linda Fields Gold, which generated new blanketeers for our chapter, a girl scout troop, and a nice donation.

I haven't made any deliveries yet as of January 2008, but plan to go to Loma Linda Children's Hospital and Parkview Hospital NICU within the next few days with approximately 150 blankets, which will take us over 13,000 blankets donated.

February 16th is *National Make-a-Blanket Day*. Please try to get your blankets to me before that date so it can be in "the count." Also, Redlands Sewing Center on State Street in Redlands is having a drawing for a new sewing machine. For every hand-made blanket that you donate for Project Linus and drop off at their store during the week of February 16th, you will receive a ticket to enter in the drawing for the machine. They have done this for the past four years, generating close to 200 blankets which are then delivered to Loma Linda Children's Hospital.

Please continue to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of making these "security blankets" for seriously ill children. 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. Janet Jarosh/Coordinator, 14711 Grandview Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92555.



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



A bulletin board has been provided inside the clubhouse door (on the wall to the left) for personal ads and notices from homeowners. Please DO NOT tape personal notices on the front door or the glass doors of the bulletin board in the entry way. Thank you.

LADIES LUNCHEON
JOEY'S SEAFOOD GRILL



2585 Canyon Springs Parkway
Moreno Valley
Tuesday, February 19, 2008

12:30 PM

Call if you need a ride.

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

Joanne Phillips
jotphillips@verizon.net



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

Share these sweets with your sweetheart on Valentine's Day.

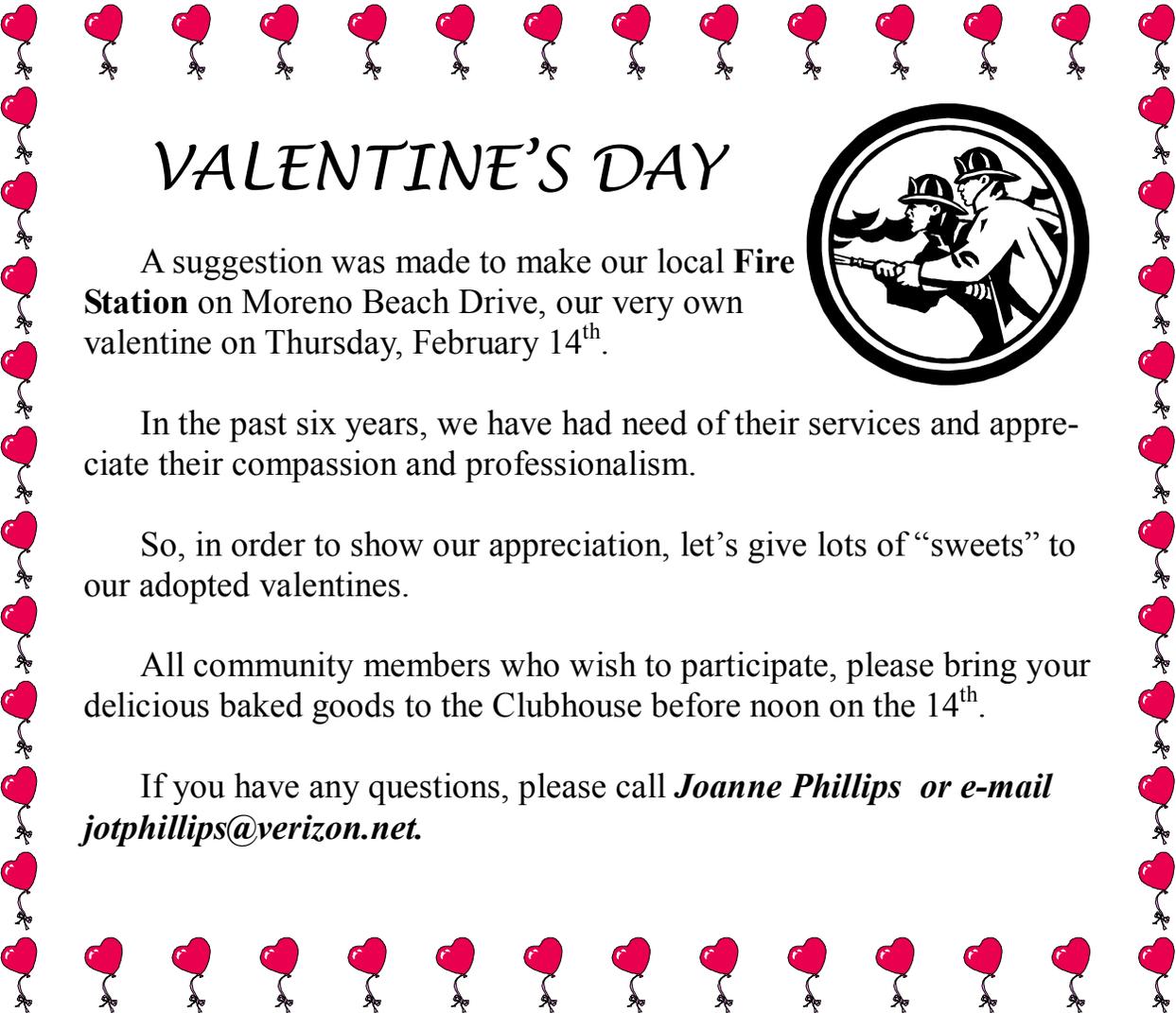
SWEETHEARTS' MOUSSE FOR TWO

2 oz semi-sweet chocolate	2 egg yolks
2 TBS water	2 egg whites, beaten to stiff peaks
	¼ cup sugar

Heat chocolate and water in the top of a double boiler over barely simmering water or in a microwave until melted. Stir until blended and set aside to cool. Beat the egg yolks and sugar until pale and creamy. Beat in chocolate until well blended. Fold egg whites into the chocolate mixture. Pour this mousse into your most glamorous stemware. Chill several hours or overnight.

Gently stir into the chocolate mixture any one of these additional options:

1 TBS orange flavored liquor
1 TBS rum
1 tsp vanilla extract



VALENTINE'S DAY

A suggestion was made to make our local **Fire Station** on Moreno Beach Drive, our very own valentine on Thursday, February 14th.



In the past six years, we have had need of their services and appreciate their compassion and professionalism.

So, in order to show our appreciation, let's give lots of "sweets" to our adopted valentines.

All community members who wish to participate, please bring your delicious baked goods to the Clubhouse before noon on the 14th.

If you have any questions, please call *Joanne Phillips* or e-mail jotphillips@verizon.net.

DINE OUT

by *Bill & Kay Donner*



Thanks to everyone who made our last Dine Out at the Outback Steakhouse enjoyable. Look for another good time on Sunday, March 2nd, when we will meet at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday Brunch at the cafeteria on the campus of California Baptist University in Riverside. If you need directions or a ride, call Bill and Kay.



BUNCO

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008

6:30 pm

Last Month's Winners

Most Wins - Judy Kathriner
Most Bunco's - Janet Paperniek
Most Baby Bunco's - Lola Emmermanis
Most Losses - Marilyn Dawson
Fuzzy Dice - Lori Humphrey

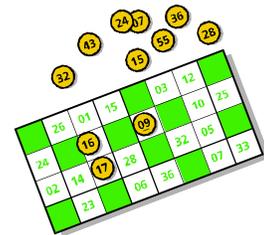
(Bring a snack to share.)

For more information contact:

Marilyn Dawson

Marilyn6515@verizon.net

Don't Forget "BINGO" Night



Tuesday, February 26, 2008

(4th Tuesday of each month)

6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards

Snacks: Anything you fancy

There was no bingo in December.

For more information contact

Godfrey Asciale or Mike Frahm

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Jo Pavlik



The Board is planning events and activities just for you, so please join in one, some, or all.

*Marilyn Dawson and Kay Donner are going green with a catered **St. Pat's Day** party on Saturday, March 15th. Dinner will be \$10.00 and we begin serving at 5:30 p.m. See attached flyer. Call Marilyn or Kay for reservations.*

Kay Donner is nominating committee chair. Call Kay if you are interested in helping make a slate or considering accepting an office or chairing a committee. There's a place for everyone and we can all benefit from your good ideas. An outline of what each office entails, as stated in our by-laws, is attached. The specifics of meetings, time, etc, have always been adjusted to fit the needs of the presiding Board, so convenience is foremost. Board work is not meant to be **drain**-surgery, just a friendly get-together and planning session. You can even make it even better.

Two new people have been added to our committee chairs and we welcome their support!

***Meredith Teague** is our new librarian. She has been organizing our paperback books, and donating quality hard covers to area organizations. Meredith is trying to make the best use of our limited space.*

***Cathy DeWalt** is leading the book club. Cathy is working toward "reading for busy people" which may include short stories, audio books, and poems.*

We welcome and appreciate their efforts.

Thank you to our two retiring chairs: Joanne Nagaska, retiring librarian, and Joan Williams, former book club chair. Your help to the club has been very much appreciated.

FYI:

Art classes will resume this month and a weekday/evening is being considered. If interested, call Jo Pavlik. A minimal amount of supplies will get you started in oils or acrylics. Relax, enjoy music, and learn to paint a masterpiece. First session will be done step-by-step with the instructor, then venture out with your choice of subject. All levels of skill included—\$10.00 per two-hour lesson.