

# *THE VIEW* JANUARY 2005

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### ***Happy New Year!***

Just a reminder that elections for your HOA Board of Directors will be held at the annual meeting on January 19th. This is your chance to be involved by electing the people who will represent you. It is also a good time to reflect on the fact that, these people are volunteers and, whether or not we always agree with them, they deserve our respect and thanks for taking on these important jobs so that we can enjoy our community. **Please note that the HOA annual meeting on January 19th will be held at the Ridge Crest Elementary School on JFK Drive.** Lori

## **The Prez Says** **by Bob Vernlund**

The 2005 Annual Meeting is going to be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 6:30 pm at the Ridge Crest Elementary School on JFK Drive. It is very important that you attend in person or by proxy. If we do not get a quorum, we will have to reschedule it until we get the necessary quorum to do business. The primary item at the meeting is the election of Board of Director positions that are vacant. Our Board is designed for each member to serve a two-year term. Each year there will be either two or three positions up for election. This year there are two positions open, mine and Paul Tacke's. Neither of us will be running for the Board position. This keeps new ideas and perspectives coming on the Board but retains experience so we don't have to re-invent the wheel each year.

We have accomplished some great things this year. Our finances are in good shape, and we are running on our own budget for the first time. We have been working with the developer as they wean us off their priority list. The one major item to be accomplished by them is the final sealing of our streets. This will be accomplished in the very near future and done in a manner similar to when they put the final coat of asphalt on the streets. With this accomplished, they will ask the Association to sign off on the final phase and we will be on our own. The Board of Directors that you elect for 2005 will need your support.

You need to be involved in how the community that includes your major investment (home) is governed. You can do this by supporting the people who serve on the Board of Directors or by serving yourself. You can be involved by being on committees that enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors by providing research analysis and advice needed for policy decisions. You can be involved by being active in the community and making sure that owner inputs are considered. But the bottom line is involvement to ensure that the quality of this community continues to be upheld and Mountain View will always be a great place to live.

# **MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — DECEMBER 15, 2004**

*by Joanne Phillips, Secretary*

**Management Report** – Painting has begun on the wrought iron fencing. Painters will return to complete the work. The diseased palm tree in the front of the clubhouse will be removed and replaced at Ryland's expense.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Facilities** – Floors in the card room need sealed. Management will contact the manufacturer to obtain information on a sealant. Homeowners are advised to refrain from shutting off the emergency switch at the spa. It shuts off the heater and filters and takes 24 to 48 hours to reheat. Lighting fixtures were repaired on 12/13/04. Sue Janssen volunteered to research new lounge chairs for the pool area.

**Landscape** - The committee is very impressed with Artistic Maintenance. Board approved replacement plants at entrance. Artistic Maintenance plans to dig a deeper trench to prevent run off on the tennis court. Olive trees will be trimmed and sprayed after the first of the year.

**Social Club** - New Year's Day Brunch and parade watching is on the calendar again this year. This is "potluck" and the Social Club will provide juice, coffee and mimosas. Volunteers are needed for Community Greeter and Advertising Editor. Fees collected for advertising paid for the newsletter last month.

**Web Page** – Newsletter is now included on the web page. Snow pictures submitted by residents are displayed on the web page.

**Unfinished Business** – Light selection at JFK entrance has been forwarded to Ryland. Discussion was held on repairs to the astro turf on the putting green. Management will obtain a bid from Artistic Maintenance to return the putting green to its original grass. Additional delegates to the Advisory Committee are needed.

**Current Business** – Joanne Phillips will review cleaning bid contracts for clarification and report back to Board members and management.

**New Business** – Candidates for Board positions are Mike Hannah, Fred Humphrey, Jack Janssen and Denise Seek. Jack and Fred gave a brief overview of their positions as potential board members.

**Open Forum** – Discussed painting of the interior of the clubhouse and the board determined it will limit painting to the white trim. Management will obtain bids. Safety features will be installed on all pedestrian gates and the pool gate. Vickie Burke volunteered to work with the City of Moreno Valley to prevent run off from the horse trail at the Cactus entrance.

## ***2004 Mountain View Community Association Accomplishments***

1. Erected a safety fence at the flood control ditch on Grandview Drive.
2. Petitioned the City of Moreno Valley to paint 25 feet of curbs red at the JFK gate to discourage parking and blocking the entrance.
3. Established a Mountain View Web Site Committee.
4. Contracted with a new landscape company to reduce costs and improve maintenance.
5. Added matching doors to the card room to improve sound and function of clubhouse.
6. Provided association training for Board and Committee members.
7. Replaced flooring in card room at clubhouse.
8. Painted wrought iron gates and fences.
9. Installed a new sound system at clubhouse.
10. Replaced pool heater with larger commercial unit for energy savings and capabilities.
11. Changed entrance signs from "55 and Better" to "Private Community" for security reasons.
12. Established petty cash funds for Landscape and Facilities Committee to better help them do their job.
13. Established petty cash fund for the Board to eliminate delays for small projects.
14. Tinted windows of clubhouse and exercise room to improve energy use.
15. Installed light at keypad at JFK gate.
16. Received authorization to install street light at JFK gate to improve safety and lighting.
17. Installed decorative rope lighting on all palm trees at both entrances to improve appearance.
18. Combined all Association funds into one bank that provides better rates, FDIC security, and specializes in associations.
19. Awarded a street sweeping contract to start after Ryland completes sealing of roads and turns them over to the Association.
20. Received funding from Ryland to remove and replace the diseased palm tree at the entrance to the clubhouse.
21. Established a Finance Committee to monitor monthly financial reports and prepare budget inputs.

# **BOOK CLUB**

*By Shirley De Carlo*

The Book Club will meet at the clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 26th.

The book selected for January is ***Chronocide Mission*** by Lloyd Biggie, Jr.

One spring day in 2001, a 21-year-old student, Vladislav Kuznetsov, is whisked 300 years into a post-apocalyptic future. Renamed Egarn, our hero spends a lifetime working on a lens, which is a deadly weapon and time machine created by an obscure 20th century inventor. Egarn decides to stop centuries of war by sending two men to kill the inventor and destroy his lens. Before long, warriors are hurtling back and forth in time. Science fiction fans are in for a fun ride.

Please join us. We have a nice group, but would like to see more people come out and enjoy the discussion and friendships.

## ***Neighborhood Watch***

***by Rick Hansen***

Here we are going into 2005 and I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

Our next zone captain meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30 pm in the club house.

A few incidents have been reported regarding trespassers in the community distributing literature for landscaping, tiling, cable TV service, etc. Solicitation is not allowed and they should be asked to leave immediately. If you are uncomfortable approaching someone who obviously doesn't belong here, call the business office of the Moreno Valley Police Department and report the violation. The number is 776-1099. This is a non-emergency number. If you have to call, state the problem, a description of the person, and type of vehicle (if possible), and an officer will be sent out to investigate. If you choose to talk to the person directly, be polite and nicely tell them they can't solicit in here. If they leave, then you've done your job. If they refuse, then call the police and report the incident.

Someone walking on the streets looking into parked cars in driveways or on the street warrants a 911 call as this is suspicious activity.

***Tip of the Month:*** As I mentioned before, identity theft is the biggest con artist game around. If you haven't invested in a cross shredder, it is suggested that you do so. Beware of people using picture phones to photograph your credit cards. Also, be careful when using your credit cards in restaurants. A waiter could take your card to a secluded area and copy the number.

The next open resident Neighborhood Watch meeting will be in February with the date and time to be announced in the next newsletter.

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

*by Carole Sweeney*

***From the gardener's corner...*** the recent **frost** certainly decimated some of our plants. Don't worry and don't cut those plants down or tear them out. They may look messy but the damaged portions will protect sensitive growth further inside the plants from later frosts. Wait to start trimming until growth begins in spring – you may find that branches which appeared dead are alive and well after all. Later in the month, **prune roses** even if they have not lost all their leaves. Remove crowded or crossed branches and open the center of the plant for good light exposure and airflow. Prune branches at a 45-degree angle just above a bud that faces outward or toward a side that needs filling in. Remove any leaves that have dead or diseased portions and destroy (don't compost) them. Spray roses and the soil around them with dormant oil or with a copper fungicide. Replace or renew mulch and toss 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) of Epsom salts at the base of each rose and water it in. Begin fertilizing 6 weeks later.

**Prune** Crepe Myrtles to force growth of new flowering wood. Prune dormant deciduous flowering vines, shade trees, fruit and nut trees. Repair structural weakness and remove vigorous vertical growing branches (waterspouts). The height or width of the tree can be reduced, taking care not to overprune in any single year. This encourages excessive new growth and less fruit. Pruning citrus requires a different approach. Remove entire branches to the trunk. Heading branches back (cutting off only portions) will remove wood that would have blossomed and set fruit this coming season and stimulate more bushy growth.

**Feed** azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons by renewing their peat mulch and working cottonseed meal into the top two inches of soil. Use one-half cup for small plants and up to a cup for larger ones.

**Spray...**It is time for another spraying of dormant oil for fruit trees. Choose a day when the temperature stays above 40 degrees and the wind is calm. For peach leaf curl, choose a fungicide such as Orthorix or Microcrop.

Sorry for being so wordy this month, but it is an important month in the garden and we all want our gardens to be healthy.

On January 7th, we are very fortunate to have Danielle Millegen visit our Garden Club as our Master Gardener and Rosarian. She will demonstrate the care, pruning, spraying and propagation of roses.

## **Please Note:**

As Chairperson of the Walkers' Committee, I want to remind our residents that walkers-as-pedestrians have the right of way. They are allowed to walk in the street. Most walkers walk between 6:00 and 9:00 am. Also, please remember that this is a private community, and our speed limit is 25 mph. Kudos to those who walk and to those who drive cautiously in our Community!

Meredith Teague

## *PROJECT LINUS*

Providing Security Blankets to Seriously Ill Children

*by Janet Jarosh*

Thank you for your continued support of Project Linus. We have received several donations of yarn recently, which helps us tremendously. Thank you again! This month, several of our Mountain View Project Linus "blanketeers" delivered 67 blankets to Loma Linda Children's Hospital. We are also making a surprise Christmas delivery of 15 fleece blankets to nearby Ridgecrest Elementary School on Friday, December 17th. Janet Deen, resident of Mountain View, is the teacher of a delightful classroom of handicapped children.

Keep up the great work everyone! Happy Holidays! Anyone interested in joining Mountain View's group of blanketeers, contact Janet for details.

## COME JOIN THE CONTRACT BRIDGE GROUP

Beginning Monday, January 3rd, we will be trying new things. We will begin at 12 noon at the clubhouse and play until 4 pm. Please bring a small snack to share (nibbles only...like peanuts, candy, etc...nothing too fancy.)

This is an instructional session using some of the more popular conventions, but if you wish to join us and not play them, just make sure you have a partner that agrees with your style of playing.

***For more information contact:  
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# What's Cooking?

*By Helen Grogan*

**Happy New Year!** I'm back!!! My job as a sports writer didn't work out (just a joke—that was my excuse for giving up this gig and some people really believed me!) This recipe came from Joan Williams. She said her son made it and the sauce was outstanding.

## Old Fashioned Bread Pudding

In a 1½ quart baking dish, place 3 cups of day-old bread crumbs (pull into small pieces with hands). Use 4 cups for a firmer pudding.

Blend in:

2 cups milk, scalded with ¼ cup butter ¾ tsp cinnamon  
½ cup sugar ¼ tsp nutmeg  
2 eggs, slightly beaten ½ cup seedless raisins  
¼ tsp salt

Place baking dish in pan of hot water (1" deep—I set it on crumpled foil). Bake until silver knife inserted 1" from edge comes out clean. Serve warm, with or without sauce or cream. (I have used a lemon pudding-type sauce, which is also tasty.)

Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes. Serves 6

## Southern Whiskey Sauce

Over low heat, melt 8 TBSP butter (1 stick). With wooden spoon, stir in:

1 cup sugar ¼ tsp ground or grated nutmeg  
¼ cup bourbon or other whiskey\* 1/8 tsp salt  
2 TBSP water

Cook while stirring until sugar dissolves and mixture is blended. Remove from heat. Whisk 1 large egg until light and frothy, then vigorously whisk into liquor mixture. Set sauce over medium heat and, stirring gently, bring to a simmer. Cook until thickened (approximately 1 minute).

Serve at once or set at room temperature for up to 8 hours. Also, you can cool and refrigerate for up to 3 days. Reheat over low heat. If the sauce separates, remove from heat and whisk with a little warm water.

\*can substitute brandy or cognac. Yields 1½ cups

# The Taste Testers Dine Out Group

By Kay Howe

Mark your calendars!

February Dine Out—Valentine's Day Dinner  
Friday, February 11, 2005 at 5:00 pm

Back by popular demand!

## Fusions Café

1355 E. Alessandro Blvd (951-653-4142)

Enjoy a "fusion" of Persian, Asian, Italian, Mexican, and American cuisine. We will be able to order from the menu, thus it will not be necessary for a fixed, prepaid amount. Please look over the menu enclosed with the newsletter, so you will have an idea of what is available. This will enable a smoother ordering process for our large group. Also, you may bring your own wine and there is no corkage fee.

Reservations are due **February 1st**. If you must cancel, *PLEASE* call Kay Howe in advance. Arrange your own carpools. If you don't have a ride or don't want to drive, call Kay at 242-4733 and she will be happy to make arrangements for you.

Our fall dine out was a great success. Please join us for the fun, food and fellowship!

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## Taste Testers' Guide

**Happy New Year!** If you slaved away in your kitchen over the holidays, now might be a good time to visit a new restaurant. Please submit restaurants you've enjoyed for this column. It is always nice to try a new place suggested by a Mountain View friend. Call Kay or drop off your suggestions at 28450 Grandview. Thanks for your input.

- **Morongo Casino Resort & Spa**—49500 Seminole Drive, Cabazon
  - Buffet—Mon-Thurs 11 am-3:30 pm \$14 or 4 pm-10 pm \$22
  - Friday—11 am-3 pm & 4:30 pm-11 pm \$27
  - Saturday/Sunday—9 am-3:30 pm Brunch \$25 or 4:30 pm-11 pm Dinner \$27
  - Serrano Restaurant—Continental Cuisine—open 24 hours
  - Number 9 Steak—5 pm to midnight/7 days a week
  - Belly's Italian Food—5 pm to midnight/7 days a week
- **Clara's Restaurant**—101 E. Redlands Blvd., Redlands (951-335-1466) - Enjoy elegant dining at affordable prices. (Visit website [www.redlandswb/directory/restaurants](http://www.redlandswb/directory/restaurants))
- **Mario's Place**—3646 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside (909-684-7755) - Cosmopolitan dining, contemporary Northern Italian Cuisine. (Visit website [www.mariosplace.com](http://www.mariosplace.com))





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CHILIBOWL COOK-OFF – CHAIRMAN & VOLUNTEERS**

**NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING EDITOR**

**NEIGHBORHOOD GREETER**

*If you would like to volunteer, contact:*

Joan Williams  
Marilyn Dawson  
Jo Pavlik  
Janet Papiernik



## NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH AND PARADE WATCHING

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A great big thank you to Sharon Shavce for donating her time and talent to decorate the clubhouse for the holidays. The tree and decorations were beautiful.

**RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE  
BINGO CROWD!**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2005**  
*(4th Tuesday of each Month)*

**6:30 PM @ THE CLUBHOUSE**

**GODFREY ASCIAK AND MIKE FRAHM ARE THE COORDINATORS AND CALLERS**

**COST: \$4.00 AT THE DOOR**  
**BINGO CARDS: 3 CARDS FOR \$1.00**

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

**BUNCO FOR THE NEW YEAR!!**

Bring \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

**Most Buncos - Ray Purcella**  
**Most Baby Buncos - Judy Kathriner**  
**Most Wins - Twila DeWalt**  
**Most Losses - Doris Asciak**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2005**  
*(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month)*

**6:30 PM at the Clubhouse**

*Our Cookie Exchange was fabulous and, let me tell you, we had some great cookies. Unfortunately, the group has decided to be good for the New Year, so this month we will have a wine, cheese and fresh vegetable night (Bev will bring the dip!).*

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# ***WHAT'S HAPPENING***

*by Joan Williams*

**New Year's Day Brunch** starts at 9:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. Bring your favorite breakfast-type food and join us to watch the Rose Bowl Parade and wish your friends and neighbors a Happy New Year!

Even though we all enjoy the holidays, it will be a relief to settle back into our "normal" lives. We still have a full schedule of events available for our enjoyment. Be sure to check your calendars so that you don't miss your favorites.

Meredith Teague has been the Community Greeter, welcoming newcomers to our community and explaining what is available here in our neighborhood, and locally in Moreno Valley. She has been doing this faithfully and unselfishly for the past 2 ½ years—ever since she moved in! She has decided to retire from this position to devote more time to her painting career.

We would like to offer this opportunity to a volunteer. If you are a "people person" and enjoy meeting and welcoming new people, we ask that you step forward. Since most of the homes have been occupied, the position is not demanding. You would be greeting and welcoming the newcomers to our community. Contact Marilyn Dawson or Joan Williams if you would like to volunteer.

We also need a new advertising editor. Cathy DeWalt has been doing a terrific job of soliciting advertisements to help pay for our newsletters. This is helping save us money, folks, since the HOA pays for the printing of the newsletter. Not only that, but the advertisements make us aware of local services available to us, and we often get a senior discount! Cathy has not retired from the work force as yet, and the advertising, in addition to her own work, is proving to be too time consuming. She is willing to help the new advertising editor. If you like to get out and about, and would like to brag about our community to local business people, we ask that you volunteer to be advertising editor. Contact Joan Williams or Marilyn Dawson to volunteer.

We need volunteers to act as Chairperson and to help at special events. It has been our tradition to have a Superbowl Cook-off on Superbowl Sunday. In the past, we have had a Chili Cook-off where we compete to see who has the best Chili recipe. Jack Janssen has won it hands-down the past two years! We were thinking of a Soup Cook-off this year (to give someone else a chance to win), and we need a volunteer for Chairperson. This has always been a fun event. Contact Joan Williams, Marilyn Dawson, or another Social Board officer if you would like to volunteer to Chair this function.

We have so many great activities, and the larger community events give us a chance to meet other neighbors and make new friends. Take advantage of the social opportunities available in our wonderful community.

**Come on down and join in the fun!**