



# THE VIEW

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Mountain View Community Association

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## THE HOA BOARD LETTER

by Fred Humphrey



Annual elections for the Mountain View Community Association were held on February 20, 2008. Your new Board and officers for 2008 are: George Podolsky, President; Don MacIsaac, Vice-President; Sue Janssen, Secretary; Fred Humphrey, Treasurer; and Jim McCaffery, director-at-large. Please give them your support in the coming year.

We have 255 homes in Mountain View. Only 114 homeowners voted for the Board members. If we want to continue to make Mountain View a "great place to live," we need homeowners to vote for board members who will pursue their interests. Two board positions will be up for election next January, 2009. Take the time to vote.

The Board approved the installation of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) for the Clubhouse, exercise room, pool area. State Law requires that we have personnel trained to operate the AED. We need volunteers from the community to do this. If you are interested, please call our property manager, Jacqueline Bill. This is a chance to learn CPR and the AED and have your training paid for by Mountain View. The life you save might be a loved one or a friend.

The Architectural Review Committee Design Guidelines were

reviewed by the Board and submitted to our legal firm for final review. Hopefully we will have these ready for mailing to the community within the next month.

Take time to look at our community. The reason we have such nice facilities is due to our Facilities/Landscape Committee. We have an Architectural Review Committee that oversees changes to the landscaping and additions to homeowners' properties. Have you ever attended any of the activities at the clubhouse or pool? The reason we have those activities is due to our Social Committee. We have a Web Committee who maintains our website, a Finance Committee who reviews our monthly financial statements and helps create our annual budget, and a whole lot of people who volunteer clean up after events and do whatever. Please consider becoming involved. You get to know other homeowners in our community and find out what's going on.

This will be my last Board Letter so I want to thank all of the people who have supported me and the community during the last three years. I hope that, through your support, I have helped make Mountain View a "great place to live".



**MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—FEBRUARY 20, 2008**  
*by Vickie Burt, Secretary*

**BOARD ACTION**

- Approved minutes of previous meeting
- Approved financial report for December 2007:

Operating Account/s	\$ 26,759
Reserve Funds	512,252
Other Assets	5,655
Total Cash and Investments	544,666
  
- Approved the purchase of one defibrillator to be installed in the exercise room at a cost of \$2,295.00.
- Authorized that the property manager in collaboration with the Facilities Committee purchase new stools for the billiard room to replace two broken stools in an amount not to exceed \$250.00.
- Approved trimming of pepper trees at Mammoth Drive, Eaglehead Mountain and the Grandview slope at a cost of \$380.00.
- Approved the removal of a pepper tree stump at the San Jacinto gate and the installation of a queen palm at that location.

**MANAGEMENT COMPANY REPORT**

The application form for submittal of exterior changes for review by the Architectural Review Committee is being changed. The new forms will be included on the website and will be available at the Clubhouse.

**NEXT HOA MEETING:      WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008 at 6:30 PM**

**Rancho Belago Crime Prevention Committee**  
**Meeting Report for February 13, 2008**  
*By George Podolsky*

A meeting was held at the Moreno Valley Ranch clubhouse on February 13, 2008. The following items were discussed:

1. Moreno Valley Burglary Suppression Team presented a report on how they have lowered burglaries and what we can help them.
  - A. If approached in a shopping center parking lot and asked if you want to buy a high priced item for a very low price, take down the license number of the vehicle or walk away and call 951-684-0911 to report what happened, give a description of the person, and if the person is still there.
  - B. If you know that a house is vacant, but you see someone that shouldn't be there, call the number above to report it.
  - C. Burglaries are down by 40%.
2. The next Crime Prevention Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and is open to all home owners in Rancho Belago. It will be held at the Moreno Valley Ranch Community Association, 16010 Rancho Del Lago, Moreno Valley. Please plan to attend.

*VALENTINE'S DAY*

I would like to thank all of the residents who donated baked goods for our Valentine, Moreno Beach Fire Station 58.

They were very surprised and pleased and I extend their thanks to you, even if they will be on a "sugar fix" for a few days.

Thanks again,  
Joanne Phillips



**REMINDER**

Many of us have our emails posted for your convenience for Mountain View or newsletter business. Please be considerate and do not abuse this service by sending out emails with advertisements, jokes, etc. unless you are sure they are wanted and appreciated by the recipient.



## THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

*From the gardener's corner*... The warm weather in February was a gift and it allowed us to get a good start on garden cleanup. Spring! It begins March 21st and not soon enough for most of us. If you are planning to add a citrus or avocado this year, do so later this month through May, as the weather warms up. Choose a southwest exposure that is protected from the wind. Watch out for snails as they love citrus. Feed the whole garden now with an all-purpose 15-15-15 as everything is starting to grow.

Arbor Day is celebrated in California on March 7th in honor of horticulturist Luther Burbank's birthday. Burbank is famous for his work improving varieties of flowers (Shasta Daisies), fruits (Santa Rosa Plums), grains, grasses, vegetables and trees. Trees are especially important as nature's filtering system. Each day we each use 58 pounds of oxygen all coming from plants and trees. They literally filter the air by collecting dust and pollutants before they reach our lungs. Plant a tree!

Rub off new unwanted foliage on roses, especially when it points in toward the center of the bush. When the growth is young, this pruning is easy - just a flick of a fingernail will do it.

Happy digging in the dirt!



## Book Club for Busy People

By Cathy DeWalt

At our first meeting on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 [dewaltcr@roadrunner.com](mailto:dewaltcr@roadrunner.com) and I'll send you copies.

Cathy DeWalt – Book Club Leader

**WANTED**



**NEWSLETTER EDITOR** for next year (beginning July 1, 2008). Articles are submitted to you by email by the 15th of each month. You do the "cut and paste" and layout and clip art, borders, etc. All you need to do is set it up and print one copy. Then you are done...others take care of the proofreading, printing and distribution.

If you like working on the computer, this is a fun job that you can do in your own time. Call Jo Pavlik if you are interested.

### **Project Linus**

*by Janet Jarosh*

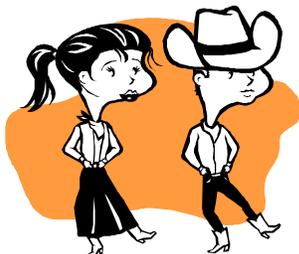
I've found a "Fleece Lady" in Riverside (an online Fleece Distributor, at [www.fleecelady.com](http://www.fleecelady.com)) who wants to help our Chapter by donating remnants and giving us a discount on all fleece purchases. So if there are any quilters/sewers out there who want to stitch fleece squares into blankets, please contact me.

Also, Discovery Christian Church in Moreno Valley has adopted Project Linus as one of their outreaches so we will be growing in members and blankets this year.

To the Mountain View resident who called and wanted to donate yarn, you didn't leave a phone number and I couldn't understand your name so I couldn't call you back, sorry. Please call again.

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 (485-5138)**

## LADIES LUNCHEON

### *JOHN'S INCREDIBLE PIZZA*

6187 Canyon Springs Parkway  
Moreno Valley



***Tuesday, MARCH 18, 2008***

12:30 PM

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

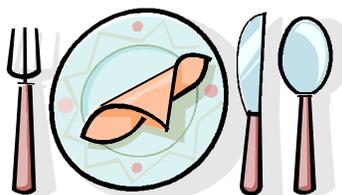
Call if you need a ride.

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

Joanne Phillips

or

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## DINE OUT

*by Bill & Kay Donner*

We hope everyone remembers the brunch at the California Baptist University in Riverside early this month (March 2). The management really knows how to put out a great fare.

We are now looking forward to another get-together in May. Watch for more information in next month's *Mountain View*.

P. S. Don't forget the upcoming St. Patrick's Day feast on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. We will have corned beef and cabbage, or Irish stew. We hope to see many of you there and dressed in green!!

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

by Katie Wenke



Last year we made the Guinness stew. This year let's serve with the traditional Irish soda bread. This, as all soda breads, is dense bread.

## IRISH SODA BREAD

(Makes 1 loaf)

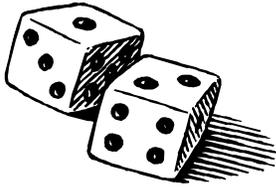
3 cups flour  
1 TBS baking powder  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
2 cups buttermilk  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
1 cup raisins, optional

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9x5 inch pan. Combine flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and baking soda. Blend egg and buttermilk and add all at once to the flour mixture. Mix until just moistened. Stir in butter. Fold in raisins.

Bake for 65-70 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the bread comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Wrap in foil for several hours, or overnight, for best flavor.

*May you have warm words on a cold evening  
A full moon on a dark night  
And a smooth road all the way to your door.*





# **BUNCO**

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008**

6:30 pm

## Last Month's Winners

Most Wins - Twila DeWalt  
Most Bunco's - Lori Humphrey  
Most Baby Bunco's - Bob Searcy  
Most Losses - Judy Kathriner/Fran Martinez  
Fuzzy Dice - Katie Brambila

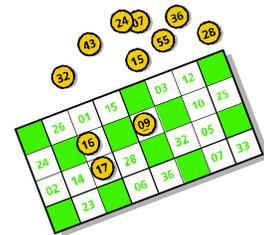
*(Bring a snack to share.)*

For more information contact:

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



**Tuesday, March 25, 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**

## January Winners

**Marilyn Dawson (2), Sharon Cristino, Lola Emmermanis,  
Katie Brambila, Fran Martinez, Bev Bailey and Kay Howe  
Coverall: Twila DeWalt**

**For more information contact**

**Godfrey Asciak or Mike Frahm**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Jo Pavlik



Are you planning to come to the St. Patrick's Day dinner? It is on March 15th, a Saturday to accommodate our working homeowners. The dinner is corned beef and cabbage, beef stew, vegetables, and desserts. Reservations are necessary, so call Marilyn Dawson or Kay Donner this week. No traffic tie-ups, no fuel costs, no designated driver needed, because it's all at our Clubhouse. You may even get lucky with our 50/50 and take home your very own "pot of gold."

There are many things to do at Mountain View. Check out our activity dictionary.

For fun:

Art Class

Bingo, Bowling, Bunco, Book Club, Billiards

Cards Night, Coffees, Caroling

Dine Outs and Dancing, in-a-line

Game Night, Gardening, Golf for men and for Ladies

Holiday Walk

Ladies' Luncheon

Special Events, Swimming

Parties

Trips, Tours, Tennis and TGIF's

Water Aerobics

Yoga

For Service:

Cards and Care Assistance

Community Directory

Library

Memorial Assistance

Newsletter

Project Linus

Recipes

Welcome Neighbors

We thank the Firemen

KEEPING ACTIVE IS AS EASY AS **A B C**

Join us in the planning and volunteer to help with events. Call an officer or listed committee chair.