

# THE VIEW NOVEMBER 2004

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Hi Folks!

Wow! November already. By the time you read this, I will be in Salvador, Brazil awaiting the birth of my grandson. Thanks to all of you who submitted your articles early. Thank you Sue Janssen for helping with this issue and Jack Janssen for proofreading every month.

The train trip to Los Angeles on the Metrolink was fabulous! Kay Howe did a wonderful job as tour director. Thank you Kay! Everyone had a great time. Be sure to sign up for the great activities offered and don't miss the fun!

Lori

### The Prez Says by Bob Vernlund

One of the most important things in getting individuals to feel like they are part of a larger group (Mountain View Community Association) is to make everyone feel like they belong and their opinion counts—because it does!

At one of the monthly meetings, it was suggested that we form a committee of delegates to represent each area of our development. We are acting on this suggestion by forming an Advisory Committee comprised of five to ten delegates for better communications, quicker reaction times to problems before they get out of hand, and using more of the talents of this community. I think the idea of having a delegate for every 25 or 50 homes would provide an avenue for homeowners to use to submit suggestions, bring up problem areas, or voice concerns. The delegates would be elected by the homeowners in their area for a two or three-year term. Everyone would be notified of their delegate or alternate. This committee would have no voting power, but would handle minor problems within their area. They would meet with other reps to help solve problems or bring the issues to the Board of Directors, if necessary.

So how do we get this started? I am requesting that everyone who is willing to be a delegate or an alternate submit their name to the Board of Directors by phone, e-mail, mail, in person, in the suggestion box, etc. We will group the names by area and a mailer will be sent out for each homeowner to vote for their delegate. If you want to get involved to make this a better community, submit your name or encourage someone else to submit theirs. Is there a deadline? Yes, *Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>*. We are counting on you to keep Mountain View a great place to

## MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

*by Joanne Phillips, Secretary*

*Due to the postponement of the October HOA meeting from October 20th to October 27th, the HOA Highlights for October will be in the December newsletter.*



## **WELCOME NEIGHBOR**

*by Meredith Teague*

This was a short month, but I was fortunate to meet nice additions to our Community:

- Delores Roach, 14759 Grandview Drive, from La Mirada*
- Mary and Ray Rice, 28330 Grandview Drive, from Desert Hot Springs*
- Jim and Marsha McCaffrey, 14723 Grandview Drive, from Moreno Valley*
- Charles and Nami So, 14749 Pikes Peak Way, from Riverside*
- Ralph and Mary Ortiz, 14525 Everest Way, from Moreno Valley*
- Joyce Drake, 14761 White Mountain Way, from 14751 White Mountain Way*



## **NUTRITION AND WEIGHT CONTROL GROUP**

*By Joan Williams*

Since our holidays fall on the meeting day for the Nutrition and Weight Control Group, we will suspend meetings until January. So, folks, you're on your own!

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

A sandalwood shell necklace used for decoration at the Luau is missing. If any one accidentally picked it up, please put it in the "pull tab jar" in the library or call Nancy Berger.

# Neighborhood Watch

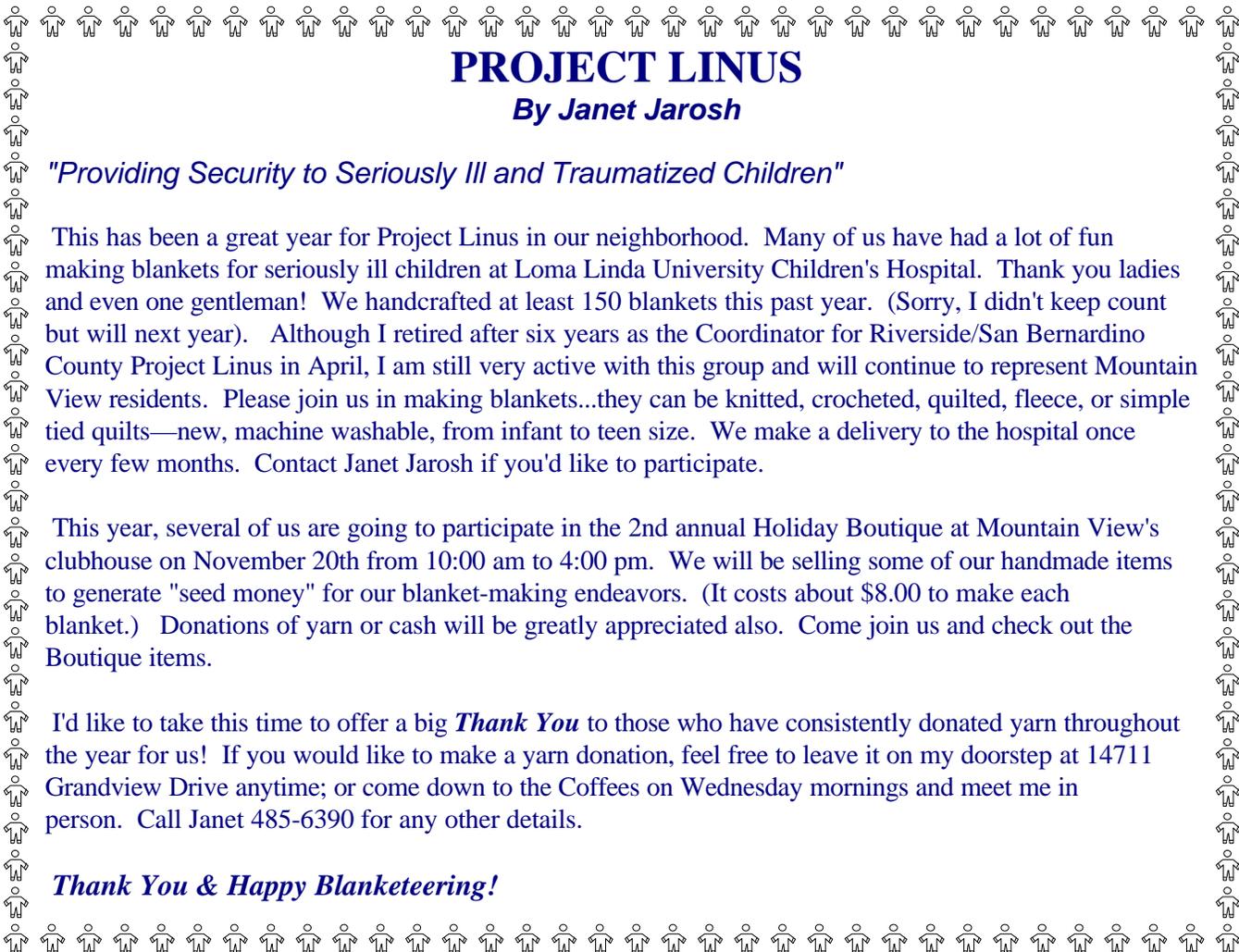
by Rick Hansen

Our next general meeting for all residents will be on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 pm. Please note that this meeting will be 30 minutes earlier than normal, as we will have a guest speaker.

Several of residents have reported attempts at identity theft. I urge everyone not to give any personal information over the phone.

**TIP OF THE MONTH:** With the time change at the end of October, it's going to be dark around 5:00 pm. Many of us are still employed and won't get home until after dark. It's a little eerie coming home to a dark house. Therefore, if you haven't done so already, I suggest that you purchase a timer for a lamp that will come on automatically at a designated time prior to your arrival to enable you to walk into a lit house.

I am encouraging everyone to attend the meeting on November 10th as we are rolling out a new program with vital information for all.



## PROJECT LINUS

By Janet Jarosh

### *"Providing Security to Seriously Ill and Traumatized Children"*

This has been a great year for Project Linus in our neighborhood. Many of us have had a lot of fun making blankets for seriously ill children at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. Thank you ladies and even one gentleman! We handcrafted at least 150 blankets this past year. (Sorry, I didn't keep count but will next year). Although I retired after six years as the Coordinator for Riverside/San Bernardino County Project Linus in April, I am still very active with this group and will continue to represent Mountain View residents. Please join us in making blankets...they can be knitted, crocheted, quilted, fleece, or simple tied quilts—new, machine washable, from infant to teen size. We make a delivery to the hospital once every few months. Contact Janet Jarosh if you'd like to participate.

This year, several of us are going to participate in the 2nd annual Holiday Boutique at Mountain View's clubhouse on November 20th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will be selling some of our handmade items to generate "seed money" for our blanket-making endeavors. (It costs about \$8.00 to make each blanket.) Donations of yarn or cash will be greatly appreciated also. Come join us and check out the Boutique items.

I'd like to take this time to offer a big **Thank You** to those who have consistently donated yarn throughout the year for us! If you would like to make a yarn donation, feel free to leave it on my doorstep at 14711 Grandview Drive anytime; or come down to the Coffees on Wednesday mornings and meet me in person. Call Janet 485-6390 for any other details.

**Thank You & Happy Blanketeering!**

# **BOOK CLUB**

*By Shirley De Carlo*

Imagine a year without Christmas...no crowded malls, no corny office parties, no fruitcakes, no unwanted presents. That's just what Luther and Nora Krank have in mind when they decide that, just this once, they'll skip the holiday altogether. Theirs will be the only house on Hemlock Street without a rooftop Frosty. They won't be hosting their annual Christmas Eve bash. They aren't even going to have a tree. They won't need one, because come December 25, they're setting sail on a Caribbean cruise. But, as this weary couple is about to discover, skipping Christmas brings enormous consequences—and isn't half as easy as they'd imagined.

A classic tale for modern times, *SKIPPING CHRISTMAS* offers a hilarious look at the chaos and frenzy that have become part of our holiday tradition.

Please join us for a discussion of *SKIPPING CHRISTMAS* by John Grisham on Thursday, December 2nd at 10:30 a.m.

## **A NOTE FROM MEREDITH THE LIBRARIAN ~**

We have a limited amount of space in our well-used library and are receiving lots and lots of books every week. So, we are asking for your help.

Please do ***not*** bring in:

*Medicine/Pill Books*

*Torn or Damage Books*

*Oversized Books*

*or*

*Textbooks*

**A good book is a terrible thing to waste!**

## ***THE GARDNER'S CORNER***

*by Carole Sweeney*

*From the gardener's corner...* we have lots to do in the garden in November, so let's get started! **Plant those tulip and hyacinth bulbs** you put in the refrigerator 6 to 8 weeks ago. Add some super phosphate to the soil before planting them in drifts of the same color for the best effect. If you didn't cut back in late October, you can still **cut back** alyssum, coreopsis, dianthus geraniums, ivies, lantanas and petunias to one-third or one-half of their present size. However don't cut them back beyond the green foliage to the older woody growth as this may kill the plant. **Lightly prune top-heavy trees** to reduce wind resistance by cutting out whole branches so you can look through the tree – this means wind can blow through too. But hold off heavy pruning until the trees are completely dormant in January. Loosen the soil within the tree basins so water can penetrate more easily. **Stop feeding your tender subtropical plants** such as avocados, young citrus, guavas and loquats and water them well to protect them from frost damage before winter rains arrive in full force. You can commence feeding them again in January. Your first **dormant fruit tree spraying** should be scheduled for around Thanksgiving. Oil sprays smother the eggs of scale insects, aphids and mites. Lime sulfur and powdered or liquid copper sprays discourage the growth of fungus (peach leaf curl). Use only copper sprays on apricot trees (sulfur will damage them). Deep water your trees before spraying, otherwise the oil spray may damage the tree if the roots are dry.

**Roses** – Cut back on watering and feeding your roses now and mulch them with compost. Prune them lightly to remove long bloomed-out canes but let the faded roses make rose hips until January when the roses are dormant and we do hard pruning and spraying.

### ***Happy Digging in the Dirt!!***

**Garden Club News** – Sorry that we had to cancel the trip to the Poinsettia Farms, but the date was in conflict with the Crafts Show. Our speaker in October was great and we had a splendid turnout! Thank you all. In November, Bill Stevens from the Eastern Municipal Water District will speak about conserving water and saving money on our water bills. This is something of interest for everyone. See our flyer.

*This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about this, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.*



# **WHAT'S COOKING?**

*by Jain Householder*

FALL . . . glorious fall . . . my favorite time of the year! Pumpkin pie, falling leaves, sweaters and jackets, ghosts and goblins, apple cider, eating supper when it's dark outside, jack-o-lanterns, crispy-cold nights, howling at the harvest moon, and caramel corn. I love it!

Hey, speaking of caramel corn, I think I'll go make some right now and eat it right out of the pan while it's still warm and gooey. I have THE best caramel corn recipe. I got it from a friend named Jan. Actually, we called her "Tan Jan". About 25 years ago, Jan and her husband up and left our neighborhood to open a Tanning Spa in Colorado. A Tanning Spa, we all thought, what the heck is that for? Why don't they just go lay out in the sun? Well, some people just have more insight than others and little did we know what that would turn into. Now Jan and her husband are millionaires and we are not. Oh well, so goes life. Let me share my recipe for:

## **TAN JAN'S CARAMEL CORN**

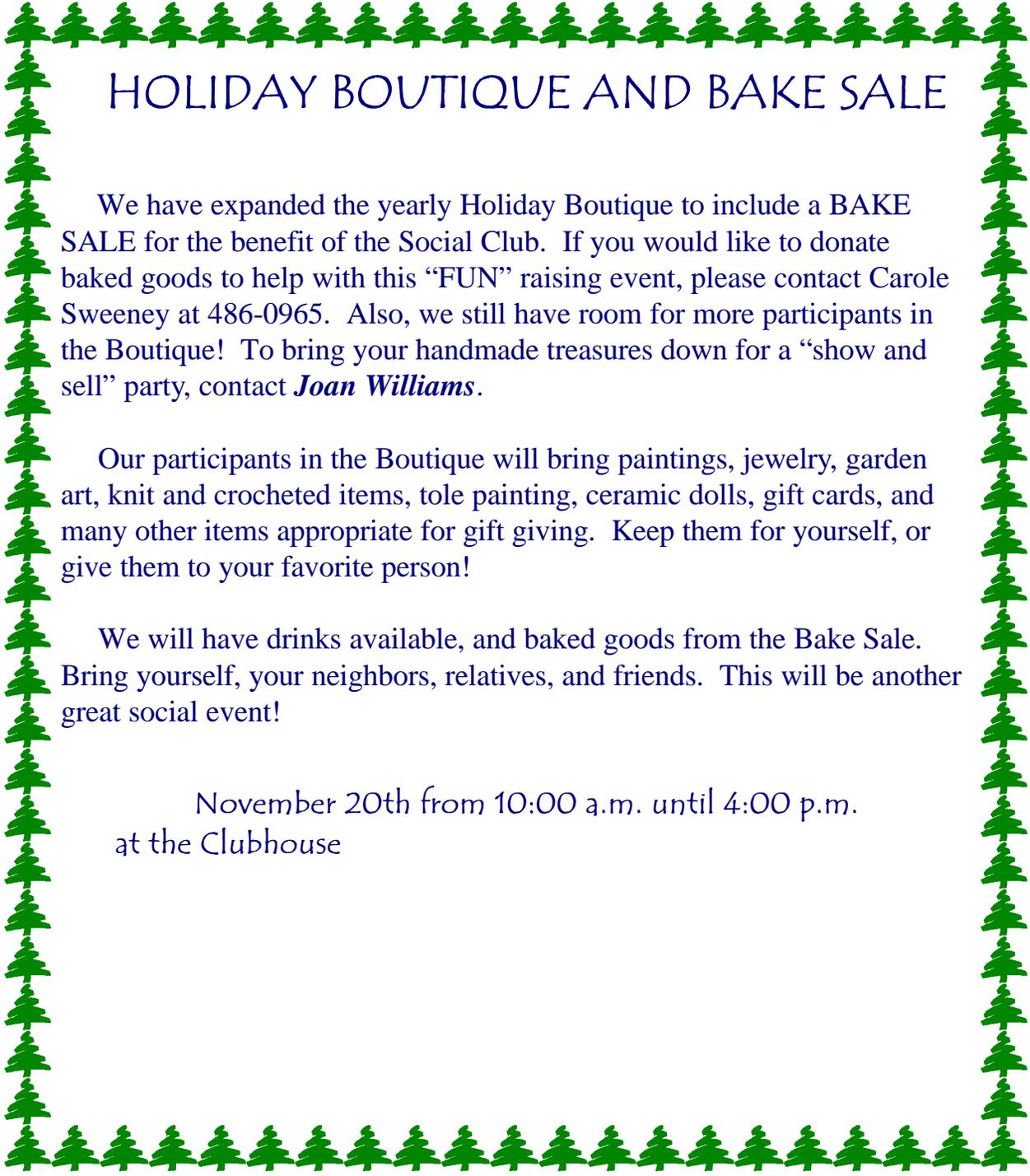
2 pots of freshly popped corn, with all the "old maids" removed.  
(I use the old fashioned popcorn, not the microwave kind.)  
(Keep it warm in a 200 degree oven in a roasting pan.)

In a medium-size sauce pan, mix together:

1 cup light brown sugar, packed  
1 stick butter  
¼ cup light karo syrup  
½ teaspoon salt

Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil lightly for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add ½ teaspoon baking soda. This will make it foam up to twice the amount. Pour over warm popcorn and stir to cover. Be careful not to get it on your fingers. It's mighty hot!

We like to eat it as soon as we can handle it. It will be sticky and chewy. If you like your caramel corn crispy, put it back in the 200 degree oven for 1 hour. Enjoy!



## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE

We have expanded the yearly Holiday Boutique to include a BAKE SALE for the benefit of the Social Club. If you would like to donate baked goods to help with this "FUN" raising event, please contact Carole Sweeney at 486-0965. Also, we still have room for more participants in the Boutique! To bring your handmade treasures down for a "show and sell" party, contact *Joan Williams*.

Our participants in the Boutique will bring paintings, jewelry, garden art, knit and crocheted items, tole painting, ceramic dolls, gift cards, and many other items appropriate for gift giving. Keep them for yourself, or give them to your favorite person!

We will have drinks available, and baked goods from the Bake Sale. Bring yourself, your neighbors, relatives, and friends. This will be another great social event!

November 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.  
at the Clubhouse

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."  
"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"  
"Twelve thirty."

# **BUNCO**

Don't Know What You're Missing? Come Join Us!

**Most Buncos - Fran Martinez (\$23.00)**

**Most Baby Buncos - Peggy Meddings (\$5.00)**

**Most Wins - Bev Bailey (\$23.00)**

**Most Losses - Katie Brambila (Got her \$3.00 Back!)**

**Last to Hold the Fuzzy Dice? - Sharon Cristino (Won \$5.00 too!)**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2004**

*(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month)*

**6:30 PM**

**Remember it's BINGO NIGHT**

**CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT A FABULOUS MEXICAN TREAT FRAN, KATIE AND THE  
GIRLS PUT TOGETHER FOR US, IT WAS THE BEST -- THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR  
ALL YOU DID TO MAKE OUR FIESTA A BIG HIT!**

**For more information contact:**

**Sue Janssen - 242-0959 or Sharon Shavce - 247-2772**

# **LET'S TRY BINGO**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2004**

**6:30 PM @ THE CLUBHOUSE**

**THE BUNCO GROUP WILL HOST BINGO NIGHT FOR OUR NOVEMBER GET  
TOGETHER**

**GODFREY ASCIAK AND MIKE FRAHM WILL BE OUR COORDINATORS AND  
CALLERS**

**COST: \$3.00 AT THE DOOR**

**BINGO CARDS: 3 CARDS FOR \$1.00**

**WE WILL PLAY 3 GAMES**

**For more information contact:**

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# ***WHAT'S HAPPENING***

*by Joan Williams*

We had a great speaker at our October Social Club meeting when our neighbor James Ricks told us about his experiences caddying for celebrities. It was entertaining for everyone—even the non-golfers, like me. Several people told me that he was the best speaker we had ever had! Thank you so much, James.

Kay Howe arranged a wonderful trip for more than 30 of our friends and neighbors to Union Station and Olvera Street. She even had information sheets for the participants to let them know where they were going and what they might see. Thanks, Kay for a terrific day!

November promises lots of fun activities. **VETERANS!** Please put on your party hats, and join us for the Veterans' Day TGIF celebration on November 12th. We all want the opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate your contribution to our American way of life. In addition, all veterans attending will have an opportunity to win a U.S. flag flown over our nation's capital.

Then, on November 20th, we will have our annual Holiday Boutique. Friends and neighbors are gathering at the clubhouse to show their expertise in crafts and fine arts. We will be offering for sale—paintings, jewelry, garden art, knits and crochets, tole, and a variety of other items that have been created by our homeowners. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up some one-of-a-kind Holiday gifts. In conjunction with the Boutique, we are having a Bake Sale to benefit the Social Club. So, bring your favorite baked goods down and offer them to our community. What a great opportunity to get your Thanksgiving Dinner dessert!

The Holiday Season is almost upon us, and this is a wonderful time to get to know the people in our community. Come on down and join in the fun!