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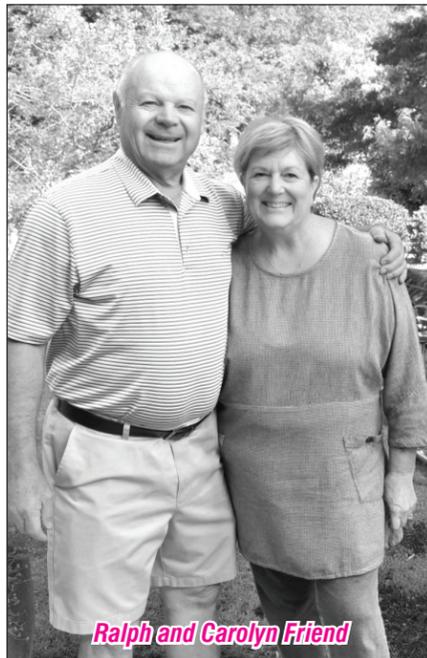
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Ralph and Carolyn Friend — Lifelong Marriage and Friendship

BY RUTH MORSE

Ralph and Carolyn Friend have known each other since high school and were destined to be both lovers and friends, a tribute to their last name. They were born in the same year and believe they were birthed in the same delivery room at the Kaiser Hospital in Oakland, California. They met during their junior year at De Anza High School in El Sobrante, a Bay Area community between Berkeley and Orinda. The couple married in their senior year of college and celebrated their fiftieth year of marriage in August of 2020 with an eleven-member family meetup in Vail, Colorado after a year of planning. They have lived in Roseville for three years and were retired for some time before moving to Sun City.

Ralph's parents were both originally from West Virginia. His last name is uncommon on the West Coast, but on the East Coast there is a Friend Family Museum in Friendsville, Maryland that the couple visited. Most of Ralph's extended family stayed on the East



Ralph and Carolyn Friend

PHOTO BY KEN SHAHOIAN

Coast so he did not have a lot of interaction with them while he was growing up. His ancestors date back to someone on George Washington's survey crew who married a Native American Princess. Ralph's parents came out West and settled in Oakland before Ralph was born. In high school he played football and wrestled. While attending Chico State as a Physical Education major, he played football for all four years.

Carolyn's family background is different. Her family name is Stone and some of her relations date back to John Quincy Adams. The family has been deeply imbedded in California. She is a fifth generation Californian. Her ancestors came out to the Central Valley and then her great grandparents settled in Walnut Creek in the 1800s. She lived her early years in the Bay Area and joined Ralph at Chico State after high school. Both Ralph and Carolyn prepared for teaching careers at

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SCR Foundation

A charitable service organization by and for the residents of Sun City Roseville

BY TONI FISHER,
Public Relations Director

Addressing What
Is Needed, Doing
What We Can



The fluctuating status of the Coronavirus is causing varying announcements about Placer County either opening up more or shutting down once again. Experts predict that it will be several more months before we will be able to fully open all businesses, schools, etc. and it may be extended until a vaccine is developed and available to all. While this will mean that holiday gatherings will be cancelled or modified, we know it is what we must do for everyone's sake.

We at the Foundation have also had to adjust our services, although several programs are still available. Our most helpful service, the Home Maintenance Program, has had to suspend its work in order to protect the safety of both the residents and the service volunteers. Our social programs of Bingo, the Golf Tournament and our Fall Event of dinner, dancing and casino games were also cancelled this year.

Fortunately, we can still offer some programs for your benefit. We continue to fund

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Sun City Singers

BY JACKIE PROETT

It's December and time to give gifts. They don't have to be Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. They might be a sequined mask, a trip to the store, or a Subway Sandwich. Covid has made gift giving simpler.

But the Sun City Singers still think of our favorite gift, our Christmas Concert. It would have been December 7 this year, Pearl Harbor Day, the first Monday in December. The gift of music is one of the most important gifts of all. Music changes heart beats, breath control and attitudes. Even though we haven't been rehearsing those favorite carols, we need to keep our home and mind filled with them this 2020 Holiday.

There won't be a lot of parties this year, so go back to sending Christmas cards. So many people stopped sending them when stamps went up and email was handy. A card is a gift to open! Take a handful of change to the downtown streets with parking meters. When you notice that time is running out, drop a coin and give a shopper a gift of time. Give a Caretaker a break. Sit with loved ones so that they can have a little "self-time". Go ahead--bake! Fill the house with aromas of cinnamon, hot apple cider and brown sugar! Christmas caters to all five senses. Enjoy the gift to yourself.

If you can, light a fire, drag out some of our old concert tapes or turn on an old Christmas movie. Sit back and savor every memory of every favorite Holiday moment.

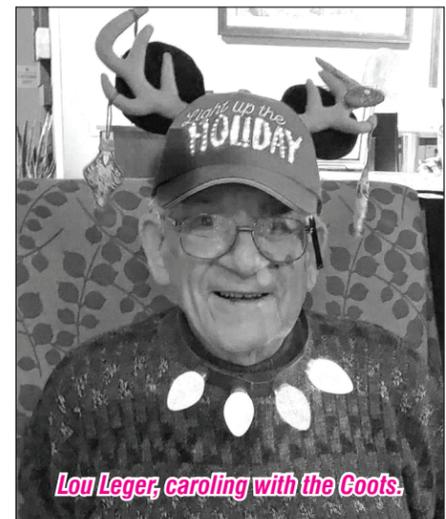
Like child-birth, we'll forget the pain of this year and look forward to the new adventures ahead. May our lives always be filled with the gift of music. Merry Christmas!

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Harmonicoots

BY BUD GARDNER

Life is all about the friendship and the love and the music—Fiona Apple



Lou Leger, caroling with the Coots.

Five years ago, when they heard about the fun-loving Harmonicoots at SCR, Lou Leger and his wife Pat felt compelled to move here, so Lou could join the Coots. He has proven

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LENORA HARRISON & LARRY PEARSON

Happy Holidays! It is our sincere hope that you and yours are well and happy, and that your holidays are merry and bright. We are so blessed to live and work in the areas we serve, and are grateful for the opportunity to do both. In appreciation of the community support, we are committed to "giving back" as a Sun Ridge family and wanted to share some of the local organizations Lenora and Larry are proud to sponsor throughout the year:

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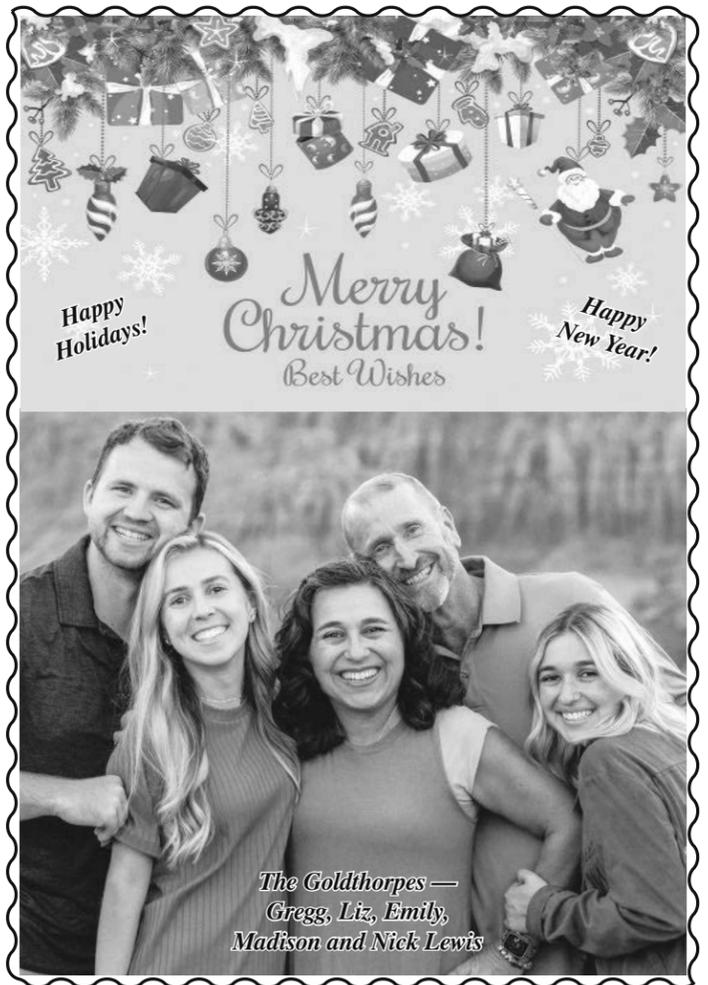
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The Goldthorpes —
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Letters to the Editors...

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Sneak thieves...

I would be remiss to point out that myself and two of my neighbors suffered the theft of multiple Trump signs. Evidently, somebody has a problem, given the number of incidents. I don't feel threatened like Ms. Shively who implied that only Biden signs were stolen.

Sneak thieves don't ring your doorbell or belong to political action groups.

Tim Miles

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From City of Roseville Roseville Election Results

BY SONIA OROZCO, Roseville City Clerk

Three City Council seats and nine city ballot measures were decided by Roseville voters in the November 2020 election.

The 2020 City Council election was the first under the City's new district-based elections. Three of five new districts voted on Councilmembers from their district this year. The remaining two districts will vote on Councilmembers from their districts in 2022.

Council incumbents Scott Alvord (District 5) and Bruce Houdesheldt (District 3) won reelection to the City Council. New to the Council will be Tracy Mendonsa, who received the highest vote total in District 1.

Alvord, Houdesheldt and Mendonsa will be sworn in at a ceremony scheduled for December 9. Vice Mayor Krista Bernasconi will also be sworn in as Mayor during the ceremony, having won the most votes in the 2018 City Council election.

Under the previous at-large Council election system, the Council candidate receiving the most votes in an election would serve as Vice Mayor for two years and then Mayor for two years.

Under the new district-based elections, the new Vice Mayor will be selected by random drawing from the remaining Councilmembers. Starting with the 2022 general municipal

election, the next vice mayor will be from the district next in numerical sequence. The vice mayor will become mayor at the end of their two year term as vice mayor.

Ballot Measures

Nine ballot measures to amend the Roseville City Charter were also on the ballot. The City Charter is the City's governing document. All nine measures passed.

As a reminder, in 2019 the City established a nine-member Charter Review Commission to review the City Charter in order to make recommendations to the City Council on proposed amendments for placement on the November ballot.

Over a 13-month period, the Charter Review Commission reviewed the charter to determine whether the document will adequately serve the community over the upcoming 10 years. Nine charter amendments recommended by the Charter Review Commission and approved by the City Council were then placed on the ballot.

The measures were:

Measure J – Focused on cleaning up language on minor items such as changing "Commission" to "Committee".

Measure K – Clarified that a partial City Council term of less than two years does not

count towards term limits.

Measure L – Determined new provisions for determining a Vice Mayor and Mayor under district-based elections. The Vice Mayor would rotate through each district in numerical sequence. The Vice Mayor would become Mayor after serving a two-year term.

Measure M – Clarified the process to fill a City Council, Mayor or Vice Mayor vacancy.

Measure N – Allows the City Manager and City Attorney to call special City Council meetings and increases the noticing requirement for special meetings to 72 hours.

Measure O – Increases the sealed bid limit on City purchases to \$75,000. The City's purchasing policies and procedures will continue to apply to all purchases, regardless of the amount.

Measure P – Provides provisions for filling vacancies on the Personnel Board and authorizes the City Council to adopt waivers or modifications to existing hiring practices.

Measure Q – Prohibits the City from providing retail potable water to new services areas, and ensures nonresidential electric rates be established by the City Council.

Measure R – Establishes an Independent Redistricting Commission.

Independent Redistricting Commission
In 2021, an Independent Redistricting Commission made up entirely of community members will be formed to establish district boundaries.

As an independent body, the Commission will be empowered to adopt the district boundaries, without City Council approval.

The district map developed by the Commission must follow all local, state and federal laws.

The Commission will consist of eleven members randomly selected from the qualified applicants, two each from four geographic quadrants of the City: a northwest quadrant, a northeast quadrant, a southeast quadrant, and a southwest quadrant. The commissioners selected shall thereafter select three at-large commissioners and five at-large alternates from the remaining applicants.

The application for the Independent Redistricting Commission can be found at Roseville.ca.us/Independent_Redistricting_Commission. The application deadline to apply is 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2021. If you have questions or need assistance, contact the Roseville City Clerk's office at cityclerk@roseville.ca.us or 916-774-5200.



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Roseville is the 9th Best City to Retire in the United States in Money's Latest Best Places to Retire List

The abundance of shopping choices, outdoor recreational opportunities, great weather, and proximity to the Sierra Nevada Mountains, wineries and San Francisco are all mentioned by Money.com as reasons for the ranking. To pick the retirement destinations Money put the greatest weight on quality of life factors (like weather and percentage of residents age 50 or above), cost of living, health and safety amenities and the housing market.

When making its list, Money looked only at places with populations above 50,000 and eliminated any location that had more than double the national crime risk, less than 85% of its state's median household income or a lack of racial diversity.

Money collected about 47,500 different data points to narrow the list, and filtered out locations with a median sales price above \$550,000 in the first quarter of 2020. They considered data on each place's housing market, economic health, cost of living, quality of life, mental and physical health factors, diversity and amenities.

Roseville was also recently named the 27th most livable mid-sized city in the United States by SmartAsset.com and the only California city named by Money.com as one of the best places to live in the United States.

American Association of University Women – Roseville South Placer Honors its 2020 Women of Distinction with a Virtual Event

On Thursday, October 29th AAUW Roseville South Placer held a virtual event to honor the 2020 Women of Distinction, Tami Uhler and Karen Wilkes. The event was held at the private home of Remy and Dave Stevens with 8 other people attending. All safety precautions were taken with everyone submitting to a temperature check and wearing face masks while keeping the appropriate distance apart. The event was live streamed on Facebook.

As March 12 approached, the excitement was mounting for the 5th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Dinner and Auction fundraiser to be held at The Union Brick Event Center in Roseville. Over 200 people were scheduled to attend the event which had to be cancelled on the day of the event because of the COVID pandemic. Each guest had to be contacted either via email or personal phone call. A mammoth undertaking, which was completed by 3:00 p.m.

As the months went by, co-chairs Remy Stevens and Kate Tjongson and the event committee remained undaunted by the



Tami Uhler - honoree, Beth Ruyak - Speaker and Karen Wilkes - honoree.

challenge of finding a way to honor Karen Wilkes and Tami Uhler, the Women of Distinction.

Karen Wilkes, a retired school psychologist, was honored for her international work establishing 1000 Days for Girls creating hygiene kits for girls in Africa. She doubled the goal by another 1000. The project included recruiting volunteers, obtaining materials. Karen accomplished this by networking and giving inspirational presentations. The work continued in Rwanda and Uganda.

Tami Uhler is well-known for her volunteer work, especially for empowering young

girls through pageants to reach their full leadership potential by speaking and communication skills,

interviewing techniques and maintain composure. Tami also instilled a responsibility to give back to the community by volunteering. Tami is a business professional, a former Placer County

District Attorney and currently serves as Assistant Director of Placer County Child Support Services and interim Director.

Beth Ruyak formerly of Capital Public Radio host of "Insights" was the keynote speaker. Beth worked as a reporter, anchor, producer, and writer. She hosted daytime television, magazine shows, special events and live coverage. Her news, sports and health reporting have earned Emmy awards and opportunities to interview, learn from and tell stories about people all over the world.

The awards event can be seen on AAUW-RSP Facebook - you do not need to have a FB page to view the event. It can also be viewed on YouTube.

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Harmonicoots

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to be an outstanding musical talent, being spotlighted in our gigs and Jamborees, playing Autumn Leaves, Misty, Newfoundland Waltz, and other popular tunes. And the students at Kaseberg Elementary School in Roseville where he taught harmonica for four years absolutely love him.

When he was young, Lou loved hearing his dad, Albany, play the diatonic harmonica. Defying his dad's order not to touch his harmonica, he got caught playing it, angering his dad. "Listen to him play," urged his mother. When Lou played "You Are My Sunshine," his dad was so impressed that he bought Lou his own harmonica, not an easy feat when you have ten children in the household. In high school in Maine, Lou formed a combo band, playing snare drum, trumpet, sax, and guitar.

After a few years in the Army reserves, Lou served in the Air Force for 20 years as a crew chief, working on aircraft engines. He traveled to South Korea, Viet Nam, Australia, Burma, and the Philippines. On long flights, he learned hundreds of songs, playing by ear.

Stationed at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, Lou eventually moved to Roseville where he managed a roller-skating rink and Pat worked as a bank loan officer. They've been married for 60 years, raising three children, and enjoy their seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. Knowing music helped Lou keep an upbeat attitude as he faced several recent health challenges, Pat often accompanied him on piano as he played his harmonica.

If you're lucky enough to know him, you can count Lou as a treasured friend.

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Dance Club

BY LENORA DAVIS

Although the Dance Club hasn't been able to hold classes since March, we are still here and waiting with anticipation until we can dance again.

We are a fun, non-intimidating club of over 200 members, many of whom take multiple classes. New members are always invited. If you are new to Sun City or not sure what the Dance Club offers, we have many classes to choose from. These include Line Dancing

(levels 1,2,3,4 plus classic), Tap and beginning Tap, Jazz, Clogging, and Ballroom.

Even though we have been unable to hold official meetings, we have been able to elect new officers for this year. These are Susan Glover, president; Gerri Junso, vice president; Lenora Davis, secretary; and Charlie Baughman, treasurer.

December is the month when we traditionally have our all-class holiday party, but social distancing will prevent it this year. This is one of the many social events we hold during the year, which we hope to resume as soon as possible.

With winter soon upon us and no classes currently being held, many of the line dancers refer to the website Copper Knob (<https://www.copperknob.co.uk/>) to review dances they have learned in the past and to discover new ones. YouTube is also a good place to find dance instruction for all types of dance. These are a good resource to refresh our memory or discover something that may be of future interest.

Anyone who thinks they might be interested in joining one of our classes in the future or who has questions about our group should feel free to contact Susan Glover at 530-388-6367 or 3susanglover@gmail.com.

For now, be safe, stay healthy, have a happy holiday season, and dance like no one is watching!

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Needle Arts Club

BY CJ KIDD

With each day comes new strength and new thoughts. Enjoy each day.

As a way of getting to know your fellow Members, I have featured are Carol Frank and Sharon Lawin.

When I think of Carol, a smile comes to my face. Carol is the Needle Arts Room Manager and Co-Chair for the Donation Quilt Group. She is responsible for keeping our Needle Arts Room in tip-top shape. Carol is organized, energetic, creative and has a wonderful sense of humor. Thank you, Carol, for all that you do.

Carol was born in England. She has lived in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Illinois, Connecticut and California. Before retiring she was a registered dental assistant. She married Howard 23 years ago and they moved to Sun City 8 years ago. They love to travel and look



Carol Frank

forward to future trips.

Carol's hobbies include volunteering, cooking, sewing and gardening. She always cooks for 4 so she has leftovers (my kind of gal). She started sewing at 7 and made her first quilt at 17. She has sewn costumes for grandchildren, many quilts and pillowcases and masks. She volunteers at the Discovery Shop.

Sharon was born in Sacramento. She and her husband, Rick, moved to Sun City 5 years ago to be closer to family. They enjoy spending time with her parents (who also live in Sun City), sisters, brother, nieces and nephews. Sharon retired from law enforcement most recently as a Commissioner of the parole board and ultimately as a Deputy Commissioner.

Sharon's hobbies include quilting (she has made 150 quilts), embroidery, card making, and golfing. In her early years of sewing, she made cheerleader uniforms, wedding gowns and suits. She also loves food decorating.



Sharon Lawin

Sharon is talented, energetic, and full of life and laughter.

If you happen to see Carol or Sharon, stop and say Hi. They are awesome and inspiring individuals.

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Fine Arts Club

BY ELLA BOSSE

"Every great artist was first an amateur"

This quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson was an eye opener and so true.

And then there was Grandma Moses. Who hasn't heard of the beloved American folk artist?

In 1860 she was born Anna Mary Robertson in rural New York. She had her schooling in a one room school house, worked hard on the family farm and learned all the chores a rural housewife needed. She left home at age 12 to go to work for a wealthy farming family nearby and married Thomas Moses in 1887. They were poor, moved around the South and she loved the Virginia Shenandoah Valley, where they lived for several years.

She gave birth to 10 children, but only 5 survived infancy.

She loved to do needle work, but she only started painting seriously at age 78 when her arthritis got so bad she no longer could handle a needle.

She painted rural life, often depicting the many activities that went along with celebrations and holidays, which she loved. She exhibited some paintings in the local drug store and after about a year a New York art collector came through, fell in love with her work and bought them all! In 1939 he organized a solo show for her work at the Museum of Modern Art in New York named "What a farm wife painted".

After that she also had an exhibit at the famed Gimbels department store. A crowd had gathered to hear her speech and she not only discussed her work but also the home made jams and breads she had brought!

A reporter at the time referred to her as Grandma Moses and she was known affectionately by that name for the rest of her career.

Everybody loved her work and wanted a Grandma Moses and Hallmark obliged: by the

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BY PAT TEILH

Dial-A-Ride: Roseville Transit bus service (curb to curb) 10 one-way rides for \$10 are available to Sun City residents to ride anywhere in the Roseville City Limits. Wheelchairs can be accommodated. Thank you to the SCR Foundation for subsidizing the balance of the regular cost of \$25. Call 745-7560 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride. For a 10 ride ticket for \$10 call Pat Teilh 916-521-9729 or Donna Leitz 916-952-0510.

Cards Sent by Sunshine Services: If you have a neighbor who has passed away, or is recovering from surgery, or just needs a thinking of you card, Sunshine Services is here to send that friendly card. Our Coordinator of Communications, Rosina Harris simply needs a phone call at 916-899-5294 or an email rharris247@aol.com to let her know where to send the card. Just remember, Sunshine Services is Here to Help.

Grief Support Group: This is part of Sunshine Services is led by Diane Wilson, a Health and Wellness Chaplin. During non COVID time, Diane facilitates groups dealing with providing guidance on life planning and healing. She also meets with individuals who desire individual support and guidance. If you need these services Diane's phone number is 916-837-1109.

Happy Holidays: The entire Sunshine

Services council wishes everyone a blessed and safe holiday season. We wish everyone good cheer! We hope 2021 brings happiness and good will.

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." — Mother Teresa

Compliance Committee

BY SCOTT TITENSOR

All of the volunteers on the Compliance Committee wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. With the holidays upon us there are a few things Sun City Residents need to keep in mind.

Decorations: please review the Design Guidelines for seasonal decorations, section 3.04 (i) on page 47 specifies that "Holiday statues, artifacts and other decorative landscaping items are allowed two (2) weeks before and after Easter, Fourth of July and Halloween. For the winter holiday season, such decorations are allowed from November 15 to January 15. Displays for all other holidays are limited to the day before, the day, and the day after." Note: section 3.04 (k) "Street Theme Decorations may be used on a temporary basis as part of Holiday and Special Occasion Decorations." Our beautiful community is known for our holiday decorations, looking forward to this year's displays.

Parking: Ever notice how much better Sun City Roseville streets look than some other areas? It's because our wonderful residents abide by our parking restrictions. CC&R Section 8.13 (d) outlines our simple and easy rules. It states, "vehicles of all owners, residents and their guest and invitees shall be kept in garages, residential driveways", vehicles are not allowed in the street overnight". Recreational Vehicles are allowed to park in the driveway or street up to 48 consecutive hours, not to exceed a cumulative period of 120 hours in any calendar month. For complete details please review CC&R section 8.13, page A-29 and A-30.

Trash Cans: Keeping our development beautiful is in part, due to the little things like putting our trash cans away, keeping them out of sight. CC&R Section 8.07 on page A-29. "In no event shall such trash containers be maintained on any lot so as to be Visible from Neighboring Property without approval of the Architectural Review Committee, except when, for a reasonable period before and after collection". Basically, this means, put your trash cans behind your side yard gate or in your garage if you have a closed lot, open lots require a Trash Enclosure, approved by the ARC. See Design Guidelines, page 35, Section 3.02 (r).

If you have specific questions, they may be directed to Ryan O'Connell, Assistant Director of Community Standards at 916-774-3863 or ryano@scrca.org

Ambassador Committee

BY JOAN ROSE

We are all Ambassadors!

As this pandemic continues to disrupt our lives, it is time to think about someone other than ourselves. We all feel a little bit sorry for ourselves for not being able to do the activities we have come to enjoy here at Sun City. Travel is difficult. And physical contact is still taboo. No hugging and kissing those adorable grandkids. Club meetings and activities are still not able to be scheduled.

But, look at just how lucky we are. We have like minded friends who support us when we are down. When the weather was warmer, we had the opportunity to gather in small groups outside. At this writing, the Timbers Restaurant is open for indoor dining, the golf course remains open, the Fitness Center and indoor pool are open with an appointment. The tennis and pickleball courts are open and the Bocce balls are accessible through the Fitness Center monitor.

But, what about those who have moved to Sun City since March of this year? They may not know anyone living here. Although the Ambassador Committee has reached out to them, we cannot physically invite them to a group function for them to hear about our wonderful community and all of its assets. Nor can we introduce them to each other to make new friends. That's where all of you come in. If you have new neighbors on your block or

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Ambassador Committee

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around the corner, reach out to them. Put on your big girl (or boy) pants, and your mask, and ring their doorbell, stick your head over the back fence. Just introduce yourself as a concerned neighbor. Let them know about the Courier and the Website so they know where to find information on what is available to them now. Tell them about the things you like to do. You may find a common interest. Tell them where you are from. You might have a connection there. Exchange phone number so that you can be there for each other. They may need a painter or a plumber. Can you recommend someone? These are the little things that were so easy for us when we moved in but not for those moving in now.

The Ambassador Committee continues to try and think of new ways to reach to our new neighbors but we are counting on all of you to give us a hand.

Be a good neighbor, we are all Ambassadors!

Website Work Group

BY CHARLYN ROSS

So Ends the Year 2020 — The month of December marks the end of this calendar year, a year that has been quite different from any we may have experienced in the past. It

has presented many challenges for all of us in Sun City Roseville (SCR). We have had to accept the restrictions that the Association was required to initiate, to keep us safe. We needed to adhere to limitations for in-person gatherings and mask wearing, which make the holidays so hard to enjoy. We had to find new ways to stay informed, tend to our needs, and communicate with family and friends. Yet, as this unusual year ends, we can be proud of how safely our community has existed with these required limitations.

A significant result from these past months has been the increase in viewership for our Resident Website, www.scrca.org. There are many reasons for this:

- A “Virtual Activities & Fitness” button was placed at the bottom of the Home/Announcement page for easy access to the Activities Department Entertainment Online, Virtual Day Tours, and Fitness Center “Online Training.”

- The Fitness Center has provided a registration procedure for using the exercise equipment and the indoor pool. The Registration link can be found from the “Amenities” menu under “Fitness Center.”

- The Board of Directors is now videotaping their monthly Planning Session, as they do their monthly meeting. Links to those videos are quickly posted to the Announcement area for viewing. Previous meeting videos are reachable from the link below the Announcements area.

- At the bottom of the Announcement area, a provision has been made to view “Previous Announcements.” Here you can

look for a notice you may have missed.

- The “Home/Announcement” page has been enhanced with many colorful, graphic links which lead to other important features and information.

- In the “Contact” menu and the “Resources” menu, the link, “SCRCA CONTACT INFORMATION” has been added. This lists email addresses for Association Staff.

- Last, but certainly not least.

At the very bottom of the “Home/Announcement” page is the word “Questions?” next to the link “Contact us.” This link provides a message format to help you reach Staff, to obtain answers for your questions and concerns, or to provide your comments and suggestions.

If you need help in receiving the Association’s eBlast emails or viewing the Website, you can contact Julia Schmunk, our Website Designer, by phone (916) 774-3878 or by email at julianns@scrca.org.

Once you have your “Sign-In Name” and “Password,” please write them down and store them in a handy place. Also, on the “Sign-In” screen, check the little box next to “Remember my sign in name....” so you won’t have to enter that information each time you log into the Resident Website.

As we leave the year 2020, one of the benefits we should all carry over into 2021, will be the good habit of frequently viewing the Resident Website, to stay informed about your community.

Fine Arts Club

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end of her life more than 100 million Grandma Moses Christmas cards had been sold!

She died in 1961 at age 101. after producing over 1600 paintings.

So maybe there is still a Grandma Moses in all us?

The Fine Arts Club wishes you all Happy Holidays and we hope to see you all next year! And as always, please be safe.

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Cinema Group

BY BRIAN SUTTON

As this article is submitted for printing at the beginning of November, we cannot tell when conditions will permit the Cinema Group to meet. Nevertheless, we hope our members are finding their individual ways of enjoying the wonderful world of movie entertainment.

Many of you have taken to streaming movies from various internet services, which offer access to older and newer movies. Some of you, who still have a working disk player and can view movies on DVDs or Blu-Ray disks, may have joined a disk rental service like Netflix or have taken advantage of our nearby Riley Library’s vast DVD collection by going to the now open Library, or by selecting items online and using the Library’s curb-side pick-up service.

Riley Library is open Tuesday-Saturday

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Cinema Group

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from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Details about the Library's curbside pick-up service are available from the Library's website, which can be accessed from the City of Roseville's website, www.roseville.ca.us, in the "Residents" menu.

We sincerely hope it won't be too much longer before we can get together to enjoy many entertaining films.

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Heartland Group

BY PAT FLORES

Hello to all our members, I was just sitting here, thinking that it has been almost 10 months since this Covid-19 problem started.

Joe and I had just gotten off of the Grand Princess after a 15 day Hawaiian cruise, when the world as we knew it changed. We have all lived with restriction's ever since, but hopefully, there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we can resume our social get together again.

We have just had Halloween, and I bet there is lots of candy left over this year, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner, I just love the way houses smell this time of the year, all the baking of pies and cakes, maybe cookies, fudge and homemade rolls and bread, just the thought of all the baking makes me gain weight, thankfully.

The summer heat has finally passed, and hopefully there will be plenty of rain here and snow up in the mountains.

We hope that everyone is keeping healthy.

It seems forever since we last saw each other, and we are keeping our fingers crossed that we can start the New Year off with our January social.

As soon as we get the go ahead we will do either a mass email or a large phone tree, to reach all of you. We have no plans at this time for January, so please be patient with us as we do what we have to, start our group up again.

In the meantime, Christmas is coming, so get ready to start your decorating inside and out.

Wash your hands, get out and walk and socialize safely. Your health and wellbeing mean a lot to us.

So, to all our members and residents of Sun City, Merry Christmas, Felice Navidad, Happy Holiday's and Happy Hogmanay.

Have a safe, sane and healthy New year's celebration. See you next year.

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International Social Group

BY CYNTHIA SINDREY

We are thinking of renaming our friendly "International Social Group" to the "International Put on Hold Group" as this is what we have been doing all year.

Don't give up though, keep thinking positive and hopefully we will be able to have the "Bringing In The New Year Concert" on Saturday, January 16th. It will take place at Sierra View Country Club starting at 5pm with a cocktail hour and appetizers followed by a three course dinner. We have Entertainment under contract but cannot secure anything until we get clearance and know what the restrictions will be. If it is a go then flyers will be made up and mailed to our members. They will also be available on the rack in the lodge if possible.

The group is purely social and have enjoyed meeting people from all over the world including America and the programs usually honor different countries. If you haven't sent in your dues for 2020 - 2021 please do so soon. A check for \$10 per person, made out to International Social Group and mail to: Cynthia Sindrey c/o International Social Group 7537 School House Lane, Roseville CA 95747.

For further information contact: Cynthia Sindrey, President 916-773-5151 or;

Gini Christiansen co-president 916-772-0506.

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Boomer Generation

BY SUZANNE CROWDER

Hello to all SCR Residents!

This month we will have an update from one of our SIG (Special Interest Group), the Wine Enthusiasts Group!

Michael and Pam Hemingway; the Chairpersons of the Boomer Wine Enthusiast Group, have been missing our enjoyable social gatherings with all of you!

For those new to the Boomer Generation Club, our Wine SIG meets three to five times a year depending on our schedule and the availability of the meeting rooms at our Sierra Pines Clubhouse. The focus of our group is

to gather with other wine lovers and explore a specific theme or region. A few examples we have done in the past are "wines from the Southern Hemisphere". "Wines from the Pacific Northwest" or one of our favorites, "Lodi ABZ (Anything But Zinfandel). Each attendee or couple will bring a bottle of wine from the theme area and a potluck appetizer, both to share with the group. It's a great way to get to know some of our new Boomer members and have fun learning about sharing a variety of wines.

We look forward to when we once again meet at Sierra Pines and explore learning and sharing wines from around the world. Meanwhile, we are busy sampling wines and thinking of fun new themes for our post-COVID gatherings. Cheers to all!!

Please watch for emails coming from Kathi Stropkai, for future Club information. Due to the current restrictions, it is difficult to predict when events will be allowed to resume.

We hope to see all of you soon.
Your Boomer Generation Council

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Jewish Fellowship Circle

BY LOIS ARLEN

We hope everyone has been staying healthy and safe. We miss seeing everyone at our events. Until we are able to meet again, we will not be collecting the membership dues and will not be voting for new officers for 2021. With the Lodge still closed, our annual festive Hanukkah dinner at the Clubhouse will not take place this year.

Hanukkah is the Jewish festival of lights. It is a Jewish holiday, which celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the larger Syrian army (167 to 160 BCE). The Hebrew word Hanukkah means "dedication," and this annual holiday commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Similar to the Jewish holiday of Passover, Hanukkah celebrates freedom from oppression.

A centerpiece of Hanukkah is the lighting of the menorah. It contains eight candles, plus a central slot for the Shamash ("servant"), which is used to light the other eight candles. On the first night of Hanukkah, a single candle is lit. Each succeeding night, an additional candle is lit so all eight are burning on the final night. Families and friends will often gather and recite traditional blessings or sing songs together as

they light the menorah.

To commemorate the miraculous oil from which the holiday originated, it is traditional to serve foods fried in oil. Latkes, or potato pancakes, and jelly donuts are common foods.

Gifts of money (gelt), other kinds of gifts, or traditional treats such as nuts and raisins, are given to children. Giving to charity is encouraged for children and adults.

Another tradition is a game children play with a dreidel, a four-sided spinner that contains letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

Hanukkah is considered a minor Jewish holiday, but it's significance represents freedom from oppression, light in darkness and miracles. Happy Hanukkah!

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Singles

BY DAWN BECK

Remember when we had long Christmas card lists and we diligently completed them? Some people started writing before Thanksgiving and others were finishing up on Christmas Eve.

Sometimes we felt awkward about forgetting a friend so we sent New Year's cards. When e-mail and texting became so popular, the lists grew smaller and smaller. Maybe 2020 will revive that pastime and the return of the long lists as most of us have the time to write instead of just depending on an electronic gadget.

There is nothing nicer than a card with a few sentence about your life during the year. There won't be exciting accounts of your latest travel adventure or any mention of the accomplishments of your grandchildren, but the card can describe your immediate situation and how the pandemic has changed your life.

A few sincere words and a show of interest in your friends can help them through the holidays which can be lonely without family celebrations. Besides cards can be read many times and still be special. They also help us remember what was written. Too often lately hearing a conversation does not necessarily mean that you will remember the facts.

A person who cares about people is Singles member, Marlene Nancett, who has made it her mission to check on all our members. She must call several people each day to reach all

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Executive Director Comments

Our Future Brightens as We Approach the New Year

BY EARL WIKLUND

Although in the short-term Placer County recently regressed back to the Red Tier and possibly on its way to the Purple Tier (the most restrictive), we begin to read more about several very positive developments in the pursuit of a vaccine for the Covid 19 virus. If we are to fully reopen the Community, the biggest step to move forward would be the vaccination of all of us before using the facilities. This very well may happen as early as Summer of 2021 and apparently no later than Fall and Winter. So not too far into our future, we begin to see getting back to some normalcy and begin to enjoy all that our Community has to offer.

There are number of long-term projects that are coming together which will start in 2021 and essentially begin a renewal of our physical presence. A representative from the City of Roseville made a presentation at the November Board Planning Session of their plan to repair and resurface every road within the Community within the next five years. The project culminates several years of discussion by the Board and staff with the Mayors and City Manager's Office. The project represents a \$17 million dollar commitment by the City and begins this fall with the upgrade for ADA sidewalk access at each of our intersections. A copy of the City's November presentation including a timeline by neighborhood can be

viewed on the resident website Announcement Page.

In addition, the Board is in the process of finalizing approval for two Master Improvement Plans developed by outside consultants working with staff and resident workgroups for both the Common Area Landscape and for both the Timber Creek and Sierra Pines Golf Courses. The Common Area Landscape plan breaks down the planting materials and irrigation plans by entrance, median strips, side walk borders, the Lodge and all of the Community's entrances. The golf course plans break down the details for a design update for each of the 27 holes of golf. The design for each hole takes into consideration playability, water conservation, agronomy issues and player and resident safety. Both MIPs are expected to be implemented over the next 10 years and will be paid from our Capital Improvement Savings Account funded by annual Special Use Fees paid by new homeowners.

Also expected to start in 2021 is the Strategic Planning Work Group project for the beginning of the 10- year update of the Lodge facilities to address a number of issues. SPI Phase A-1 and A-2, approved by a resident vote and funded also by our annual Special Use Fees, is currently underway with

construction expected to begin in 2021. The Strategic Planning Workgroup is finalizing the selection of the general contractor for the project as well as working with our architectural firm on City approval for both entitlements and construction permits. The project will include the complete renovation of the Fitness Center Locker Rooms, the expansion of the Fine Arts and Creative Arts activity rooms and the update and relocation of the Wall Street and Catering office spaces.

Things are definitely looking up for the new year. We continue to move forward, working through the challenges of the pandemic but with a keen eye of our bright future just a few months away. Happy holidays to all of you and your families. Be safe in the short term so we can all enjoy our bright future a little further out into 2021.

organize all your medical and financial details to help family should they need to step in to assist you. Each binder can record unique information for both residents in the household by providing an A and a B page.

All information on these services/ programs is available on the Association website under the Resources heading. You can also go to www.scrfoundation.org. There, you will also find a section on décor items that are available to borrow for your holiday gathering, should you be able to hold one. The pictures and lists show the great variety of items that can enhance your event.

We are happy to offer these helpful services, yet they do use our budge funds while the cancelled social activities and fundraisers prevent the replacement of any funds. Thus, after much deliberation, the Board of Directors has decided to mail the invitations for our Annual Friends of the Foundation Appeal which was suspended in March. The mailings will arrive in early December and we hope that you will be able to offer your tax-deductible donation in any amount. This will guarantee that, once our world re-opens, we will again be able to serve your needs. We will definitely appreciate your offerings!

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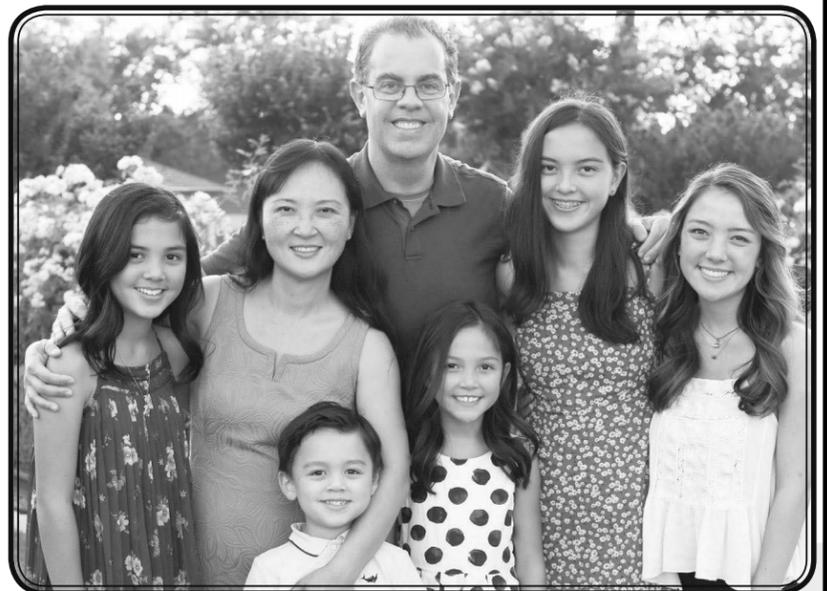
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the work of the Sunshine Services, funding caregiver relief, individual care, reduced price Dial-A-Ride tickets and the loan of medical equipment. Our Activities Director, Sharon Mowry, has found a creative way to offer four events in the Speaker Series by offering the speakers on ZOOM. Since you likely have more time, you may want to obtain the Survivor's Guide binder which helps to

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Citizens Patrol/Neighborhood Watch

BY SHARON MOWRY, *Activities Director*

Happy holidays from your Citizens Patrol/ Neighborhood Watch staff. While I wish we could have Santa hanging out the windows of our Citizens Patrol vehicles, surely, we know, that will not be the case! When the time arrives to safely put drivers back in the Citizens Patrol vehicles, you'll see your resident volunteers driving along happy to be back in the neighborhood.

While Citizens Patrol takes a break due to COVID-19, the Neighborhood Watch program is alive and well. Linda Vincent, Program Assistant, is working in bringing the database up to speed, as we had over 175 new residents move into the community since the March 2020 closure. Linda has also taken the opportunity to review the Neighborhood Watch Email Tree to ensure that our Team Links and Communicators are still in place.

While the program remains solid, we are looking for volunteers to serve. Do you like meeting and greeting new residents? Is technology your friend? Consider joining the team to fulfill the Neighborhood Watch mission to:

- Promote neighbors-helping-neighbors through shared information concerning safety and security.
- Promote the exchange of contact information among residents.
- Promote safety programs such as the Vial of Life.

- Encourage prompt reporting to, and cooperation with, the Roseville Police Department.

The majority of this information is shared through an "email tree" with 36 Village Communicators representing 13 Villages in Sun City Roseville. The Village Communicator serves to "pass down" information to their Team Links, who forward important information along to residents several times a month. The information covers a variety of subjects, including upcoming events, any reported crime that may affect Sun City, scam/fraud updates, and more.

Lastly, what we'd like to see more of, and will be promoting in 2021...let's get to know our neighbors through social activities arranged through your Village Communicator and their team, and through the Association and Neighborhood Watch staff!

If your interested, please contact the Neighborhood Watch team at 916-774-3817. Leave a message if you get a voice mail, your call will be returned shortly!

Singles

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of us, but we hear from her every four or five weeks. It's such a nice surprise and especially for the newer members. Thank you, Marlene.

This will be the strangest holiday for all of us. We can just be thankful that we are in this community that follows all the guidelines and still tries to keep us content with Zoom meetings for the board, the fitness center and entertainment. The restaurant continues its high quality and the wait staff is excellent. We are blessed.

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SCR Travel Club

BY DAVE LEWIS

"A Time of Peace and Reflection" — Thanksgiving has come and gone with gatherings with friends and family COVID style. Chats around the table for some and zoom connections for others. During this holiday season we all can look toward the ever increasing possibilities for exciting travel and social opportunities in the New Year. Collette continues to work with the Club to present adventures that await those who plan to travel to the "Painted Canyons" in May 2021 and identify future opportunities within our country later in the year.

We are eagerly anticipating the development and release to the membership a new video providing an expanded summary of Collette 2021 travel opportunities. The

video would provide additional details for these opportunities, inform members of a new online process to arrange travel between the member and Collette and clarify the values of arranging travel as a Club member. Many opportunities will include favorite destinations that have been on the planning calendar for 2021 and 2022 for a while. For the foreseeable future, no customized trips will be available and offerings will be as advertised on the Collette website.

Although we will not be able to gather together during our annual Holiday Party this month, be of good cheer, the 2021 Holiday Party is scheduled for the Timbers Ball Room on 5 December!

As you do gather with family and friends please know that your leadership team continues to pursue all possible ways and means to keep you informed of any changes to Club operations until we can meet again.

Peace on Earth, Good Will to All!

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Veterans and Patriots Club

BY PAUL REGNIER

December and with it comes all those Joys and memories that this time of year brings into clear focus. Whatever it is that you hold dear, celebrate it and hold close all that you care for.

Your Club has, along with you, waited and hoped for our long awaited reopening. Some have called and asked, WHEN? Our answer was and is as soon as possible. We will be clear and deliberate in what we say and do.

Our speakers are still awaiting their turn to say hello to you, our veteran and patriot membership. It is through you and your endeavors that our country has endured.

Please remain patient. This trying time is a real test of our ability to think clearly, care for one another and plan what we do before we start our mission to do it. God Bless

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Sun City Republican Group

BY CAROLE VAILLANCOURT

Sadly, The grinch (AKA the Virus) has struck again! All Christmas Parties at the Lodge and or the Pines have been canceled. Also, no date for meetings to start-up in the coming year.

Have a blessed Christmas and a hopeful New Year! Remember, folks in our age group are very susceptible to this virus please protect yourselves!

We will update you by e-mail when we receive more information. For questions please call Carole 781-2468.

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SCR Democrats Club

BY TONI FISHER

We Now Move Forward — America has spoken and the results are in. Joe Biden has been elected as the next President of the United States and our first woman, woman of color and child of immigrants will now serve as the Vice President. Even in this challenging time of a national pandemic, the greatest number of Americans of differing political positions voted and ultimately chose a leader who will work to bring our nation together. With the final certification of the national election now complete, we have an opportunity to help the new government keep to its promise of governing all citizens. It will be on all of us to assist in this endeavor, recognizing that we are all Americans and our actions toward fellow citizens will affect how well we progress as a nation. As Americans, we have the freedom to hold differing opinions, but in the end, we all benefit if we come together to address those areas on which we agree such as COVID-19, infrastructure, climate, poverty, education and the economy, to name a few. We are the United States of America. And there's nothing we can't do if we do it together.

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Roseville Stamp Club

BY TIM MILES

We are into the holiday season and things are starting to loosen up in Placer County. However, as this is written, the Roseville Lodge is still not open for meeting space reservations.

Pay close attentions to your emails from Al Raub and he will alert you to any changes that arise. Many thanks to Al for his timely emails that alert us to any changes in the club.

2021 annual dues are payable in the amount of \$20. Contact treasurer Larry Mowrer. There are no open houses scheduled for the rest of this year due to the holiday season. Jill Henricks is trying to schedule a dinner in January. She needs a volunteer or two to assist her. Contact any of the club officers if you have any questions.

Al Capparelli (916-771-8288) has any sort of philatelic equipment that you might need. Feel free to contact him. Anyone who has an "old" collection in his closet can feel free to contact Al Capparelli and get an "updated" appraisal as to the current value.

Have a happy and wholesome holiday season and stay safe — Remember, we're all in the same boat.

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Rods & Relics

BY ELNA RAGAN

On Veterans Day, November 11, the Rods & Relics Car Club had 14 vehicles and were joined by six Army Jeeps and 10 Lincoln Hills Sports Car Club vehicles for a parade through Lincoln Hills. The caravan took a 90-minute route through 19 Del Webb Villages and ended up in McBean Park for the local Veterans' Day Ceremony.

The vehicles were decked out with flags and various types of colorful banners. The participants cheered to the enthusiastic residents lining the streets who greeted our caravan.

The ceremony was very patriotic featuring speakers from the following organizations: the American Legion Post 264, the Lincoln VFW Post 3010, and Assemblyman Kevin Kiley. We were all reminded of the sacrifices and powerful contributions that our Veterans have made to ensure our American way of life.

Our thanks to Car Club member Chuck Fincher, who organized our participation; our Club President, Chuck Barnhart, who led the caravan; and all who brought toys to be donated to "Toys for Tots!"

On November 19, numerous Club members, including Sports Car Club members, participated in the 7th Annual Turkey Drive held by the City of Lincoln Fire Fighters. Frozen turkeys were delivered to the City of Lincoln Fire Station #34 for distribution by the Lincoln Salt Mine and Placer Food Bank. Our thanks to all who joined in the spirit of giving!

The coming holidays, will be unlike any that we have ever experienced. Covid19 has changed our typical lifestyle in many ways. Please be careful during these tenuous times. Stay safe and healthy.

The monthly General Business Meeting and the bi-weekly breakfast at the Waffle Farm continue to be canceled until further notice. General Car Club information can be found on our website listed below.

Contacts: Chuck Barnhart, President 916-543-7301; Mike Carvidi, Membership Director 707-849-2834.

Website www.rodsrelics.net

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Birders

BY JANET MORELLI

Another month, another two planned birding field trips have been cancelled due to social distancing being impossible with the carpooling we use to get to the destinations. And, it's not looking good for the Birders' group plans for the rest of this calendar year. Some of the Birders are still birding on their own during the shutdown and many are keeping



their skills current by reading bird books and researching birding subjects on the internet. The Cornell University Ornithology Lab is a good source for bird Web Cams and Merlin, an app for help in identifying birds. We all should be a little smarter about birds when we resume our group birding field trips.

The Bufflehead duck is a migrating duck that can be seen on SCR ponds during the months of October through April. It is a small diving duck that spends its time in Alaska and Canada during the winter months and in the western and southern United States during the

rest of the year. They are often seen on the ponds in SCR diving for mollusks, crustaceans, and insect larvae. They have large puffy heads, a steep forehead, and a short gray bill. The male bufflehead is mostly white all over except for a black back a large white patch on its head. The female is grayish-brown all over with a distinctive white oval patch on her cheeks. They often nest in small woodpecker holes or other tree cavities near lakes, bays, and ponds.

SCR Hiking Group

BY DORIS MERCHANT

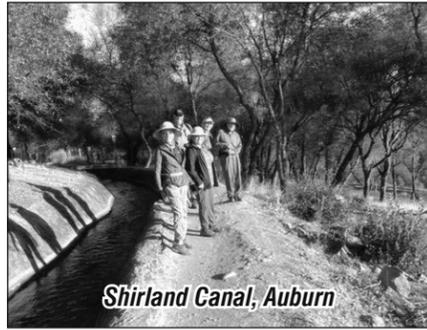
I'm sure this will come as no surprise, but sadly there will be no holiday party this year. Nor will the "stick" be awarded for Hiker of the Year. We still have a small group that meets in the parking lot and hikes every Thursday. Though you may not be one of these hikers at this time, you are encouraged to walk on your own through the neighborhoods and enjoy the holiday decorations!

As always, if you have any recommendations for hikes or would like to see something done differently, please contact Don Stoye. Also, as a reminder, you can view pictures of all our hikes at the SCR Photo Gallery site.

Dec. 3: Sterling Pointe Loop, rated 4.5 (moderate), 6 miles, \$6 carpool ride.

Dec. 10: Sterling Pointe to Rattlesnake Bar, rated 5 (moderate), 7 miles, \$6 carpool ride.

Dec. 17: Quarry Trail, rated 4 (easy), 6 miles, \$6 carpool ride (parking pass or fee



required).

Dec. 24: No hike scheduled.

Dec. 31: Rattlesnake Bar to Past Averys Pond, rated 4 (easy), 6 miles, \$6 carpool ride (parking pass or fee required).

Pickleball

BY BOB VERZELLO

We are pleased to welcome new members: Sherri Walker, Kimberly Lane, Kristi McGushin, Mark McGushin and Karen Shahoian.

Rosemary Sanchez has agreed to replace Chris Bernasconi as Pickleball Secretary for 2021. Chris and her husband moved to Idaho. A big thanks to Chris for all the work she did and to Rosemary for replacing her.

Because of COVID and the Lodge being closed, there will be no general membership or Council meetings in December. Elections are not needed. Current officers are serving two-year terms that started January 2020.

Meanwhile, during these relatively "slow news days," you are encouraged to make suggestions for future Pickleball Club articles. If you have questions about pickleball play, Club business, or other matters of interest, contact editor Bob Verzello at rjverzello@aol.com.

Pickleball trivia: Can the little elves in Santa's workshop make pickleball paddles that meet official standards? The answer is a qualified "yes." Official paddles must be commercially made. No homemade paddles are allowed. However, we think it is reasonable to consider Santa's workshop a commercial operation. After all, what could be more commercial than making all your products just for Christmas giving? We know that Santa does not just climb down the chimney and lay out presents for free, either. He expects remuneration via cookies and milk (or, something stronger). Of course, Santa's design team needs to make sure that their paddles conform to International Federation of Pickleball specifications, including imprinting the Santa Workshop label on each paddle. Just so you know.

Thinking of holiday gifts, Apple recently announced it added pickleball as an official workout option with their Apple watch OS7 update. By now that may apply to other brands of fitness watches as well. So, check them out.

Have a happy holiday and a return to normal in the new year.

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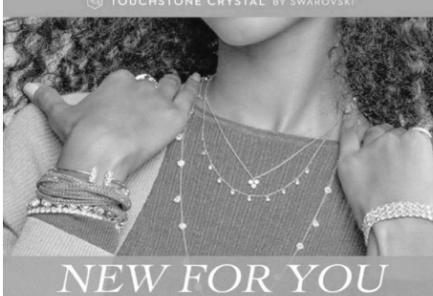
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Bocce Club

BY PAM CABEZAS

Hello Bocce Club. It's Hard to believe that December is here; it seems like forever since we have been together at the Bocce Courts. Slowly but surely we are starting to see things return to normal a little at a time. You can now check out keys at the fitness center in order to use the Bocce equipment. Make sure to bring your activity card. The keys will need to be returned to the activity center before they close for the day, check with the monitor at the fitness desk to see when they are closing that day. The bathrooms will close at 7pm. The lights have been adjusted to stay on after 6pm. Hand sanitizer is recommended. Players will provide their own hand sanitizer for use before and after play. No table/chairs for seating. Permanent benches should be limited to one person per bench; two individuals if family members. Drinking fountain will be shut off. Players should bring their own water and hand towels. Restrooms will be cleaned hourly. Residents are required to be vigilant in reinforcing the public health protocols for the safety of players. Bring your own chair for outside of the courts and social distance 6 ft. at all times. Should guidelines be violated by a player, court access could be denied, and could jeopardize play for other residents. It is the commitment of the Board of Directors and staff to reopen responsibly to protect the health and well-being of our community. The most important thing is to go out and have some fun. With any luck the weather will remain nice mid day for some bocce playing. Hope to see you back on the courts in the coming year.

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Croquet Club

BY JANE MCNALLY

Meet Monday's 9 wicket team. Janice Shreve, our Club secretary has lived in SCR for 23 years. She came from San Jose with her husband after retiring from a career as an Executive Secretary. Her husband passed away in 2015 after 48 years of marriage. As a member of Needle Arts, she makes quilts for students at Sierra College and crocheted hats and blankets for preemies at Sutter Hospital. Janice enjoys a variety of games, including Canasta and Mexican Train,



Janice Shreve, Susie Wilson, Karen Ferguson and Roy Stearns.

but her chosen sport is croquet, which provides a not-to-strenuous exercise in the outdoors.

Olivia Ferris, a retired teacher, moved from Clearlake to SCR 5 years ago. She enjoys walking, bicycling, and exercising at the fitness center. She said, "Croquet is challenging, unlike my childhood backyard games." Through the coaching of Roy Stearns, her team has been learning the strategies and basic rules of the game. She recommends that new people join in the fun and meet a great group of members.

Susie Wilson moved with her husband from Lafayette, California to SCR April 2020. She was a teacher for several years and then became a Principal for five years in a private school. Susie chose to play croquet because the Club was open during the pandemic, and it gave her an opportunity to meet Sun City residents. She is enjoying the game and the group of people with whom she plays.

Karen Ferguson moved to SCR 11 months ago from Redwood City. She worked with her General Contractor husband doing books and helping on the job. She enjoys bike riding and walking. Karen chose croquet in order to meet others and take part in an outdoor activity.

Team coach, Roy Stearns, moved to SCR with his wife Barbara 24 years ago from Santa Clara where he was a Snap-On-Tools Dealer. He enjoys shooting pool and tennis. Croquet looked challenging to him, and it turned out to be much more than he anticipated. Roy said, "It is always a plus to be involved with everyone in all activities in which I participate."

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Table Tennis

BY KAREN YEATES

Wow, we made it to December and I suspect it will be like no other this year. All the usual parties, concerts, plays, big theater

openings and family gatherings will be in short supply. I wonder how many creative alternative celebrations will materialize. For table tennis, our long standing annual tradition of "after the holidays" party in early January is in jeopardy unless we have some really forward thinkers. Could we pull off a virtual zoom progressive dinner party where each home makes their favorite dish they would have brought, then we all sign on and visit virtually showing what we made. We probably could play non cash prize bingo as well. Another idea would be for each member to make a gingerbread house, and then we virtually meet via zoom to have a display and judging contest. I'm throwing these ideas out there to get some of you creative juices flowing. If you have some idea to offer, please email or call one of the officers by mid December. Of course, someone would have to agree to be the zoom host. January is generally a slow month and even though everyone can't wait to get rid of 2020 and move into 2021, the outlook right now isn't so great for the first part of 2021. Any reasonable ideas will be considered. Last month I mentioned you can rent a small theater room for private parties up to 20 people at Cinemark. Well, every date that worked while visiting our family was already booked so we didn't get to try it. We still went to see the movie (The War with Grandpa) on a regular showing and there were only eight others in the theater. It was funny – a little over the top but interesting to see how some of our favorite actors have aged and aren't afraid to show it.

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Tennis Club

BY DIANE BARNETT

There has never been a better time to be "a glass half full person than right now! Remember when we used to associate Halloween with wearing masks instead of wearing them everywhere we go? How about when we used to go to the movies to see the latest big screen blockbuster? But because of a worldwide pandemic, these once typical things have now become stories for our children, and our children's children, to tell. The year 2020 will forever be remembered as the year when we were asked to accept a "new normal" which is a sugar coated way of saying that life, as we once lived it, may never be quite normal again. We've been asked to

go against the very grain of our humanity and to distance ourselves from others, limit our socializing, wear face coverings, and to travel and eat out less (if at all). This new normal can make it difficult to find things to be thankful for, especially during the holiday season. Yet, in the midst of it all, some good has come to light. We've seen people rise up to help others and the quarantine has caused many families to spend more quality time together. Let us remind ourselves to be thankful for what we do have like our loved ones and other special people in our lives. While it would be easy to sit around and feel remorse for all of the things we miss from years prior... we can't. Because when we choose to remain stuck in the past, we aren't moving forward and that is no way to live. It's not the human spirit. There are many more things to be thankful for. You just need to look for them because they are everywhere! Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all!

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Timber Creek Women's Golf Club

BY BARBARA MILLS

It has certainly been an unusual year for our Club due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we look forward to 2021 hoping to resume our traditional events like the 36-Hole Better Ball Partners, Club Invitational, Handicap Championship, 9/18 Hole Mixer, and Club Championship. It will also be great when we can return to conducting Club business through our monthly Council and General meetings and acknowledge our Most Improved Players each month.

Congratulations to Gail Quintel who made a "chip-in birdie" on Hole #15 on our Play for P.I.N.K. day October 14!

The Halloween play day on October 28 brought out some great costumes but one of the best was Carol Roden, handing out candy treats, wearing The Laziest Costume Ever! We are so grateful this year to have Carol taking charge of the Golf Genius sign-ups and sending out the weekly tee sheets; it is really a full-time job!

The Holly Jolly play day is quickly



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Timber Creek Women's Golf Club

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coming up on December 2 and is always a festive, fun day so sign up, wear your "jolly" golf outfits and come out to play. Again, not an official tournament so no "sweeps".

Ladies, since we will not be having our Holiday Luncheon, look for an upcoming email on how our Member Directory for 2021 will be distributed.

Just a reminder, our tee times start at 9:00 am in December.

Happiest Holidays to All.

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Sierra Ladies Pines Golf

BY DEBBIE GEORGE

I can't believe it's the first of December already. The holidays are here. It will be quite different for most of us this year without our usual holiday gatherings. We just have to make the most of what we



Left to Right, Ellen Thomas, Jan Piliard, Linda Osgood, Sharon Lee-Giesser, Joan Rose, Barbara Simon, Denise Roberts, Jan Riverra, Gerri Bennett, Gloria Nelson and Sharon Nagel.



Shelby Rosen, Darlene Reber, Pat Lappitan, Rhonda Slusser, Mary/Ann Chittick and Kathy Fowler.

payable to SPLG. Members who paid \$80 dues for 2020, will only be charged \$40 for 2021 (this is the cost of retaining your GHIN number with NCGA). Members who only

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Sierra Ladies Pines Golf

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paid \$49 in 2020 will be charged \$80 for 2021. Associate members who paid \$25 for 2020 will not be charged and will remain Associate members for 2021.

No new directories will be printed for 2021. The years activities are still too uncertain. Contact information for any new members (2020 and 2021) will be provided via email. Any changes to your information now and in the future should be sent to Linda Vincent at her email address.

Our Invitational, that we could not host this year, has been postponed until 2022.

That's it for now. Happy golfing!!!

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Golden Niners

BY RALPH FRIEND

Every year SCRCA awards scholarships to deserving junior golfers in the Sacramento area. The Golden Niners sponsor one of the scholarships. The 2020 recipient of \$1,800.00 is Tuesday Epperson. Tuesday graduated from Christian Brothers HS earning a 3.43GPA. She has been an active member of First Tee for seven years. She is active in her church, completing seven mission trips. She will be attending and playing golf at Rockhurst University in Kansas City.

Our Super Senior being featured this month is Ed Clegg, who will be 90 years young in May. Ed has lived in Sun City since 1995

when it opened. In fact, he shared with me that he may have been the first person to live in Sun City and to have played on our golf course!

Ed is married to Barbara. Between them they have seven children. The closest two children live in Rocklin. Before moving to Sun City Ed lived in Sacramento. He established a chain of drive-in restaurants shortly after coming back from Korea. He sold the chain after ten years of operation and went back to school to earn a degree in Accounting. He then went to work for the State of California for 21 years. As one of the original residents of Sun City, he was very involved in the establishment of the Neighborhood Watch and Citizens Patrol programs.

Come out and join the Golden Niners and have fun playing golf. More importantly, come out and meet great people like Ed Clegg!

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Mah Jongg Club

BY CINDY SIMPSON

"Laughter is the second-best medicine. Mah Jongg is the first." Author Unknown

It is time to order 2021 Mah Jongg Cards. Small cards are \$8 and large cards are \$9. Checks for the cards must include your name, address, phone number, and the type and number of cards. Checks need to be payable to SCRMCJ. Checks can be dropped off at Annette Petterson's home (dropbox on the porch) or mailed to her. Her address is 332 Station Court. The deadline to order a new card is January 24, 2021. The new cards will

be mailed directly to you around April 1st. Encourage non-members to also order cards through the group to obtain the donation to the Sun City Foundation. We are on hold right now due to the COVID-19, however, when we start again, we typically play on Mondays from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm and Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Stay well!

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SCR Bridge Club

BY ANN SWAIM

This month I got caught up in the political race, paying much more attention to what was happening there, rather than thinking about what to write in this bridge article.

Home games have continued to be the main source of playing bridge here at SCR. While fun, most of us are playing with the same group of people week after week. I miss seeing more people. Do you also? Perhaps we could set aside a day where we play with a rotating group. Sunday has traditionally been a day for other than bridge. Let's think about setting it aside for "rotating" bridge. If you are interested in putting your name on a list, email me, Ann Swaim, adswaim@comcast.net, with a subject of "bridge". Let me know if you will be a hostess and if you are a home player or a duplicate player. If enough think this a good idea, there could be several home games every Sunday.

I am teaching my granddaughter and her

boy friend to play bridge. Both are high school seniors. Today I gave each the gift of Two over One in a Nutshell by Dee Berry. It is a pocket sized book smaller than my cell phone and is available for \$10 on Amazon. It is well worth the purchase for anyone wanting to know more about using the 2/1 bidding system. Yesterday, we went over hand evaluation, opening hands and partner responses. We will concentrate on these three things until the kids are comfortable with them before proceeding to the next area which is opener's rebids. When I started to play bridge, I played by the seat of my pants knowing no rules or conventions. Unlearning is almost as difficult as learning. Hopefully, if they do take up bridge, they will have a foundation of how to play the game.

Our last tip of the month was about hand evaluation. Next month I will continue with another "bridge tip".

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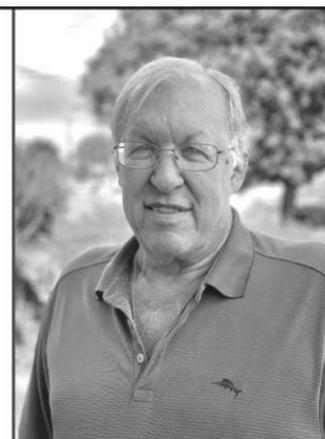
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My Story Continued

The soldier who protected my mother and her family in the displaced persons camp in Austria ultimately became her husband and my father.

My father was the youngest of 13 kids and was born in a farm town in Hungary. They were known as peasant farmers. Education and succeeding at a higher level was very important to my father. Growing up, he would forego playing outside with his friends so he could spend that time studying to further his education. As a youth, he would volunteer at church assisting the organist by pumping the pedals while the organist played. In return, he would get free music lessons. He worked so hard at his education that he made it into the university which was unheard of for someone of his status. After college, he went into the army where it was mandatory to serve at least 2 years. He became an officer in the military when WW2 broke out. He told me one story where he was leading a small troop of soldiers when they were suddenly being attacked by the enemy. They were outnumbered so my dad ordered his men to spread out very wide and hold their ground. This appeared to the enemy that there were many more soldiers than they really had. They were able to hold off the invading opposition until reinforcement troops arrived. During this battle, my father was shot in the shoulder and his best friend, fighting right alongside of him, was shot and killed. After the war and four years in the displacement camp, my father migrated to America, where he reunited with my mother. Here, they became legal citizens and got married. They started out working in packing plants at canary row in Monterey, CA.

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BY DARLENE KAPUR

Gordon McGrubber rarely flew, but his son, Henry, had invited him on a three week tour of China, and the father knew it was now or never. He was eighty years old, in good health, but the bones were tired, and even his muscles were losing their memory. The November trip had been first class--Forbidden City, The Great Wall, Terracotta Army-- the whole ball of sticky rice.

Everything looked the same on Blue Lagoon Drive, but he'd missed Thanksgiving and the fall foliage he enjoyed so much. Christmas was around the corner, literally. Mrs. Krupshank had her lights up already with her little electric geese blinking on and off, and Rudolph's red nose answering in code. If only he could sleep.

Winn and Mitzy Polk had moved into the only vacant house on Blue Lagoon while McGrubber was away. Since taking the keys from their realtor three days before, they'd been single-minded in unpacking everything and setting up the house. Exhausted, they'd shuffled off to bed at midnight.

Three hours later Mitzy woke with a start. She'd forgotten to take her medicine. Reluctantly, she made her way down the still unfamiliar hall, filled a glass and found her pills in her purse. Sitting at the kitchen table in the dark, she took one pill at a time with a big gulp of water and looked out the window

at nothing.

Wait a minute, what's moving on the front yard across the street? Mitzy found her glasses and went to the window. Was that someone dressed in black, with a shovel?

"Winn, Winn, wake up!" Mitzy pulled on her sleeping husband's arm.

"Whaa, whaa, what's the matter, I'm sleeping!"

"Something strange is going on. You've got to come look."

Awake and annoyed, Winn got up slowly, as his doctor advised, and plodded down the hall to the kitchen window, grumbling every step of the way.

"What am I supposed to be looking at, for Pete's sake?"

"Across the street in that front yard," his wife directed.

Winn got his bearings. "Where are my binoculars?"

"In the bottom drawer; here, here!"

An avid bird watcher and three-time president, Winn had the best 'binocs' in the club.

"What's he doing over there?" Mitzy asked, as she peered between the blinds.

"Don't know, he seems to be burying something. There's a sack on the ground by

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THINKING OF LEAVING CALIFORNIA? HOW TO BUY A HOME BEFORE YOURS HAS SOLD



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It's no secret. People are leaving California. Prices. Politics. Pandemic. The list goes on. The U.S. Census Bureau's annual American Community Survey sites the following destinations as the most popular: Texas, Arizona, Washington, Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, Florida, New York, Virginia and Idaho. Moving companies state it is hard to keep up with the demand. What does this mean for you? If you want to buy a home in one of these popular destinations, you will compete with others doing the same thing. If someone offers a seller cash, that offer will typically get accepted as it is less risky than offers where a buyer has to sell his home first. So, what if you need to sell your home to buy another home? An offer contingent upon selling a current home makes an offer less attractive than a cash offer. How do you compete? And, what do you do if you are reluctant to sell your home before securing a replacement home? How do you coordinate the selling with the buying?

First, it is important to point out that if you do need to sell your home prior to purchasing and it is not on the market before making an offer, you will have no leverage at all. Yours will be viewed as a risky offer. It is a popular misconception that the best strategy is to find a home before putting the current home on the market.

This is not always the best decision. If your home is on the market, you will have some leverage and if it is in escrow, you will have even more. The best strategy is to have your home listed and in escrow prior to making an offer. The key to coordinating the move is to make sure you've accepted an offer 'contingent upon finding a suitable replacement property'. This way, you can change your mind without consequence if you don't find a new home. This will keep you from getting squeezed out and ending up without a home or being forced to choose a home that is less than what you desire. It puts you in charge!

Another strategy allowing buyers to 'buy before selling' is to sell your home with a rent back clause allowing you to remain in place until you find another home. This is a smart option if you are confident you will find something in a definable amount of time and eliminates the need to move into a rental before finding a new home. It also puts you in a position to make a cash offer, increasing the odds of securing the home you desire.

Another option called loan recasting, is introduced to us by Doug Jones of Answer Home Loans. "In a recast, the homeowner makes a substantial payment to reduce a current loan balance. The monthly payment is then recalculated based on the lower balance, using the same interest rate and time remaining under the original mortgage terms. A recast will only update the principal & interest on the loan (maturity date and interest rate will remain the same) and allows buyers to pay down the new home loan balance after selling the departing residence and reducing the payment". Unlike a home refinance, a loan recast does not require an appraisal and generally does not require a credit check.

If you have a home to sell and would like to discuss any of these strategies, please call the author, your neighbor, Sherri Walker, Realtor and Certified Negotiations Expert at Keller Williams Realty, 916-213-1320. DRE#01936595. To reach Doug Jones at Answer Home Loans, call 916-770-0960. NMLS#222145

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his feet.”

The dark figure planted the shovel, lifted his foot and pushed down hard. After several shovels full of dirt deposited by his side, he reached down and placed something in the hole.

“Good grief, Winn, he’s dressed like one of those Ninjas, could he be some kind of terrorist? It’s after 3 am. Look, look, now he’s running wires along the front of the house. Maybe he’s rigging a bomb. Winn, he could blow up our entire block. Call the police! What kind of crazy, nuthouse neighborhood have we moved into?”

After several attempts to find their list of important phone numbers the Home Owner’s Association and the Welcome Wagon lady had supplied, Winn called the police. Fifteen minutes later, after Mitzy had hyperventilated into a paper bag, two squad cars with flashing blue lights arrived at the house across the street. From behind his open car door, using a bullhorn, one officer asked the black clad figure to drop the shovel and put his hands in the air.

Wearing his son’s ski mask for warmth in the cold November air, Mr. McGrubber turned, confused and frightened. The policeman, with gun drawn, again ordered the dark figure to comply. Slowly, McGrubber dropped the shovel and raised his arms in the air. By now, curious neighbors had assembled.

One officer approached and ordered the man to drop to his knees. McGrubber

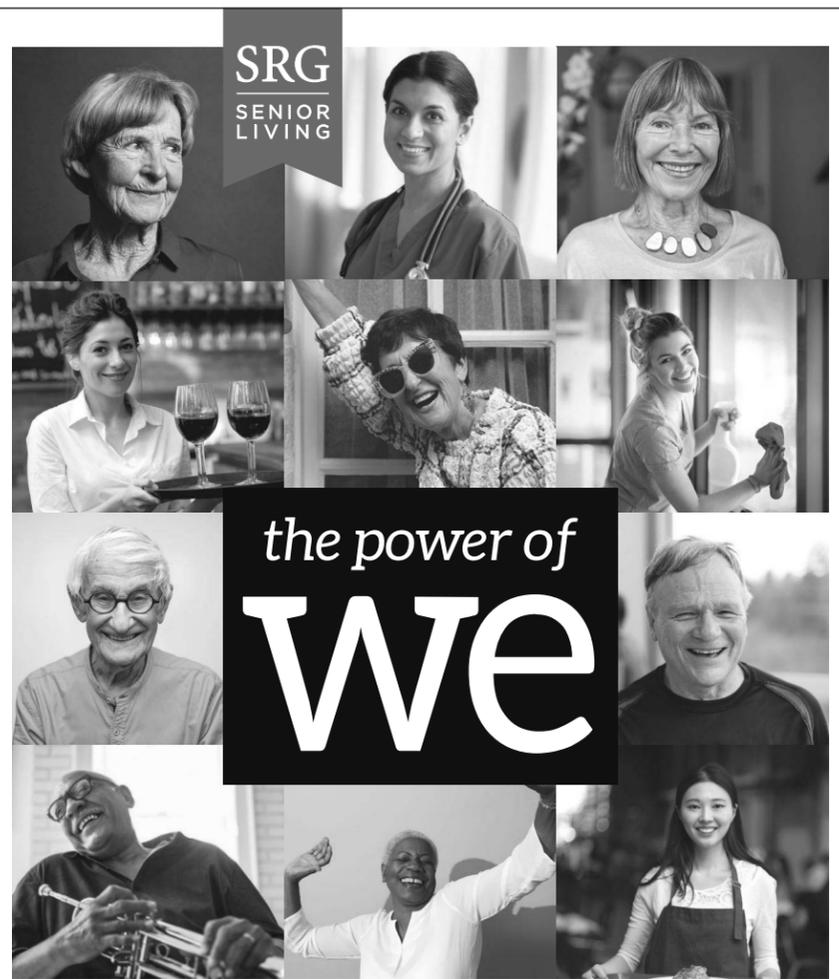
explained that at his age, he would need help to do so; could he just take off the ski mask? Old Mrs. Krupshank, standing nearby, heard her neighbor’s voice and said loudly, “Oh, that’s just Gordy McGrubber, what’s all the fuss?”

With ski mask removed, identity established and home ownership confirmed, Mc Grubber explained his plight.

“You see officers, I arrived home earlier today from a three week trip to China and couldn’t sleep—my son said it’s normal jetlag. I’d not yet planted my tulip bulbs and decided to get that done while I’m so awake. Then, I thought, why not put up my Christmas lights while I’m at it? No one to bother me and I could finish in an hour or two.”

The policemen, all graveyard shift regulars, nodded at the logic. On the ground were bags of tulip bulbs, a box of light strings, and extension cords running along the front of the house. The officers smiled as one handed the elderly man his shovel and they drove away. Mitzy and Winn, sheepish and muttering that people that age should stop traveling, closed their blinds and went to bed. Old Mrs. Krupshank harrumphed her way back around the corner. Gordon went inside and called his son. Woke Henry up, but it was somehow worth it.

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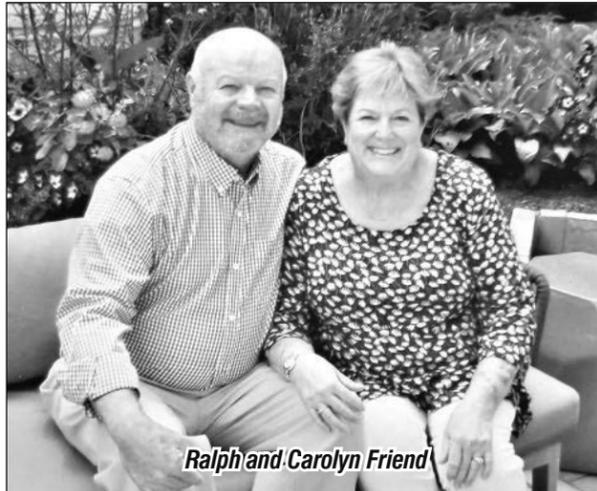
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Ralph and Carolyn Friend

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Chico State, a school that was known at one time as Chico Normal and was a teachers' college.

After college and marriage, the couple stayed in Butte County and started lifelong careers in education. Ralph began teaching at the age of twenty-two and spent four decades in education. In the beginning, he taught multiple subjects and coached both football and wrestling. He then worked in various positions including: teacher, coach, vice-principal and school superintendent in districts in Butte, El Dorado and Sacramento counties.



Ralph and Carolyn Friend

have four grandchildren.

While the Friends had three biological children, they really fancy they have a total of six children. Each of their children, while in their junior years of high school, hosted an exchange student for a year. The exchange students came from Germany, Russia, and Spain. The Friends loved the international flavor the exchange students brought to their household and they continued those relationships long past high school, even attending the wedding of the Spanish student in his native country. It brought the world to their small-town Northern California life.

Ralph and Carolyn love to travel and have been to a total of twenty-one countries and forty-nine states. They are still hoping to visit the one missing state on their list, North Dakota. They thought 2020 would be it but the travel

to the Golden Niners, a Tuesday golf club. He has been enjoying featuring older members of the Golden Niners, honoring those who have reached at least eighty-nine years of age. Ralph and Carolyn are also part of the Boomers Club.

Carolyn golfs a little bit and likes to play bocce ball. She is on the Sun City Ambassador Committee and enjoys the Home Décor group. She loves her involvement in PEO, a Philanthropic Education Organization, a group which supports women with scholarships to continue their education.

Carolyn's considerable home decorating skills are on display in their Roseville home. The day I visited, pumpkins and wheat wreaths adorned the front yard and entrance. When they purchased the house, they called it the "condiment house" since it had yellow walls, red carpet, and a white ceiling and was certainly in need of a makeover. What attracted them at first was the incredible backyard featuring lots of space and a great waterfall. They also have a view of large oaks over their back fence. When they had a Celebration of Life at their house for one of the mothers, they easily accommodated sixty people between the house and the backyard. After almost completely gutting and redoing the inside of the house, it is now a pleasant and serene place to be with earth tones of browns and greys and highlights of navy blue. One of their favorite possessions on the wall in the living room is a painting done of their yard from the house and land they owned for so many years in the Gold Country.

While the story of the Friends has a rather straight trajectory—born in the same hospital, attending the same high school, preparing for the same occupation at a shared college, living in one home for almost four decades, and celebrating fifty years of marriage, they bring an international flair and enjoyment of the world and people around them. They have learned from their travels that we are all more alike than different and one of their favorite sayings is "Those who do not travel only read one chapter of the book."



Carolyn and Ralph Friend on their wedding day — August 1970.



Ralph and Carolyn Friend — Circa 2005



Ralph and Carolyn Friend — Circa 2015

Before his retirement, he was commuting from their house in the Sierra foothills to Sacramento for several years. The commute took over an hour each way but was worth it since, as Ralph puts it, when he arrived home, with pines and oaks, it was just like being on vacation!

Carolyn taught for a total of thirty-two years before retiring. She taught all grades from first to fifth and started as a first-grade teacher. She also did some consulting and teacher training for the El Dorado County Office of Education. Her last assignment was third/fourth multi-aged classroom. Creekside School, in Georgetown, believed in multi-aged classrooms so that children could learn and progress at their own pace and Carolyn loved these classes the best. It was great to live so near

all the history of the Gold Rush because the students, especially the fourth graders, could study and visit the places nearby including Coloma State Park.

Ralph and Carolyn have three children—two sons and a daughter. They all grew up in the Garden Valley house which the Friends owned for thirty-eight years and only left when they moved to Roseville. Scott and his family live in Chico. He is an environmental planner and his wife, Kim, is a teacher. Eric works for Oracle. He and his family live in East Sacramento. He was a football All-American at UC Davis. His wife, Sierra, has a popular startup company called Maksimalife. Maksimalife's main product is a goal setting planner. Christy, Ralph and Carolyn's daughter, is in Sales/Marketing and lives in Roseville. They also

difficulties this year prevented that from happening.

They have been in Sun City for three years. Both of their mothers ended up in Roseville, one living at one time in Sun City and the other in an assisted living facility. Eventually, both were in assisted living and Ralph and Carolyn found themselves making trips almost daily from the foothills to visit so they decided to move closer. Sadly, both mothers have now passed on.

The couple is pleased with their house and their move. They believe in giving back to the community and involvement and feel that they have found many like-minded retirees in Sun City. Ralph likes to be active and loves to play bocce ball and golf. He is the Chairperson for the Sports Activity Committee and is essential

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Observations on Sports and Reading

BY MARTIN GREEN

Sports: I ended last month's "Observations" by noting the passing of Yankee great pitcher Whitey Ford, who, like myself, was a New Yorker, was a year older than me, and was in the Army at the same time, after which our paths went their separate ways. I noted that Ford's passing evoked many memories and that I might pursue these in my next "Observations". One of the things that sheltering in place during a pandemic is conducive to is doing a lot of reading of old books that have been laying around your house for a while. It so happened that I recently picked up one of these old books; it was called "Red Smith on Baseball" and looking through it evoked many, many old memories.

The book goes back to the 1940's when baseball heroes were coming back from WWII and real baseball was resuming. The first piece was about the October 1941 World Series game in which Dodger catcher Mickey Owens missed a third strike pitch from Hugh Casey to the Yankees' Tommy Henrich, enabling Henrich to get to first, after which the Yankees rallied to win the game and then the Series. I kind of remember that memorable World Series moment and I'm sure that, as an avid Yankee fan, I rejoiced, but now I feel sorry for Owens, an excellent catcher forever known for that one mistake.

There's also a piece on the 1948 playoff

game between the Cleveland Indians and the Boston Red Sox. I'm sure I was disappointed that my New York Yankees finished two games behind that year after being favored to win the pennant. In the playoff game, the Indians started a rookie, Gene Bearden, and the Red Sox relied on a journeyman, Denny Galehouse. Bearden pitched a good game; Indians player/manager shortstop, Lou Beaudreau, hit a home run and the Indians won.

There are a lot of mentions in the book of such old-time stars like Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Hank Greenberg and Stan Musial, but what most interested me were the names of players I'd completely forgotten---like the above-mentioned Gene Bearden and Denny Galehouse, and players like Howie Pollet, Bobo Newsom, Johnny Pesky, Freddy Fitzsimmons, Wally Moses and Boo Ferris. These brought back a whole different era, in baseball and also in my own life, when baseball meant a whole lot to me.

Reading: Red Smith's book wasn't the only one I found. Mary Higgins Clark was a mystery/suspense writer who turned out 57 books, all of them best-sellers. Like Whitey Ford and myself, Clark was a New Yorker (born in the Bronx) and lived a long life, passing away in January of this year at age 92. She had an interesting life that you can go to Wikipedia to read about. Here, I'll only say that she wasn't

always a rich best-selling author. She overcame many obstacles on her way to success and all in all seems to have been an admirable person.

The book I picked up is about a well-to-do woman, Molly, who comes home one night to find her husband with his head bashed in. Shortly before this she'd found out that he, a respected doctor, had an affair with a nurse and fathered a baby with her, which naturally upset her. She goes into shock, is later found covered in her husband's blood, has no memory of what happened and is sent to prison for five years for his murder. Needless to say, we know that Molly is innocent and the rest of the book is concerned with proving this while uncovering evil-doings of her husband and his fellow doctors, none of whom we'd want treating us. The book isn't exactly a classic, but is well-done and provided me with a few days of diversion from the pandemic and other sundry worries. As I've said, Higgins Clark wrote 57 books so there are a lot of them out there for you to choose from if you'd like a similar diversion.

Sports on TV: Reading about sports (and reading thrillers) is one way of making it through a long pandemic lockdown but it's possibly even better to have sports to watch on TV. After many months, sports have come back, not quite in the same way as they used to, but still they are there, even if with many of the

same horrible sportscasters. The NBA playoffs in the bubble provided some exciting games and showcased some players we might not have otherwise seen. The shortened baseball season might not have gone as smoothly, with some glitches due to the virus, but it ended with the Dodgers, said to be baseball's best team the last few years, making it official with a World Series win.

Best of all, the NFL season is back, like baseball with some glitches due to the virus, but still going ahead with a full schedule. There seem to be a lot of good young quarterbacks around and a lot of games ending with a last-second touchdown or field goal. One thing I've noticed, there's a trend to smaller running backs, if a running back only 5'8" and 200 or so pounds can be said to be small, and bigger quarterbacks who can run as well as throw. The one drawback for us San Francisco 49er fans is that injuries have so decimated our team that it's no longer the one that made it to the Super Bowl last year. We'll have to wait until next year and hope to have our players back.

As I write, the election isn't quite resolved yet so we may be forced to watch still more political stuff on television but there's a Super Bowl ahead and maybe, with a vaccine, a full baseball season to follow.

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