

Friends of the Village Newsletter

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The FOV Holiday Celebration on December 2 was enjoyed by over 80 members as well as Board members. First row, left to right: Joan Milliman, Barbara Marsh, Eleanor Chaum. Second row, left to right: Marian Dailey, Myra Norman, Mary Robertson, Lynn Hamm, Aloha Saxon.

Festivities included cocktails and appetizers followed by dinner, which was catered by Jolanda.

Jazz guitarist Gabriel Ambrosius played during the cocktail hour and dinner and then was joined by two additional musicians and a singer, providing entertainment and music for dancing.

IS YOUR FOV MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

(If you're not sure, call Myra Norman at 949-588-0758)

Dues are \$15 per year single and \$20 per year double.

A form for new members may be found at
www.friendsofthevillage.com

Please send your check to
Myra Norman, 3312 San Amadeo, Unit #C.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

JANUARY 6 6:30 P.M. - CLUBHOUSE 5
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FEBRUARY 3 6:30 P.M. - CLUBHOUSE 5

MARCH 3 6:30 P.M. - CLUBHOUSE 5

Annual Business Meeting Will be Held on January 6, 2011 at Clubhouse 5, 6:30 p.m.

Election of Officers

The January meeting of FOV will be a business/planning meeting which will include the election of officers for 2011. The nominees will be introduced and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The current slate is as follows:

- ✓ President: Maxine McIntosh
- ✓ First Vice President: Mary Robinson
- ✓ Second Vice President (Acting): Barbara Marsh
- ✓ Secretary: Joan Milliman
- ✓ Treasurer: Mike Straziuso
- ✓ Membership: Myra Norman and Eleanor Chaum

Committee Reports

The program will also include various committee chairpersons who will give short reports on 2010 and outline their goals for 2011.

Member Input

Members will be asked to suggest topics for 2011 meetings as well as give suggestions on how FOV can work toward bringing the community together for the good of the Village. Written suggestions will be accepted from those who would prefer not to speak in front of the group.

Join, Volunteer and Purchase a Tee Shirt

Tables will be available for Membership, volunteer sign-ups and tee shirt purchases

Your Input is Important!

Please plan to attend this important meeting and share your ideas for making FOV a success in 2011!



Message from the President

by Lynn Hamm

My term as President of Friends of the Village is coming to an end; therefore, this is my last "President's Message". It's not really possible to convey in words how much I admire the FOV Board and committee

members that I've worked with this year, and I'm extremely proud of what we've accomplished.

Newsletter: Our Newsletter is an excellent snapshot of Village life and concerns. In fact, retiring Globe editor Peggy Blizzard recommended to new editor Barbara Potter that she read the back editions of our Newsletter to get caught up on life in our Village.

Website: We are also extremely proud of our website. It's the go-to site for residents who want in-depth information on the current issues facing our Village. The goal of our website is to promote and maintain a positive atmosphere in our Village by providing correct information, where topics can range from messages from mutual presidents to the comparison of assessments to the Emeritus Program and even to Village humor.

General Meetings: We held many informative meetings this year. To name a few of them, our Meet-the-Candidates and Land Use meetings were very well attended. In addition, we were honored to have Jerry Storage and Rob Merritt as guest speakers.

It's been soooo much fun writing my monthly "President's Message" as I've shared my life in our Village, which I truly love. In 2011, as a United member, I'll occasionally be reporting on various United Mutual meetings.

I'm looking forward to another great year in 2011, as Maxine McIntosh has been nominated to be our 2011 president. Once I got settled here in United, I watched the United Board meetings before I started attending those meetings. Maxine was a Board member at that time. I was always impressed by how she would research an issue before speaking about it or voting. I'm grateful that my FOV family will be in such capable hands. It's been an honor and privilege to serve as president of our wonderful club.

Thank You, Lynn

Lawsuit Update: Johns Responds; Legal Costs To-Date

by Mary Robertson

This month has been a quiet month for Third Mutual's lawsuit against PCM, Janet Price and Milt Johns. Third is suing over the employee incentive plan bonuses paid to employees from 2000 through 2006.

Johns was served with notice of the lawsuit in October and has registered with the courts. He is asking that his case be joined with PCM/Price's. The judge will rule on Johns' joinder request on January 13, 2011; at the same time he will rule on PCM/Price's demurrer to have Third's second filing of elder abuse dismissed.

These pre-trial issues will be heard at the Central Justice Center, Department C-8, 700 Civic Center Dr West, Santa Ana.

At its December Board meeting, the Third directors approved transferring another \$100,000 into a special account for the lawsuit. The vote was four directors in favor and four opposed with Board President Moore breaking the tie by voting for the expenditure.

The four directors opposed to it were the newly elected directors Sy Wilkinson, Rae Tso, Denise Welch and Isabel Muennichow. Wilkinson explained that while they have asked for the documentation to justify the lawsuit, they have not received any and therefore cannot support

more expenditures. President Moore acknowledged the four had not yet had the opportunity to review their attorney's documentation and she would arrange a meeting with the attorney.

The \$100,000 voted on at the December meeting is in addition to \$100,000 they put in the account earlier this year. Funds for this special account are coming out of the Unappropriated Expenditures reserve account. As of November 17, 2010, the following payments have been made by the Third Mutual Board to Jeffrey Cohon, the attorney handling the lawsuit:

4/6/10	\$ 467.50
5/18/10	1,003.75
6/16/10	4,207.50
9/30/10	16,940.00
11/17/10	76,245.27
Total	\$98,862.02

How I Stopped Smoking

By Jan Marshall

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Many, many years ago (last century when Sir Walter Raleigh and I dated) I was a smoker.

I relinquished my habit reluctantly because of a few rotten kids who lived with me. They said it was wrong for me to yell at them when they ate junk because they'd only get cavities or lose their teeth but I would lose my life. How can you argue with such *childish* logic?

Even though I was never a heavy smoker – heavy came later - quitting was difficult. I adored smoking those long, slim, sexy brown cigarettes. It was all I could think of. I went to bed praying I'd awake to find it was healthier than jogging. (Hey, it happened to wine and chocolate!) I purposely burnt the food (okay it wasn't always on purpose) just so I could smell the smoke.

Then I ate everything - without pause. This is more than psychological. A cigarette is like the period at the end of a sentence. Without it, the sentence would ramble. Similarly, a meal without a cigarette to punctuate it continues eternally. So I became a researcher, not for me mind you, but for the rest of humanity. I learned that Baskin-Robbins truly did have 32 flavors in *all their branches*. The next detective work was never conclusive. I never learned whether M&M's melted in my hands, my mouth or my pocket since they were gone quick as a flash. I just knew I loved them. The only foods that I was partial to were those that were sweet, sour, spicy or bland, though I did learn to enjoy solidly frozen as well.

I started eating tons of mints, chewed gum and chomped on anything not moving. Eventually though, the craving subsided because it was more of a habit than an addiction for me.

So posting grotesque photos of very ill patients on a cigarette pack will not deter people, even the brilliant ones in our own Village, who certainly know the consequences but are addicted and unable to stop on their own. They need an intervention, therapy and our compassion.

Take a smoker to lunch; though if they take out a cigarette during the meal, slap them silly. Then give them a hug!

I do not want to judge anyone. Because, if they put pictures of M&M's on a cigarette package, who knows what type of person would revert to earlier times.

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FOV Seeks Your Input

What would you like to know about Laguna Woods Village?

- Ask the experts by emailing your questions to lwvfriends@gmail.com. FOV members will find the experts, get the answers and publish them in the newsletter.
- Send ideas for articles in future editions of the FOV newsletter to maryrobertson@comline.com.
- Send ideas for items of interest to be included in the FOV website to pjwcrafter@comline.com.

EXTRA, EXTRA...GET YOUR NEWSLETTER

To receive your FOV newsletter by email, please contact maryrobertson@comline.com. Those without an email address can receive the newsletter by regular mail by paying the annual \$15 dues.

Headphone Amplifiers Available

Headphone amplifiers are available in all clubhouses and at the community center.

If you have had trouble hearing the speakers at meetings, plan to arrive a little early, go to the office and request one of the amplifiers.

Be sure to have your Village ID card with you as you will be asked to leave it at the office until you return the headphone.

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A thought from Maya Angelou...

"I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights"



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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