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MENORAH LIGHTING



The Menorah will be lit and the story of Hanukkah shared at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Veterans Plaza. Rabbi Aron David Berkowitz of the Chabad of West Orange County will give the presentation, which will include musical entertainment to celebrate the Festival of Lights.

Optum will provide kosher refreshments.

All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact kathyt@lwsb.com or call 562-431-6586, ext. 398.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Vinyl Rock will entertain Dec. 17

The GRF Toys Drive Christmas Show will be held this Saturday, Dec. 17, at Clubhouse 2. Doors open at 6 p.m.; live entertainment starts at 7. All residents and their guests are invited. Admission is free, but each person must bring a new, unwrapped toy.

This year, collected toys will be donated to the Brown Descents Car Club Association. In the past, toys went to the Marines' Toys for Tots campaign but schedule changes made that impossible this year.

The Brown Descents Car Club is a 501(c)(3) charity that annually collects toys for local youth and provides scholarships to disadvantaged teens.

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LW Holiday Lights Tour

The annual Leisure World holiday lights tour aboard the GRF Minibus will be held from Dec. 19-23.

The Minibus service will conduct two tours, at 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., except Dec. 23, when there will only be a 5 p.m. tour. The tours depart from the Health Care Center.

Seating is first come, first served.

GRF Minibuses seat approximately 19 passengers.

At the conclusion of each tour, all passengers who need a ride will be taken home or to any other location inside LW.

For further information, call Grant Winford, GRF fleet manager, 562-431-6586, ext. 372.

TREE LIGHTING

The HO HO HO holidays are here



The highlight of the night was the Korean American Chorale that sang a delightful selection of Christmas carols.



Ruth Osborn, photos

The Theater Club elves handed out coffee and cookies to a festive crowd of LWers. For more photos, see pages 14 and 15.

More than 400 turn out for tree lighting

The GRF annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony drew more than 400 people, a record crowd, on Dec. 6 at Veterans Plaza. Santa was there for photos in front of the 20-foot tree that lit up the night sky as darkness fell.

Optum representatives, along with Theater Club elves served coffee and cookies, compliments of Optum at the HCC.

As is tradition, residents came through with toys, donating so many that makeshift collection barrels had to be rolled out, and several truckloads were be hauled off for later distribution to needy Orange County children.

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The Recreation Department and Optum worked together to bring a beautiful new tree to the front of the Health Care Center.

In a Christmas miracle, tree returns to Optum HCC

by Kathy Thayer
GRF recreation manager

If you think Christmas miracles went away when Santa started skipping your chimney, think again. GRF President Marsha Gerber has been inundated with requests from residents who miss seeing the Christmas tree by the Health Care Center that was relocated to Veterans Plaza several years ago. The tree was moved for valid reasons. Attendance at holiday events, the Christmas Tree Lighting in particular, have grown in recent years to the point that the HCC courtyard could not accommodate

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IN MEMORIAM

Former GRF president Bruce Smith has died

Former GRF Director Dwayne Bruce Smith of Mutual 7 died Oct. 21, 2022. He was born Dec. 15, 1933, and would have been 89 years old today. He served on the Golden Rain Foundation Board from 2009-2012 and was president from 2010-11.

In Leisure World, he was known for fostering what he called "culture change" by encouraging fellow GRF directors to seek ways to streamline GRF procedures and policies. During his tenure, he wrote several hundred memos to directors and staff in an effort to provide the best service to LW residents.

His influence is still felt in LW. He was instrumental in the renaming of North

Gate Road, which was once called Beverly Manor Drive. He cut the ribbon on the day it was officially opened.

Smith created the ad hoc committee which oversaw LW's 50th anniversary celebration in 2012. It included a daylong salute to the community, a special 50th souvenir booklet, a parade and a memorable talent show at the Amphitheater that he emceed, among other festivities.

Smith was born in Wichita, Kansas, in 1933 and moved with his family to Seal Beach in 1941 when he was 8 years old. He attended Seal Beach Elementary School at Twelfth Street and Pacific Coast Highway, which is now home to the

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Dwayne Bruce Smith



The Rollin' Thunder Golf Cart Holiday Parade meandered down most of LW's main thoroughfares Dec. 10. Residents decorated their golf carts and lined up at Clubhouse 6 to start the annual event. Pat Wells and Ordie Kim spared no effort decking out their golf cart, which featured inflatables, garland and lights galore. The parade finished at Clubhouse 6, where people ate cookies and drank hot cocoa.

Ivy Kung, photo



2023 CALENDAR

Extras available while supplies last

There is a limited supply of 2023 wall calendars produced by the LW Weekly to give away. The glossy, larger format calendar features photographs by staff and LW residents. Calendars, compliments of the GRF, were delivered to every LW home the first weekend in December. Residents may come in and pick up extras for gifts while supplies last. For more information, call 562-431-6586, ext. 392.



This person caught on a resident's camera is suspected of stealing a bike from a patio.

SBPD Theft Update

The Seal Beach Police Department is requesting the public's assistance in identifying a suspect responsible for committing thefts inside the Leisure World community. On Sunday, Dec. 4, at about 1:49 a.m., an unknown male suspect stole a bicycle from the patio of a residence located within the Leisure World community located near 13533 Seal Beach Boulevard. The suspect was captured on the resident's video surveillance system. Seal Beach Police investigators believe this suspect is also responsible for other thefts, including the theft of a golf cart, from within the Leisure World community. Based on the video surveillance, the suspect is described as in his mid to late 20s, approximately 5 feet, 9 inches, to 6 feet tall with a thin build. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Jon Ainley at 562-799-4100, ext. 1108, or jainley@sealbeachca.gov.



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INTERACT SOLUTIONS

Town halls are set for bulk cable demonstrations

Interact Solutions will host informational meetings for residents interested in learning more about bulk cable and Internet service coming to LW on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21. All meetings are in the lobby of Clubhouse 3 from 1:30-5 p.m. LW's bulk cable contract will expire Dec. 31. Interact Solutions representatives will be there to answer questions and demonstrate its product.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees can be disposed of at the 1.8-Acre site, according to the Service Maintenance Department. People who need assistance can contact the department and create an order for their tree to be picked up at the current rate of \$47.50 per hour, until Jan. 1, when it will go to \$50 an hour, billed in 15-minute increments. To place an order with Service Maintenance, call 562-431-6586, ext. 367, 369 or 515.

Holiday Deadlines

- The following are the classified and editorial deadlines for upcoming holiday issues.
- Dec. 22 (Christmas)**
 - Classified ad deadline: Fri., Dec. 16, noon
 - Editorial submissions deadline: Wed., Dec. 14, 4 p.m.
 - Dec. 29 (New Year's)**
 - Classified ad deadline: Fri., Dec. 23, noon
 - Editorial submissions deadline: Wed., Dec. 21, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 5 (Post-New Year's)**
 - Classified ad deadline: Fri., Dec. 30, noon
 - Editorial submissions deadline: Wed, Dec. 28, 4 p.m.



OCTA will soon begin constructing a bridge monument, which will have artwork placed in the center panel, on the bridge over Seal Beach Boulevard.

North Gate Road Construction Update

Construction of the sound walls along North Gate Road is now complete.

It is anticipated that crews will finish paving along the northwest wall and construct the monument for the Seal Beach Boulevard bridge this month.

Additionally, crews concluded drilling operations for the foundation of a freeway sign near the southbound I-405 loop off-ramp to Seal Beach Boulevard.

Drilling began Dec. 8 and only took a couple of days.

Lastly, crews will begin installation of water meter, drainage ditch, and electrical services in early-to-mid 2023. It is anticipated that this work will take place behind the current work zone.

Sign up for project-wide and bridge-specific construction alerts at bit.ly/405-signup.

This work may be loud. The schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen operational issues.

LW Live

Sign up for the GRF’s one-way, real time community notification system at www.lwsb.com and click the “LW Live” icon to the right.

HANDS UNITED IN GIVING Group to disband at end of month

by Susan Hopewell
LW contributor

After 16 years of service to local communities, Hearts and Hands United in Giving (HHUG) is dissolving at the end of December.

HHUG wishes to thank the LW community for donations of new and used towels and a variety of personal hygiene items.

For 16 years, you have answered the call for donations, and it has resulted in large deliveries twice a month to the Long Beach Multi-Service Center to assist their homeless clients.

The LW community support has been extraordinarily generous. You have made a lasting impact on the lives of so many.

Although HHUG is dissolving, I will continue to collect items for the homeless and for at-risk students.

I hope you will continue to donate even though donations will no longer be tax deductible. Items needed are new or clean used towels, new, unopened travel and normal size shampoo, soap, lotion, disposable razors, adult diapers, women’s hygiene products.

The only clothing accepted are new socks and new underwear for men and women. To donate any of these items,

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The group took inspiration from the car clubs that have been a local tradition hailing back to the ‘70s and served as a way for minority communities to socialize. Their car club events have been offering the same sense of community for more than eight years.

GRF has also been donating leftover toys annually that were not picked up by the Marines to the Brown Descents.

Vinyl Rock is an Orange County-based band consisting of nine members who passionately perform classic rock, Motown, and pop tunes primarily from the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s.

The band keeps the audience engaged via sing-alongs and mingling with them on the dance floor. The band will have everyone singing, swinging and swaying to the songs they grew up listening to and easily recognize, with some holiday tunes added to the mix.

Vinyl Rock is sponsored by Cabaret Entertainers and has monthly gigs in Clubhouse 1 under the GRF Weekend Dances.

The festivities will include complimentary cookies and hot beverages provided by OptumCare along with some giveaways for the kids-at-heart. Santa and his elves will be on hand to collect the loot for the kids.

Remember to drop off your unwrapped toys at the Security Main Gate, North Gate, St. Andrews Gate, the Security Satellite Office in Building 5 in the boxes provided, or just bring them with you to the show.



In addition to the toy drive Dec. 17, residents may drop off toys at the entrance gates.

—Kathy Thayer, recreation manager



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PERSPECTIVES

Letters to the Editor

Editor:
What is risk management? Risk management is the identification, evaluation and prioritization of risks and any impacts of negative events or opportunities.
There are two different bulk cable contracts for TV providers offered to the Mutuels. When the board approves a contract, it reviews all the risks of signing a contract. These risks can be financial, compliance, legality, a breach, etc.
Ask your directors what factors they used when they decided to approve one of these contracts. You elected the directors to do their fiduciary duty and so rely on the confidence that the board's decision to sign with one of these bulk cable TV providers was the right one for its Mutual.

Beth Mayer
Mutual 9 president

Editor:
About a year ago, there was an article in the LW Weekly letting the residents know about modifications pending to the signal lights that would include U-Turn lanes at Golden West and St. Andrews.
I had also written a letter to the editor around that same time expressing my concern about the safety of the residents because it is a dangerous intersection for many reasons.
I'm not completely comfortable about the adaptation to the new lights by the drivers especially, but I would like an update as to when the change can be expected. I seriously worry about the pedestrians and drivers.

Lisa Benedict
Mutual 2

Editor:
Many letters to the editor complain about this or that. This is not one of those.
Thanks to Recreation Manager Kathy Thayer for advice about writing and helping to facilitate the Prostate Forum of OC article published in the Dec. 8 edition of the LW Weekly, and to Managing Editor Ruth Osborn for her courtesy, quick response and professional editing.
Well done!

Ira Kaget
Board Member, Prostate Forum of Orange County
Mutual 15

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contact Susan Hopewell at 562-430-6044 or Linda Neer at 562-430-3214 for pick up.
You may also leave donations on Hopewell's patio in Mutual 6, 62-A, or Neer's patio Mutual 2, 48-A.
Donations will be delivered to the Long Beach Beach Multi-Service Center, which provides a variety of services to homeless individuals and families, including shower services, or to Gardena High School, which provides a variety of services to at-risk students.

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GRF Visitor Access Procedure

In an effort to provide a secure community while allowing timely access to authorized visitors, the following procedures regarding visitor access shall apply:
Resident/Authorized Person Call-In
An *authorized* resident/person can call the Security Main Gate Office at 562-594-4754 to call in a visitor to the community.
People authorized to call in visitors:
• Owner.
• Co-occupant, non-owner, no stock.
• Qualified permanent resident.
• Authorized renter.

• Power of attorney (*if the resident is not deceased*).
• Executor (*only if the unit is in "estate" status*).
• Trustee (*only if the unit is in "estate" status*).
People who are not authorized to call in visitors:
• Non-resident co-owner.
• Outgoing, in escrow.
• Former renter.
• All caregivers, including part-time, full-time and live-in family caregivers.
• In escrow.
• Power of attorney (*if the resident is deceased*).
• Immediate family.
When the authorized person notifies Security, he or she will provide the Security officer with

the following information:
• First and last name.
• Mutual and unit number.
• Name of the visitor.
The security officer will enter this information into the visitor access system. When the visitor arrives at the gate, a Security officer will:
• Obtain the name of the visitor.
• Obtain the name of the resident they are visiting.
• Record the visitor's vehicle license number in the iPad.
• Print out the pass and give the pass to the visitor.
If there is an issue with the issuing of the pass, the visitor will park and go to the Security Office for further assistance.

CAP FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food pick up is toady; process has changed

Free food is available in Leisure World to eligible residents who are 60 years or older through Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC), which has a monthly distribution site by Clubhouse 4. The next food distribution will be Dec. 15.
The pick-up process has changed. Rather than driving up to the food truck, people should park, check in and retrieve their box of food from the Art Room in Clubhouse 4.
Every third Thursday from 9-11 a.m., qualified people receive 32 pounds of food, including cereal, juice, peanut butter, milk, canned vegetables, fruit, soup and cheese.
Qualified residents will receive their food the same day.
Eligible seniors must live in Leisure World, be at least 60 years of age and meet income guidelines as follows: up to \$1,473 a month for one person; \$1,984 for a two-person household; and \$2,495 for a three-person household.

To sign up, bring a photo ID and proof of income (Social Security/SSI statement, letter or bank statement or paycheck stub). People who are unable to pick up the food may send a

proxy to act on their behalf with appropriate ID. For more information, contact Roberta Arshat in GRF Member Resources at 562-431-6586, ext. 317, or robertaa@lwsb.com.

Setting It Straight

LWer Carol Lawlor photographed the pier at night shot featured on the February page in the 2023 GRF calendar. The shot was incorrectly attributed to LW Weekly staff.



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GOVERNMENT

Presidents' Council Recap for Dec. 1 Meeting

Clubhouse 4
ZoomVideo – Virtual

The regular monthly meeting of the Presidents' Council of Leisure World Seal Beach was convened at 9 a.m. by President Jeri Dolch on Dec. 1 in Clubhouse 4 and via Zoom tele-video conference.

The following is a recap: Presidents' Council meeting minutes of Nov. 3 were approved by the council to stand

as written.

Member Resources Liaison Robann Arshat presented and discussed Flyer 988, Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline. People who are hearing impaired can also dial 711 and then 988 for the Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline on their touch tone phones. Veterans are welcome to call the Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline as well.

GRF President Marsha Ger-

ber provided an update on the upcoming holiday dinner and announced that roundtable meetings will be held every other month starting in January.

Facilities Director Mark Weaver provided updates on water conservation and Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Turf Removal inspections will begin on Dec. 6 for those mutuals that signed up for the turf removal program. Physical Property

Manager Kevin Black provided an update on street repaving in the community.

Mutual Administration Director Jodi Hopkins presented the Mutual Administration monthly reports.

President Dolch adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Next Council meeting: **Thursday, Jan. 5, at 9 a.m. at Clubhouse 4, Zoom tele-video conference and YouTube LIVE.**

Holiday Carport Cleaning

Due to the Christmas holiday the carport that would have been cleaned on Monday, Dec. 26 will be moved to Thursday, Dec. 29.

In the morning:
Mutual 10: Carports 117-12

In the afternoon:
Mutual 10: Carports 123 and 124

GRF Meetings

Golden Rain Foundation committee and board meetings are open to Leisure World residents. The following is a tentative schedule.

Mon., Dec. 19	Finance Committee Conf. Rm A/virtual 10 a.m.
Tues., Dec. 20	Website Redesign Ad Hoc Committee Conf. Rm A/virtual 1 p.m.

A quorum or more of the directors may be present, only to listen and observe, and no formal board action will be taken at committee meetings. Attendees will be provided an opportunity to address the committee.

Mutual Meetings

Mutual residents are invited to attend the open meetings of their mutual boards. The following is a tentative schedule.

Thurs., Dec. 15	Mutual 17 * Conf. Rm A/Zoom 9 a.m.
Thurs., Dec. 15	Mutual 11 Conf. Rm B/Zoo 1:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 19	Mutual 15 Conf. Rm A/Zoom 1 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 20	Mutual 14 Conf. Rm B/Zoom 1 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 21	Mutual 7 Conf. Rm A/Zoom 1 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 28	Mutual 10 Conf. Rm A/Zoom 9 a.m.
Thurs., Dec. 29	Mutual 8 (open forum 9:15 a.m.) Conf. Rm A/Zoom 9:30 a.m.

*Meeting rescheduled due to holiday.

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DINNER				
Chicken Marsala Mashed Potatoes	Fish Stew w/Leek, Fennel & Tarragon	Shrimp & Salmon Kebab Grilled Zucchini	Baked Spinach Ravioli Garlic, Onion & Rosemary	Filet Mignon Bearnaise Sauce
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84 Makes a request

85 Like dessert wines

86 Fur-protesting gp.

87 Irritate

88 Sportscaster Linda

90 Sincere attempts

93 Dalmatians, e.g.

94 Be in charge of

95 Old Apple app for pics

96 Woods

97 Player who doesn't mind making bloopers?

98 Church leader

99 Brief meeting?

104 Singers below mezzo-sopranos

105 "Money": Spanish TV drama

108 Fall birthstone

109 Fey of "Mean Girls"

112 Bluish hue

113 Copy cats?

114 Spots

116 Once named

118 Blonde

119 Recycling

120 Govt. fiscal monitor

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9 To 5 By Harley Schwadron



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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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PAYSPN

KENUBR

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

I am a singer and songwriter born in Pennsylvania on December 13, 1989. I began performing in musical theater as a child and moved to Nashville at age 14. I became the youngest artist to write and record a #1 hit on the U.S. charts.

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Puzzles & Comics

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Boggle®
Brain Busters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

L	Y	N	E	S
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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare what finds, crossing out common words.

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- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

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We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST SEVEN FLOWERS in the grid of letters.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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ALERT
BLINDSPOT
CAMERA
COURTESY
DEBRIS
DISTRACTION
DRIVE
HAZARD
LAW
MERGE
PATROL
REDUCED
REGULATION
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COMMUNITY



The Sunshine Club's Christmas party in 2019.

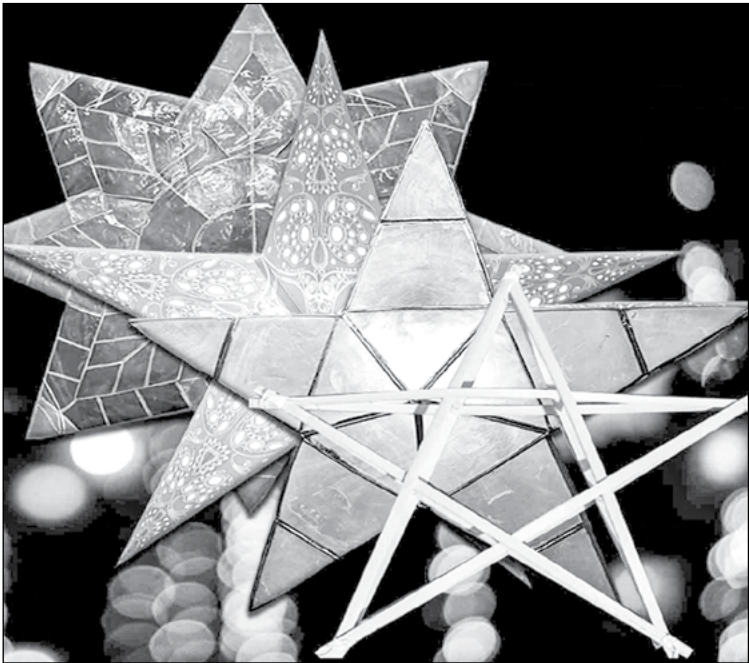
SUNSHINE CLUB

Club will take short break after holiday party

The Sunshine Club will host a holiday party this Friday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 2. The club will also celebrate its anniversary during the party. The party is for those who have RSVPed and includes a catered Korean buffet-style lunch from the restaurant Water Mills and Rice Cake in Buena Park. People are welcome to bring dessert to share. This is the club's first Christmas party since the pandemic and members responded quickly to the invitation. Due to the staff shortage at the restaurant, only 50 members can attend the gathering. The party will start with a brief catch-up of community affairs with a time for questions and answers. Sunshine

Club members will then enjoy a social hour over marinated teriyaki beef, mixed tempura, glass noodles called japchae, vegetables chop suey, brown rice and kimchi included in the catered buffet. It is the Sunshine Club's tradition to take a holiday group photo for souvenirs before the party is over. The Sunshine Club invited the Hui O Hula dancers to perform at the party to enhance the holiday spirit. Over the past year the Sunshine Club also invited many community leaders and administrative supervisors to its weekly meeting. Each guest speaker provided an opportunity for residents to learn beneficial information about living in a senior community and what resources are available to them. The Sunshine Club will

take a holiday break following the party. It will meet again on Jan. 6, without a guest speaker. The meeting will serve as a way for club members to catch up after the three week break. The first official meeting of the new year will be held on Jan. 13 with GRF Security Services Director Victor Rocha. The Sunshine Club began on Jan. 12, 2012, with the mission to "Build Bridges for a Brighter Leisure World", and to help all residents in the community get along and to get the best out of living in Leisure World by learning how to use available information. For more information about the club and its activities, contact Anna Derby at 562-301-5339.



Parols, or lanterns, are made to resemble the star that guided the Three Wise Men to the birthplace of the baby Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. The parol is the iconic symbol of the Filipino Christmas.

FALW

Simbang Gabi celebration will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 21

The Filipino Association of Leisure World (FALW) is preparing for its annual Simbang Gabi celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 21, in Clubhouse 2 at 5 p.m. Simbang Gabi is a devotional nine Masses that take place at dawn. Simbang Gabi is celebrated in the Christian population of the Philippines, most notably by the Roman Catholics and the Aglipayans. Father Juan Caboboy, pastor emeritus of the Holy Family Catholic Church of Leisure World, will officiate the Mass. He has been instrumental in the way to celebrate the coming of the "Prince of Peace" and honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. The biggest religious holiday in the Philippine Archipelago is Christmas. It starts on Dec. 16 and continues until the Feast of Epiphany on Jan. 6. For Filipinos around the world, this celebration brings them together to reminisce about the good times they had with their families back home. After the Holy Mass, there will be a short entertainment and followed by a traditional simple dinner for all to enjoy and dancing and karaoke to end the night. All are welcome to attend. — Ren Villanueva

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY AND POST 327

Christmas party will be held Dec. 19

Since the American Legion Auxiliary's inception in 1919, members and nonmember volunteers have been tirelessly carrying out the Auxiliary's commitment as a patriotic service organization. Its mission is to advocate for, help, and honor the United States military, veterans and their families, and support the American Legion. The American Legion Auxiliary Post Unit 327's annual holiday celebration is on Monday, Dec. 19, at 12:30 p.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 1. People are asked to bring a favorite dish to share. Monetary donations will also be accepted to cover costs of foods the Auxiliary will provide. For more information, call Rose Sprague at 714-742-8362. The Auxiliary's bingo games will be cancelled for the next two weeks on Dec. 25 and Jan 1 due to the holidays. It will resume on Jan. 8.

RV CLUB

Holiday party will be held Dec. 20

The Leisure World RV Club's holiday meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, in Clubhouse 3, Room 1, at 5 p.m. The dinner will be a holiday potluck. The club will provide turkey and ham plus beverages. Members are asked to bring a side dish such as a salad, hot or cold side or dessert. The club will collect the \$10 per RV space membership dues for 2023. The club encourages those who have a boat or RV in the lot and are not members of the club to come to the meeting. Topics of discussion include future camping trips and future meetings. Club officers are President Bob Croft, Vice President Bob Konier, Treasurer Rodney Schaerer and Secretary Dawn Hansen. For more information, email LWRVCLUB@yahoo.com.



Midge Bash

Imha Park of Mutual 14 (standing, left) hosted family from Hawaii at the Hospitality Center. He is with Young Hyun Park (standing, right) and Hong Yul Huh of Mutual 10 (l-r, seated), Kwi Bin Park, Young Jim King and Chon Hee Han. The Hospitality Center in Clubhouse 6 is open weekdays from 9-11 a.m. and is a friendly place for coffee and conversation. All are welcome. The Hospitality Room will also be open on Christmas from 9-11 a.m.

Democratic Club

by Mary Larson
LW contributor

The results for the 2022 General Election in Orange County were certified by the Registrar of Voters on Dec. 2.

These results show that the majority of Orange County residents prefer to vote by mail or drop-box. Of the 994,227 ballots cast and counted, 83.5% were cast using mail-in or drop-box ballots. Only 16.5% were in-person ballots cast at one of 181 Vote Centers throughout the county. Voter turnout in the county as a whole was a disappointingly low 54.7% of registered voters.

Results are not yet available as to how Leisure World voted as a whole. However, 4,301 ballots were sent to LW registered voters living west of St. Andrews Drive. These residents constitute the entire potential voting pool for SB City Council's Fifth District.

In the November election, only 2,907 of these 4,301 eligible voters west of St. Andrews voted for four candidates they wanted to represent them on the Seal Beach City Council for the next four years. The remaining 1,394 eligible voters in this district did not vote in this race.

This city council race was officially non-partisan. However, it was soon clear that three of the four candidates were Democrats, and one was a Republican. The total vote for the three Democrats was greater than the number cast for the lone Republican (55.01% to 44.99%).

With no one candidate receiving 50%+1 of the total vote in this City Council District 5 election, the two top vote getters will now face each other in a Jan. 31 run-off election.

The SBLW Democratic Club has joined in endorsing Mariann Klinger in the upcoming run-off. She has served on the Seal Beach City Planning Commission for seven years and has also worked in Leisure World Security for many years.

Anyone who is interested in helping the LW Democratic Club's effort to support Klinger's election should contact sblwdemocratic-club@gmail.com or call 562-596-0450.

There will also be a run-off in SB City Council District 3, which is located outside of Leisure World. In that race, Stephanie Wade has been endorsed by the Democratic Party of Orange County.

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Democrats and supporters are reminded that there will be no club meeting in December. The next club meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Klinger is scheduled to be the featured speaker.

Several of the LW Democratic Club meetings in 2023 will be devoted to dealing with issues of importance to Democrats. Club members are invited to let the program committee know what issues are important to them by calling 714-658-6111 or 562-296-8521.

For in-depth reporting on issues, Democrats and supporters can subscribe to the club's free electronic newsletter. People can sign up by calling 562-296-8521 or emailing democraticclubsblw@gmail.com. People are asked to include their full name, address, phone number and party affiliation when signing up.



The American Legion Auxiliary is collecting toys and gift cards to be distributed to the military families living at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. Pictured is President Carolyn van Aalst (left), Denese Anderson (right) and Layla Madi, Naval Weapons Station housing manager. The American Legion Auxiliary meets every third Monday in Clubhouse 3, Room 1, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

LW Birthday



Elizabeth Pevsner (second to right) from Mutual 15 will celebrate her 95th birthday on Saturday, Dec. 17. She is pictured with her daughter, Linda King (r), grand daughter and great-grandchildren.

Celebrating a birthday, anniversary or retirement?

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Thursday, Dec. 15

- 4 pm Korean Community Church Chorale/LW Orchestra
- 4:40 pm Cowboy Silent Movie
- 4:47 pm LW Christmas
- 5 pm Wonderelles' First Set
- 6 pm Life and Times in SB: The Lawhead Brothers
- 7 pm America's Oldest City
- 7:30 pm Rob Roy Christmas Harmonica
- 8 pm McGaugh Go West 2022
- 9 pm SB City Limits: Richard Hastings
- 10 pm Americana Show Songs
- 10:50 pm Magic Red Hats

Friday, Dec. 16

- 4 pm Korean Nights
- 5 pm Napa Wine Train
- 5:30 pm Head Master or Aliens Walk Among Us
- 6 pm ChristmasStoriesEntertainment
- 6:30 pm Society Babe Red Hats
- 6:45 pm Magic Red Hats
- 7 pm McGaugh Pageant of the Arts
- 8 pm Studio Cafe
- 8:30 pm LW Tribute Concert 2022: Stone Soul Motown
- 10:10 pm Neil Diamond Tribute
- 11:40 pm Savannah Holidays
- 11:50 pm Canadian Rockies

Saturday, Dec. 17

- 4 pm Mystery at the Theater
- 4:30pm The Bug Guy
- 5 pm Jazz Holiday Concert with Hank Barto
- 6:16 pm Woodshop Soft Opening
- 6:30 pm Studio Cafe
- 7 pm McGaugh Pageant of the Arts
- 8 pm LAUSD

Sunday, Dec. 18

- 4 pm 2022 FALW Luau
- 5 pm Wonderelles Second Set
- 6 pm Bombs Away
- 7 pm McGaugh Goes West 2022
- 7:30 pm Emergency Prep Expo 2022
- 7:40 pm Canadian Rockies
- 8 pm Bob Cole Conservancy
- 9 pm LW Tribute Concert 2022: Rod Stewart
- 10:35 pm Korean Nights
- 11:50 pm Napa Wine Train

Monday, Dec. 19

- 4 pm Jazz Holiday Concert with Hank Barto
- 5:20 pm May Day Hawaiian Party
- 6:20 pm Magic Red Hats
- 6:30 pm Studio Cafe
- 7 pm Seal Beach Planning Commission: LIVE
- 8 pm Seal Beach City Limits: Richard Hastings
- 9 pm TLR Experience: the Eagles Tribute
- 10:50 pm Duck Pond Reunion
- 11:30 pm The Bug Guy

Tuesday, Dec. 20

- 4 pm Rob Roy Christmas Harmonica
- 4:30 pm Society Babes Red Hats
- 5 pm LW Tribute Concert 2022: Hail to the King
- 7 pm Neil Diamond Tribute
- 8:30 pm LW Tribute Concert 2022: Stone Soul Motown
- 10 pm Ronstadt Revival
- 11:40 pm LW Christmas
- 11:45 pm The Cowboy Silent Movie

Wednesday, Dec. 21

- 4 pm Life and Times in SB: Lawhead Brothers
- 5 pm LW FALW Picnic 2022
- 6 pm LW Tribute Concert 2022: Live and Let Die, Paul McCartney
- 7:40 pm The Velvetones
- 8:30 pm McGaugh Go West
- 9 pm LW Tribute Concert 2022: Stone Soul Motown
- 10:10 pm Rod Stewart Tribute Band
- 11:40 pm Kennedy Space Center



Minhtam (Tammy) Do (l-r), Maria Bogart, Joyce Payne and Ann Frambach enjoy Christmas coffee in the hospitality room in 2018.

Hospitality Room will be open on Dec. 25

Leisure World residents who are looking for something to do on Christmas morning can stop by the Hospitality Room in Clubhouse 6 and have a cup coffee, Christmas treats and en-

joy holiday music with friends, neighbors and the Golden Age Foundation's hospitality team. The Hospitality Room will be open Sunday, Dec. 25 in Clubhouse 6 from 9-11 a.m. This is a

great opportunity to get together and discuss who's been naughty and whose been nice this year. People can call Carl Kennedy for more information at 661-810-9410.



Crosses are available for free

LW resident David Harlow is offering free God Bless America crosses to LW residents. Donations, which are used to buy materials, are appreciated but not required.

To order a cross, call Harlow at 562-335-0779 and leave a message that includes your name and phone number.

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How to turn on closed captions

As people age and their hearing begins to change or diminish, watching TV can become more difficult without turning the volume to its loudest setting, which then disturbs neighbors. Satellite television, streaming services and more offer closed captions and subtitles to make watching television easier.

Spectrum: Press the Menu button on the remote control, then scroll to "Settings & Support" and press OK/Select. Next, click on the Accessibility tab. Choose between Closed Captioning or Descriptive Video Service to turn captions on.

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French Club

A French Club has started in Leisure World. The club's goal is to gather all residents who share a common interest in the French language and culture. Those who want to get involved or learn more information can contact An Truong at andtruong22@gmail.com or 714-932-1244.

OBITUARIES

James Leo Duncan
1941-2022



James "Jim" Leo Duncan, AKA "Papa," went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, surrounded by his family in his home in Seal Beach. Jim was born on Jan. 25, 1941, to James Arthur Duncan and Bessie Lee Bewley Duncan and was the younger brother of Bob and Oleta.

He is survived by his wife, Janis Elaine Ledbetter; his six daughters: Kristin, Staci, Jamie, Laura, Julianne, Elizabeth; his five sons-in-law: Matt, Mark, Chris, Vic, Brett; and his 13 grandchildren: Chace, Jayla, Michael, Naomi, Simone, Gabriel, Gianna, Elle, Leo, Lila, Theo, Mavis and Celma. Jim was very proud of his large, loving family.

Jim Duncan was the broker of the Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, formerly Prudential, real estate office for the past 15 years. He touched so many people's lives throughout the years. Not only did his agents all adore him, people would stop in the office just to

talk to him. He was a very warm, kind person so people just liked being around him.

Jim was known by all to be a moral, honest man with uncompromising values. He had an unparalleled sense of humor, loved the spotlight and was often appointed to be the master of ceremonies at community events.

Jim loved the Lord and faithfully attended Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Los Alamitos. We have peace knowing he was welcomed into Heaven hearing the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." A celebration of life service will be planned for early January.

—Paid Obituary

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The obituaries deadline is Monday at 1 p.m., prior to the desired Thursday publication date.

Obituaries that are received later than Monday will go in the following week's issue.

Email obituary notices to laurieb@lwsb.com with photos attached as jpg files.

The first 250 words, plus one picture, are free to publish in the newspaper; each additional word is 25 cents.

For more information, call 562-430-0534, ext. 801, or email laurieb@lwsb.com.

RELIGION

Community Church

Knowing that Christmas is not always a joyful time, Community Church is offering a “Blue Christmas” service that includes special music on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. The service is open to anyone who is feeling the sting of loss or loneliness over the holiday season.

The Meditation Garden and Prayer Chapel on the property are open at all times to anyone seeking a peaceful place of reflection and meditation.

Community Church continues to unpack and unravel some of the traditions around Christmas this week. On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9:50 a.m., the church will look at two passages from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. In these passages, divine words are shared with Mary and Joseph that answer the question that is often sung about at this time: “Mary, did you know?” And the answer is yes, Mary knew.

The word Gospel means “good news,” and Community Church’s mission is to spread the good news, both in person and online.

When believers is to learn to accept and embrace God’s love for each person as they are, they are released from hidden burdens and can share that love with others.

As a faith community in Leisure World, Community Church continues to celebrate



Community Church’s Mediation Garden, which includes a tranquil fountain surrounded by plants, is open to all residents

its 60-year history and the legacies of those who founded and grew the church. While the future remains a mystery, the members of Community Church are dedicated to celebrating each day that is given to them. All are welcome to join the church.

Entrances to the church may be found both at the front of the church and by the pedestrian gate near the shopping center.

The church no longer requires proof of vaccination in the sanctuary, however it asks people to wear masks during the Christmas season.

Community Church also offers virtual worship on Zoom and Facebook for those who

cannot attend in person.

Those who want more information about Community Church or are in need without another way to address it may call the church office at 562-431-2503. The call will be returned as soon as possible.

Congregation Sholom

Congregation Sholom will hold services via Zoom with Rabbi Eric Dangott on Friday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Dangott will also lead hybrid services on Saturday, Dec. 17, in Clubhouse 3, Room 9, and via Zoom at 10 a.m. To receive a Zoom invitation, contact Jeff Sacks at 714-642-0122.

Saturday’s Torah portion will be Vayeshev from the book of Genesis. Vayeshev (He Settled) begins the story of Joseph, describing his rivalry with his brothers, slavery in Egypt, and imprisonment after his master’s wife frames him in response to Joseph’s refusal of her advances. It also contains the story of Tamar, her husbands, and her father-in-law, Judah.

Join Congregation Sholom on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Veterans Plaza for its annual Hanukkah celebration and menorah lighting. Refreshments will include Krispy Kreme doughnuts and hot apple cider.

Congregation Sholom’s book club will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 21, via Zoom at 7 p.m. The group is currently reading and discussing the book “Conversations with my Father.”

Congregation Sholom has served Leisure World since 1962. It offers a traditional Jewish service in person and online. Those who want to become a member of Congregation Sholom should call Howard Brass at 714-396-0121 for a membership packet.

Buddha Circle

Buddha Circle will meet on Saturday, Jan. 7, in Clubhouse 3, Room 1, from 9:30-11 a.m. with Ven. Kusala, who presents Buddhism in a simple way.

Donations are welcome and will support Kusala in his teachings. For more information, go to www.urbandharma.org or call 714-468-6887.

LW Baptist

The angels’ story is a testimony to Christmas, to God becoming man, and the theme of this week’s worship service at LW Baptist on Sunday, Dec. 18, in Clubhouse 4 at 10 a.m.

While LW Baptist worships God in LW, the angels worship simultaneously in heaven. But the Bible says that angels came to Earth at the time of the incarnation about 2,000 years ago, when Jesus came into the world. Scripture says, “The things told you by those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven are things even angels long to look into.” That is why LW Baptist sings, “Jesus, Name above All Names” and “That Beautiful Name.”

The Men’s Fellowship group continues the study of Israel’s war-hero, Jephthah with focus on the issue that believers cannot bargain with God, but must come to him on his terms. The group will meet on Monday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 562-430-8598.



Pastor Rolland Coburn

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Meetings for the Atherton Ward are held at 6500 E. Atherton St., Long Beach. Sacrament service is held every Sunday at 9 a.m. This is followed in the second hour by Sunday School on the first and third Sundays. Relief Society and Elders Quorum meetings are on the second and fourth Sundays. Primary classes for children are held every Sunday during the second hour.

Members who are unable to attend Sacrament services in person can request a link from Bishop Mike Gravley at 562-212-8681.

The study for the week of Dec. 19-25 is a review. During this Christmas season, believers are asked to consider how the Old Testament has strengthened their testimony of Jesus Christ throughout the year.



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First Christian Church

The excitement of the Christmas season is evident at First Christian Church including the beautiful decorations, the beloved Christmas carols, and the anticipation of the birthday celebration of the Lord. Anyone who wants to experience the joy of the season is welcome to join in the celebration.

Message From the Pastor

This week's message centers on self-imposed consequences people encounter because of their refusal to confess, repent, and ask the Lord for his forgiveness of their sins. In 2 Peter 2:9 it says, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

The story of Cain and Abel in Genesis Chapter 4 reveals a grievous sin, a lie and a punishment.

Abel kept the flocks and Cain worked the soil. In time, Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering: fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.

The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but not on Cain and his offering. Previously, God had told Cain if he would did well, his sacrifice would be accepted.

Cain was very angry and downcast. Cain turned his anger towards his brother Abel and killed him—the first murder. God called out to Cain saying, "Where is your brother?"

Cain with a sarcastic lie

responds "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

God asks Cain, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground.

"When you work the ground, it will no longer yield crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Upon Cain's recognition that this punishment means God's face will be hidden from him he says to the Lord, "My punishment is more than I can bear." Then Cain went out from the Lord's presence, unrepentant, and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Weekend Services

Traditional Sunday services are from 9:30-10:45 a.m., with hymnal music led by Janet Ray and Pat Kogak at the piano.

This week, Janet Ray will sing "O' Holy Night" as a solo performance.

Saturday services, from 9:30-10:45 a.m., are more contemporary with Gregory Black leading worship with guitar accompaniment. Saturday service time is 9:30-10:45.

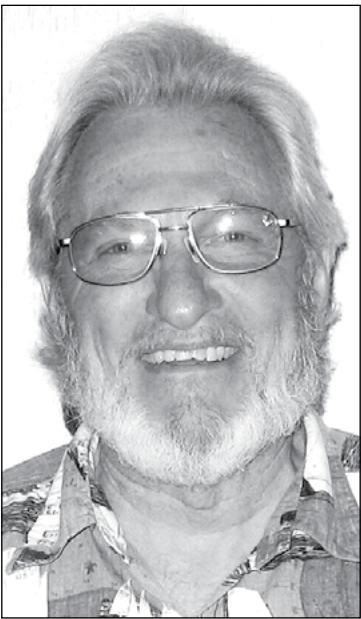
Midweek Studies

Melli Herrera leads the new women's Bible study on Mondays from 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Pastor Gary Whitlach leads the Bible study held on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday's Bible study, led by Elder Jack Frost, is held from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Pastor Bruce Humes leads Friday's prayer and Bible study



Pastor Bruce Humes

from 6-7 p.m.

All residents are welcome to attend any of the above services and Bible studies.

Scripture of the Week

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased'" Matthew 3:16.

Contact

First Christian Church is located on Northwood Road behind Carport 125.

To learn more information about the church and its services, call the office line at 562-431-8810. The call will be returned at the earliest opportunity.



Redeemer Lutheran's Nativity scene on display.

Redeemer Lutheran

"Love Comes Down and Dwells Amongst Us" is the theme for Redeemer Lutheran Church's worship service on the final Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18. As believers prepare for celebration of the birth of the Messiah at Christmas, Redeemer Lutheran prays: "God of the covenant, you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your hope, peace, joy and love in every circumstance of life."

Residents are invited to reflect, join the celebration and share Scripture and Communion of the great thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary at 13564 St. Andrews Drive, across from the Administration building where ample parking is provided. The ushers will greet people at the door and the organist and choir will lift spirits in hymns of praise.

As part of its ongoing service to the community, Redeemer Lutheran asks members and residents to bring a few cans of non-perishable food items to distribute to neighbors in need.

For more information about the service or the work of the church, call 562-598-8697.

Faith Christian Assembly

The account of the incarnation contains countless references to light. In fact, Jesus' life was a light for all people to see (John 1:4). It still is. Even in the Old Testament Jesus was referred to as the light: "Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1).

However, there has always been a problem with mankind as seen in John 3:19: "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

If people truly follow Jesus they have a responsibility to not walk in darkness (John 8:12), but also to desire to be the light of Jesus: the true light. Believers must allow the light of Jesus to shine through their lives in a greater measure this Christmas and in 2023.

There is a dark world that is in desperate need of Jesus. But that darkness will never be able to overcome the light of Jesus (John 1:5). Believers should ask, "What can I do today to shine the light of Christ?"

Faith Christian Assembly's Sunday service times are 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., with the pre-service prayer at beginning at 5. The weekly Bible study is in the main sanctuary every Wednesday at 11 a.m.

To receive a copy of the church's free monthly newsletter or to receive more information, contact the office at 562-598-9010 during business hours Tuesday through Friday or email contact@fcachurch.net. The church is located at 13820 Seal Beach Blvd. People can also visit the church website at www.FCACHurch.net.

Assembly of God

Service/Gathering Times:

Sunday morning at 10:30 in Clubhouse 3, Room 2; Wednesday morning Bible study at 10 in Clubhouse 3, Room 2. The Hymn Sing is this Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Clubhouse 3 Lobby.

Sermon for this week:

Grandparents, great aunts and uncles, and other elder family members are often the best models of demonstrating unconditional love when it comes to gift-giving. Even if little Bubba or Susie-Q have earned their way to the "Naughty List," these dear family members will make sure that there are special things under the Christmas tree and special treats to enjoy even if the child's behavior or attitude has been less than desirable or they haven't pursued a relationship with the elder family member.

Christmas is a good time to ponder the question why God chose to give the perfect gift—his son Jesus—to all people of the earth, those who recognize and acknowledge the wonderful gift, and even those who do not. Why would God do that?

Pastor Chuck Franco will bring his sermon, "Because God Loved Us," from Romans 8:31-39, on Sunday, Dec. 18. It is because of God's extravagant love that Jesus came to earth



Chuck and Sheryl Franco

that holy night. Discover the gift of God's love with other friends and family members this Christmas. Later at 6 p.m. people can enjoy traditional Christmas music and fellowship at the Christmas-themed hymn sing.

Bible Study: The study in Titus was the last study for this year. The Bible study will be on break for the holidays from Dec. 21-28 and resume Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Contact: More information about the church can be found

at www.lwassemblyofgod.com.

Those who would like prayer, personal contact from a pastor or a DVD of the Sunday morning sermon can contact pastors Chuck and Sheryl Franco by calling 562-357-4360 or emailing pastorchuck@lwassemblyofgod.com. Carolyn van Aalst is also available to receive prayer requests at 562-343-8424.

Pastor Chuck's sermons can be accessed on the Faithlife app under "Leisure World Assembly of God," where people can also give online.

Holy Family Catholic Church

Holy Family Catholic Church's Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 24: Youth Choir Concert at 3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon Adult Choir Concert at 9:30 a.m.

Confessions are every Saturday except Dec. 24 at 9 a.m., plus Monday, Dec. 19, and Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 9 a.m.

Christian Women's Fellowship and Bible Study

The Christian Women's Fellowship and Bible Study group will meet on Monday, Dec. 26, at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 6. The group will finish discussing the last few chapters in the book "Loving God with all your Mind" by Elizabeth George.

For more information, call Jean Davidson at 562-431-0597 or Margie Singleton at 562-594-8100

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HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO



The Korean American Chorale performed a moving program of holiday favorites.



Optum provided complimentary refreshments, and lots of smiles from Sarah White, patient relations liaison for the HCC (l-r), Jayna Kling, practice manager of the HCC and Victoria Batistelli, director group operations.



Joanna Matos sits with Santa.



Gina Rojas enjoys a cookie.




Arleen Cullison takes it all in.

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HO HO HO HO



Theater Club elves pass out cookies.



LWer Marie Allee is the grandma of Zachery (I), who had a moment with Santa.

LIGHTING from page 1

children.

Even though the night was nippy, people bundled up and brought their grandchildren to sit on Santa's lap.

The highlight of the night was the Korean American Chorale that sang selection of Christmas carols, including the iconic "O Holy Night."

A new tree has also been installed in front of Optum at the HCC, compliments of Optum and the GRF Recreation Department.

Coming up this week is the Toy Drive Show featuring entertainment by Vinyl Rock Saturday, Dec. 17, in Clubhouse 2. Doors open at 6 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m.

Also, the Menorah will be lit and the story of Hanukkah shared at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Veterans Plaza.

And don't forget the annual Leisure World holiday lights tour aboard the GRF Minibus from Dec. 19-23. The Minibus service will conduct two tours, at 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., except Dec. 23, when there will only be a 5 p.m. tour (see page 1 for more information).



The new tree at Veterans Plaza was lit for the first time Dec. 6.

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Weekend Dance Schedule: December and New Year's Eve

Velvetones on Dec. 18 and New Year's Eve

The Velvetones Ballroom Dance Orchestra is Leisure World's own professional big band, playing Big Band Swing and jazz standards. It will perform Sunday, Dec. 18, from 6-9 p.m. in Clubhouse 4. The Velvetones play regularly at LW Clubhouse 4 on the first and third Sunday evenings. This year, by popular demand, the band will play on New Year's Eve in Clubhouse 4. Doors open at 8:30, and the band will play from 9 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Dec. 31.

Abilene New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31

Abilene will be hold its annual New Year's Eve party on Saturday, Dec. 31, in Clubhouse 2 at 9 p.m. Abilene is Seal Beach Leisure World's No. 1 country rock band going strong for



Vinyl Rock

20 years. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the music goes until midnight.

Vinyl Rock on Dec. 17

Vinyl Rock will play on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in Clubhouse 2 this month for a special Toy Drive Christmas

dance. Entrance is free, but a new, unwrapped toy is required from each attendee. The toy drive benefits local youth, sponsored by the Brown Descents Car Club.

The Orange County-based band consists of nine members

who perform classic rock, Motown and pop tunes primarily from the '60s, '70s and '80s, keeping the audience engaged by mingling on the dance floor. Vinyl Rock is sponsored by Cabaret Entertainers and doors open at 6:30.

Concert Health and Safety Guidelines

- Masks are no longer required but are strongly recommended.
- No table saving. People may bring their own snacks.
- Attendees must be out of the clubhouse no later than 10 p.m. to permit adequate time to tear down the setup and arrange the setup for the following day (except New Year's Eve).
- No announcements are permitted from the stage, except by the bands.
- Clubhouse lighting and audio-visual equipment can only be adjusted by the custodian according to the instructions they have been given.
- Be sure to sign in, either as a resident or guest, in the proper spot so GRF can judge the popularity of the bands.



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Duplicate Bridge

With identical scores of 56.67%, Mark Singer and Ellen Kice were North/South winners, and Fred Reker and Russ Gray were East/West winners in the four and a half-table game on Dec. 1.

North/South winners in the nine-table game on Dec. 2 were Thad Mikols and Bob Goldstein with a 67.77% game. Second North/South were Sibyl Smith and Diane Schmitz with a 56.6% game. East/West winners were Norma Kruger and Fay Beckerman with a 57.99% game; second were Bill Brooks and April Berg with a 56.92% game.

Overall winners in the three and one-half table game on Dec. 3 were Priscilla Caillouette and Ellen Kice with a 63.54% game; second were Russ Gray and Mark Singer with a 60.42% game.

With a 60.42 % game North/South winners in the eight-table game on Dec. 5 were Sibyl Smith and Diane Schmitz; second were Sharon Beran and Gene Yaffee with a 58.93% game. East/West winners were Glenn Barry and Joan Tschirki with a 57.74% game; second were Larry Topper and Priscilla Caillouette with a 57.14% game.

Games are played on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons in Clubhouse 1 beginning at 12:30. Players are asked to arrive no later than 12:15 p.m. to confirm their reservations. Reservations can be made at any game using the sign-up sheets or by contacting Linda Nye at 562-453-6678 or by email at yuelingnye@yahoo.com no later than 10 a.m. on game day.

—Gene Yaffee



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Woman’s Club Tabletop Games

Tabletop games will be held on Friday, Dec 16, from noon-4 p.m. in Clubhouse 2. Members and friends are welcome to bring and/or join their favorite games.

Refreshments will be served, as well as sweet treats, coffee and hot water for tea and hot cocoa. Some of the club’s gamers like to bring their own lunch.

Everyone is asked to donate \$1 to help support the Woman’s Club philanthropies. The Woman’s Club meeting is held on the first Tuesday of every month. This month, the club’s charity was On the Day You Were Born which through donations provides birthday baskets to children in need. Its goal is to make these children feel special and loved on their birthday.

Any questions or concerns or comments regarding the tabletop games can be directed to Jan Krehbiel at 562-431-8240.

For more information about the Leisure World Woman’s Club, contact Kathy Russell at 949-293-7517.

Garden Club Christmas luncheon

The Garden Club Christmas Luncheon will be held Monday, Dec. 19, in Clubhouse 2 at 11:30 a.m. In addition to a delicious buffet lunch, there will be musical entertainment provided by Mike Simpson and lots of door prizes and opportunity drawings for many gift baskets donated by the club’s board members. Festivities start at 11:30 a.m.

Pinochle Club

The winners on Nov. 19 were Jim Kasper, first, 11,580; Antonia Zupancich, second, 10,400; Peggy Kasper, third, 9,350; and Donna Gorman, fourth, 9,160. The winners on Nov. 21 were: Marilyn Allred, first, 12,380; Suzanne Tester, second, 11,980; Margaret Smith, third, 11,210; Chung He Schar Schmidt, fourth, 10,640.

The winners on Nov. 26 were Gayle Codden, first, 11,180; Donna Gorman, second, 9,730; Jim Kasper, third, 9,230; and Julia Troise, fourth, 9,100. The winners on Nov. 28 were Tony Dodero, first, 11,910; Delores Cook, second, 11,580; Don Kramer, third, 11,020; and Charlotte Westcott, fourth, 10,590.

The winners on Dec. 1 were Marge Dodero, first, 12,780; Don Walton, second, 11,320; Gene Smith, third, 10,860; and Donna Gorman, fourth, 10,820. The winners on Dec. 3 were Curt Rogers, first, 10,310; Donna Gorman, second, 10,000; Ruth Bonnema, third, 9,610; and Antonia Zupanich, fourth, 9,590.

The Pinochle Club meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays beginning sometime between 11-11:30 a.m. in Clubhouse 1.

GETTING INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



Members of the Traveling Tigers are celebrating the holiday season with festive ugly sweaters. Joanna Matos (l-r), Themla Kieffer, Elizabeth Daniels, Doris Dack, Ellen Brannigan, Whitney France and Joan Schwichtenberg showed off their duds near the Amphitheater.



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Community Karaoke

The spirit of Christmas was in the air as karaoke members sang all the popular carols of the season. In his smooth, easy manner, Ken Notorleva joined Essie Hicks singing “Mary Did You Know.” “Jingle Bell Rock” was a spirited choice for Shannon Harrison. “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” was fun for both Erika Greenwood and Sheri Vanek. Another favorite, “Blue Christmas,” was done by David Noble and Ric Dizon. Karen Morris did a joyful “Holly Jolly Christmas.” Gerry Tagaloa’s pick was a hit of Bing Crosby. “Do You Hear What I Hear” is a beautiful



Ken Notorleva

hymn sung by Bob Barnum. The audience also enjoyed “Silver Bells” sung by Ric Dizon and Susan Kelleghan’s “All I Want for Christmas is You.” It wasn’t all caroling. Vilma

Lina did a BeeGee’s hit. Richard Yokomi sang a nice “Knocking on Heaven’s Door.” Kyung Ju’s “Sound of Silence” was lovely. Carmen Edwards sang a Spanish tune and Pat Paternoster did a sprightly “Sugar Sugar.” Tino Tupas sang a popular “Twilight Time.” Nina Todorov sang the cute “Sealed with a Kiss.” Vito Villamor got the gals dancing with “Elvira.”

The club meets each Wednesday in Clubhouse 1 at 5:30 p.m. The next meetings are on Dec. 21 and 28. New singers and audience members are welcome.

—Margie Thompson

Hui O Hula

Hui O Hula, the LW Hawaiian dance club, continues to practice safe hula and entertain in and outside the gates during the holidays. All—including men—are welcome to join its weekly lessons. On Tuesday, dancers meet in Clubhouse 6 with a lesson on basic hula at 12:30 p.m., walk-in-hula-out—a class where people can follow along with dance moves—at 1 p.m., and a regular class at 2 p.m. On Thursdays, the club holds a regular class at 1 p.m. outdoors in Veterans Plaza or, during extreme weather, inside Clubhouse 3.

Dancers are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with LW Sunshine Club on Friday, Dec. 16, and entertaining at the LW American Legion on Monday, Dec. 19. All are welcome to call 562-431-2242 for class information or to book a Hawaiian style holiday program.

The club wishes a happy December birthday to hula dancer Sara Park. She joined Hui O Hula nearly 12 years ago, as soon as she and husband, Won, retired and moved into Mutual



Sara Park

10 from Lake Forest. Park is the backbone of every performance, instructor Jojo Weingart said. She appreciates Park’s spirit of volunteerism immensely and admires her willingness to share her talents, which have inspired many newcomers, Weingart said. Being a volunteer is a demanding task, and the club thanks Park for contributing so much of her time, energy, and efforts to hula. “Her kindness and gentle ways have made a tangible difference in class,” Weingart said. Park is also a faithful member of the Holy Family Church.

Casino Tournament Dec. 17

The Poker Club will host a Texas Hold ‘Em Casino Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 17, in Clubhouse 6 at noon. Advance entry for club members is \$20 at the door, \$25 for guests. Advance registrations are accepted on all regular tournament days.

The tournament is limited to 50 players. Lunch, check-in and registration will begin at 11 a.m., and play begins at noon. No late seating will be allowed.

Four tables of eight players play at the Dec. 3 tournament. The holders of the two highest hands of the day each won \$10; Ernie Dinkle (KKK55) and Marvin Rolnick (JJJKK). By playing and winning the promotional hand of 7-3, Donna Hernandez won \$5.

The final table players were Lem Hall, Steve Edric, Lee

Pfeifer and Donna Hernandez. Donna went out first in fourth place and Lem in third place, which left Lee and Steve to play for first. In the winning hand, Steve’s hand was 99 and Lee’s hand was KK. Lee bet when the flop came 554, and Steve called. The turn was a 4, and Lee went all in. Steve called, and when the hands were turned over he could see that he was behind.

A few tense moments later, the river card was a 9. Steve won the hand and the tournament with a full house 99955. Lee, who was ahead until the river card, came in second with two pair KK99.

To play a game of Texas Hold ‘Em, join the club on the first three Saturdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the lobby of Clubhouse 6.

—Deborah Barner

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Holiday cards will remain at the low price of 10 cents each, and holiday CDs are three for \$1. Amazing coffee table books are 50 cents each and bags of slightly older books are always \$2 per bag. Most newer books are \$1-2 each, and all paperbacks and large print books are 50 cents each.

The library will no longer accept Christmas donations after Dec. 15. The bookstore will be closed Dec. 24-27 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 3, re-opening for the new year on Jan. 4.

Woodshop volunteers needed

The newly remodeled woodshop in Clubhouse 1 is open and gaining in popularity. In hopes of extending the hours to accommodate more residents, the Recreation Department is looking for a few good woodworkers to join its roster of volunteer supervisors. In particular, it's looking for woodworkers who can commit to a few hours on one or two Saturdays a month, which would enable residents who still work to take advantage of the facility.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer supervisor at the clubhouse woodshop should call Recreation Director Jesse Cripps at 562-431-6586, ext. 350, to set up an appointment. Typically, experienced woodworker hobbyists should be available for one or two 4-hour shifts a week.

For more information, contact Recreation at 562-431-6586, ext. 398.

'The Magic Flute' on Dec. 20

Residents are invited to come and watch the highly imaginative musical "The Magic Flute" on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Learning Center of Clubhouse 3.

The piece is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's opera from 1791, based on the allegorical libretto of Emanuel Schikaneder, wherein musicologists have been trying to decipher its meaning for over 200 years. The club's own Beverly Emus will introduce this sing-spiel and tender an explanation for the audience to consider when listening to humanity's greatest composer's work with its mystical and spiritual undertones.

Act 1 introduces the audience to the heroic protagonist Tamino, who is being attacked by a monstrous snake but is rescued by three ladies-in-waiting to the Queen of the Night. Simultaneously, he is befriended by the Queen's bird-catcher, Papageno, who initially takes credit for dispatching the snake, but who is swiftly brought to correct his false assertions. Most importantly however, Tamino gets asked to rescue the Queen's beautiful daughter, Pamina, who was snatched by a powerful man, Sarastro, who apparently intends to marry her.

Tamino and Papageno get strangely armed with a magic flute and silver bells and set

out to find and bring back the beautiful Pamina. No sooner than arriving in Sarastro's Egyptian compound, they find themselves in a religious cult where they are to be tested—in silence—under demanding conditions of fire and water, along with the threatening presence of Sarastro's bodyguard, Monostatos.

Act 2 finds Tamino is to be judged by a panel of Egyptian priests for his worthiness to merit the beautiful Pamina. However, Pamina is near despair because of Tamino's vow of silence, and she is further sent a dangerous knife by her mother, the Queen of the Night, and told to kill Sarastro.

Amid this tension, there is comic relief as the bird-catcher Papageno is confronted by a figure alleged to be his future wife. In any case, Tamino succeeds in aceing all his tests earning the right to claim Pamina as his bride, and his sidekick Papageno is rewarded with an adorable and attractive wife.

The production is in German with English subtitles. People are encouraged to wear masks indoors—if desired. No dues or fees are collected.

For more information, contact the newly elected Opera Club President Margaret Gillon at MargaretGi@yahoo.com or call 562-370-3844.



Members of the Seal Beach Guitar Ensemble pose with their instruments.

Seal Beach Guitar Ensemble will hold annual concert Dec. 17

The Seal Beach Guitar Ensemble will perform a concert on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse 3 Lobby.

The members of Seal Beach Guitar Ensemble will perform solos, duets, double duets and ensembles. Special guest Hea Lee and guest in the group "Six-string Phil Guitar Ensemble" will be invited to perform solo and

group performances.

The Seal Beach Guitar Ensemble members gathered every Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon for a year to learn classic guitar techniques. Everyone is invited to the concert. Refreshments will be served afterward. Anyone who is interested in learning classic guitar or joining the group is welcome.

Stamp Club is disbanding

The Stamp & Collectible Club will no longer meet due to dwindling membership. The club was formed many years ago as The Stamp Club, but over the years fewer and fewer people collected them. The club later decided to include collectibles and they continued meeting for about eight more years. The club's last meeting was Dec. 7

—Club President Edward Hickman

Car sale is Saturday at 8

Each fourth Saturday, Authorized Residents have the opportunity to sell any used motorized vehicle in the Administration Parking Lot from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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The sale is open to Leisure World residents only and the guests they call in. The public will not be able to sell at the events. For more information, contact Recreation at 562-431-6586, ext. 398.

Yahtzee Club

On Dec. 2, the winners were: most Yahtzees: Mary Milhone; highest score: Gail Levitt; lowest score: Louise Hinkle. The door prize winner was Karen Riner.

The next meeting will be Dec. 16 in Clubhouse 3, Room 6, at 1 p.m. There will be a halftime social. The club meets the first, third and fifth Fridays of each month. For more information, contact Diane Seeger at 562-533-5997.



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Leisure World lights up for the holidays

Leisure World lights up for the holidays every year. The following is a list of exceptional decorations to enjoy during December. To submit a listing, email your name and address to emmad@lwsb.com. Pictures of lights are welcome.

• Glenna Hoff, 1371 Pelham Road, 66-G, has a four-foot angel in her bay window. The angel is large and lovely, with stereoptic wings, crown and a bouquet. “She is ready and waiting to be a blessing to those who come to see her God’s helper,” Hoff said.

• Sandy Tessier and Mike Skinner, 1710 Tam O’Shanter Road, 12-D, have their Christmas lights up and invite everyone to walk or drive by to enjoy the magic of Christmas. Sandy thanked God, and said the Lord knew she needed this, “because when we turned on the lights, looking at the house lifted my well-needed spirit and made me smile.”

• Andrea Maas, 1300 Knollwood Road, 41-B, has a spectacular display of nativities on display every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Call her at 562-481-2290 to arrange another day and time if desired.

• Dick Crowe has festive lights around his home in Mutual 12, 60-C.

• Jeanne Haislett, 1541 In-



Sharon Woodruff, Mutual 12, 56-L, decorated her yard with light-up farm animals, including a white Jersey cow, a Texas longhorn, a pig, goat, rooster, hen and chicks.

terlachen Road, has lights at Mutual 10, Unit 259-G.

• Janet Hendricks, Mutual 6, 63-B, said “the Grinch is at it again, pulling down Christmas lights” at her house.

• David Naegle, 13260 Fairfield Lane, 171-J, Mutual 7, has Christmas lights and decorations.

• Margo Wheeler and Jacque and Tullie Faris, 1400 Mayfield

Road, Mutual 6, 57-G and 57-H, have a joint light display. As dog owners, their decorations have an emphasis on decorative dogs.

• Debra Schauer at Mutual 9, 208-H, has ocean-themed Christmas decorations.

• Alma Zamzow, 1541 Homewood Road, Mutual 5, 112-B, has a nativity scene.

• Devota Elaine Burrows, Mutual 15, 13-F, has hedges

covered in lights. The front of the house is colored with colorful lights.

• Keith Goodner and Chuck Charles, Mutual 17, Building 3, have reindeer, trees and laser lights on the grounds. Neighbors’ balconies are also decorated: Goodner and Charles at 87-A, the balcony just above the reindeer; Jacklyn Taylor and Peter Mason at 88-A, to the right

of 87-A; and Liz Meripol, 102-B, right above 88-A.

• Jeri Nowell, Mutual 5, 96-A, has lots of lights and two inflatables. Neighbors at 95-L and 95-J have lots of lights, and 95-H has lights and a great nutcracker.

• Michael Camarena and Vinton Ash, Mutual 2, 4-C, have decorations for the holidays.

• Pam Turner, 13201 El Dorado Drive, Mutual 9, 207-L, has a Christmas village displayed in her front window. The village is made up of a collection of over 30 houses and figurines, which started in 1988 with the Department 56 Dickens Train Station. It now includes primarily houses from the North Pole series. This year’s display includes a G Gage train and animated Santakins.

• Sharon Woodruff, 13331 Twin Hills Drive, Mutual 12, 56-L, has lights and farm animal decorations in her front yard, including a white Jersey cow, a Texas longhorn, a pig, goat, rooster, hen and chicks.

• Lorna Binger thinks her neighbors at 13824 Fresh Meadow Lane, 13-A and 13-L, have exceptional Christmas decorations that are like “Disneyland at night.”

• Elizabeth Kennedy, 13320 Del Monte Drive, 9-D, has her windows lined with white lights and shrubs covered in rainbow lights.



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Wa-Rite’s first of the month winners: Ruth Depuy (l-r), Ruby Resnick, Shirley LaBrecque and Judy Crimmins.

Wa-Rite

Ruth Depuy was biggest loser of the week with a loss of 10 pounds. Ruby Resnick and Judy Crimmins tied for queens of the month of November with losses of 4 pounds each. Shirley LaBrecque was the lucky bag winner for degrees. The Wa-Rite’s total loss after not meeting

for two weeks and surviving Thanksgiving was 5 pounds. The total loss for November was 19 pounds. With more festivities approaching, the club reminds everyone to stay committed to yourself and be healthy. A member-only annual banquet is on Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. There

will be no weigh-in. If bringing a dessert only make enough for six people. Remember to bring flowers. The next weigh-in is on Friday, Dec. 30, in Clubhouse 3, Room 1, from 8-8:45 a.m. The meeting begins at 9. —Carol Chambers



Sunny Kim (far right) shares beautiful dance techniques with class attendees.

Joyful Line Dance

Joyful Line Dance Club meets on Thursdays upstairs in Clubhouse 6, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. It has multiple leaders who take turns teaching. They are: Albert and Gladys Comia, Jojo Weingart, Caryn Lynn Stel, Kelly Johnson, Anna Derby, Chung Cha Lewis, George Pinada and Sunny Kim. For safety, classes are lim-

ited 35 people, on a first-come, first-served basis. Face masks and exercise shoes are strongly recommended. The last class of the year is on Dec. 22, then there is a holiday break until Jan. 12. No membership or fees are required. For more information, text 562-301-5339.

Dancing Feet Club

The Dancing Feet Club line dance classes are held on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. in Clubhouse 2, with a social dance every fourth Sunday of the month from 6-10 p.m. Both are free to attend. Dress appropriately and bring your own snacks. Alcoholic drinks are not allowed. The Dec. 25 ballroom event is cancelled. Monthly social events will resume on Jan. 22. For more information, text Ed Bolos at 551-998-4223.

Leisure Leggers

The Leisure Leggers, a running and walking club in Leisure World for more than 20 years, meets every Monday at Clubhouse 6 at 8 a.m. for a brisk trot around the neighborhood, followed by coffee and camaraderie. Dues are 99 cents per year. For more information, call club president Tom Pontac at 562-304-0880.

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Thursday, Dec. 15

Chicken chop suey, brown and wild rice, oriental vegetables, cantaloupe, ham and cheese deli sandwich with lettuce, tomato and pickle, homemade potato salad.

Friday, Dec. 16

Roast beef with mushroom gravy, au-gratin potatoes, peas with onions, chef’s special cake, Chinese chicken salad with mandarin oranges, cabbage, carrots, onions, Asian dressing and crackers.

Monday, Dec. 19

Oven-baked chicken leg and thigh, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned cauliflower, sugar cookies, tuna salad sandwich with spinach and tomato, homemade macaroni salad.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Pork loin with apple berry sauce, creamy noodles, peas and onions, vanilla pudding, taco salad with shredded chicken, diced tomato, corn, black beans, cheese, cilantro, salsa dressing and crackers.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, garlic and chive mashed potatoes, seasoned broccoli, fresh plum, turkey and cheese lettuce, tomato and pickle, carrot and raisin salad.



Fitness Fusion Club meets Tuesdays in Clubhouse 6, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., and on Thursdays at Veterans Plaza, 10:30 - 11:30. Join the workout and strengthen the body core. For more information, contact Marion Higgins at 562-296-8328.



Everyone is welcome to join the Dance Fitness Club for fun and engaging classes on Mondays at Veterans Plaza at 4 p.m. and Tuesdays in Clubhouse 6 at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Jim Blanchard at 714-487-2446.

SPORTS & GAMES



Newly elected Table Tennis Club officers for 2023 and other members: vice president John Lee (l-r, top to bottom), Treasurer Yong Pin Choe, President K.C. Park, Secretary Eugene Lee, Hieun Lee, Yong Hee Choe, Joy Park and Youngoak Lee.

Free beginner table tennis lessons in January

Newly elected Table Tennis Club officers and their significant others gathered at a local restaurant to plan 2023 club activities. The club has decided to have several events in Clubhouse 6. On Jan. 3 at 6 p.m., the club will hold a membership drive. Membership dues are \$10 per year. The club will also host a tournament where the top four ranked players will compete. The tournament will include both singles matches and doubles game between Larry Hicklin and John Lee, as well as between Steve Harris and Jonathan Kang. Leisure World residents and their guests are welcome to watch and enjoy

these exciting games. On Jan. 10 at 6 p.m., the club will hold free beginner and intermediate ping pong lessons. The club plans to continue free lessons for club members every Tuesday evening until further notice. Instructors are club Vice President John Lee and club President K.C. Park. Members who want to take lessons need to sign their names on the sign-up sheet, which is posted in Clubhouse 6's ping pong area. For information about club activities, contact K.C. Park at 714-204-2848.

—K.C. Park



Membership Chair Dave LaCascia (l-r), Vice President Ron Steele, President Bill Zurn, Treasurer Walt Bier, and Recording Secretary and Rules Committee Chair Steven Kang. Missing are Treasurer Byron Schweitzer and Tournament Director Alan Sewell.

Golf clubs celebrate with Christmas party

The Men's Club held its annual Guys and Gals Christmas Party—for the first time since COVID—in Clubhouse 2 on Dec. 3. Sixty-six Men's and Women's Club members and their guests enjoyed a sumptuous Italian dinner catered by Finbars. Four different pasta dishes, three salads, meatballs, bread, wine, beer, and water, plus apple pie were served by three of President Marv Jones' grandchildren. Before and during dinner, donated items were given away by lottery, including Roger

Dunn gift cards, Polly's Pies monthly pie certificates and a round at Meadowlark Golf Course, plus an electric wine bottle opening kit from Dave LaCascia, and a dozen bottles of wine from new member Darry Holten and his wife Virginia. After dessert, raffle tickets were drawn with multiple winners receiving \$25 cash prizes. One table was a special winner with each person receiving \$5. The night was capped with the installation of the new Men's Club board of directors.

Outgoing President Marv Jones thanked all of the yearlong volunteers at the tournaments and other club functions, mentioning that the same 10-12 people have been doing most of the work. He added a hope that the other 70-plus club members get into the volunteering spirit for the next year. Special thanks were extended to Irvine Bernstein and Marilyn Hewitt, who checked in golfers for the Guy's and Gal's and Men's tournaments several times each month.

—Dave LaCascia



Patty Peterson (l-r), Mutual 15, and Helene Neun, Mutual 2, had a record-setting combined score of 178 points on Dec. 5.

Shuffleboard Club

Amid the holiday season, shuffleboarders concentrated on completing their fall season. The next major event is the Shuffleboard Club's Christmas/holiday party on Friday, Dec. 16, in Clubhouse 3, Room 2, at 6 p.m. Winter league team schedules and rosters will be available in the Courts Building by noon on Friday, Dec. 16. The Shuffleboard Courts Building will continue open-play on Monday and Wednesday, Dec. 19 and 21, from 9-11 a.m.. The Courts Building will be closed from Dec. 23-27 with open-play resuming on Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 9-11, returning to the regular schedule on Monday, Jan. 2, with open-play each Monday and Wednesday, from 9-11. The Tuesday Evening League completed its eighth night of the fall season on Dec. 6, between the Night Shufflers—captained by Karen Mendon, Mutual 14—and the Hot Shots—captained by Jack O'Brien, Mutual 2. The Hot Shots won the evening's contest with seven of the 12 games.

Plus, the Hot Shots' Helene Neun, Mutual 2, competing with the Evening Shufflers' Patty Peterson, Mutual 15, ignited the evening's excitement level by scoring 100 points versus Peterson's 78. There were three players throughout the evening who won all their games: Carrie Kistner and Neun for the Hot Shots, and Carol Johnson for the Night Shufflers. The Friday Morning League completed its final round of the fall season on Dec. 9, with the Hot Rods—captained by Rod Osgood, Mutual 9—and the Bumpers—captained by Sally Fowler, Mutual 8—evenly splitting the 12 games. The Hot Rods had two all-game winners: Maureen Habel and captain Rod Osgood. The Bumpers had three players who won all their games: Jack O'Brien, Harshad Patel and captain Sally Fowler. The Morning League fall season ended with the Hot Rods winning first place with an average of 555 with the Bumpers and the Smashers tying with an average of 472.

—Kay Mount



Women's Golf Club members Vivian Ceballos (l-r), Sue Yokomi and Maryann Moore enjoy the club's Christmas luncheon on Dec. 6.

Women's Golf

The women's two-week turkey shoot golf tournament began on Dec. 6, the same day that the club celebrated its Christmas luncheon. The total score for each of the two rounds of play will determine the winners in each flight. In this week's tournament play, 47 women competed for low gross, low net, and circle hole No. 6. The club congratulates Sally Park who was the only golfer who hit the ball from the tee box directly within the circle surrounding hole No. 6.

The flight winners were: **Flight A**—Low Gross: Susie Kim, 27; Low Net: Zoe Pickell, 24. **Flight B**—Low Gross: Young Yoon, 29; Low Net: A tie between Margie Thompson and Nina DeRosa, 25; Circle Hole No. 6: Sally Park. **Flight C**—Low Gross: Nancy Reid, 32; Low Net: A tie between Neva Senske and Liz Meripol, 24. **Flight D**—Low Gross: Patti Smith, 36; Low Net: Sandra Dedubovay.

—Dale Quinn

Cribbage Club

Dale Quinn celebrated her birthday last week by providing cake and ice cream to all members of the Cribbage Club. Ron Jackson delivered the refreshments and Candy Meyers and Carrie Kistner for served all 50 people in attendance.

The first place winning total of 833 went to Suzanne Parks. Mark Hertenstein came in second with 828. Candy Meyers placed third with 825. Myrna Baker and Franca Yeske tied for fourth with 824. David LaCascia won six of the seven games played. Patti Smith had no wins for the day.

Cribbage games are played beginning at 12:30 p.m. each Tuesday in Clubhouse 1. Those who want to learn how to play cribbage, to brush up on the game or to learn more about the club should call and leave a message with Terry Thrift at 714-394-5885.

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Jaycee Chang (l-r), Ken Chong, President Yunhan and his wife Younghi Choi, and Susan Yai.

Korean holiday music performed today

Videos featuring traditional winter season music and Christmas carols will be played at Clubhouse 4 today, Dec. 15, from 1:30-4 p.m. This year's occasion was organized by the Art History Club.

The program includes traditional performances, such as Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9" and Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," as well as a couple of modern New Age musical pieces combined with traditional masterpiece paintings. The annual event has been held since 2017 but was canceled in 2021 due to COVID-19. In 2020, the performances took place via Zoom.

"For the last two years during the pandemic period, many people were suffering not only from physical ailing but also psychological difficulty," Ken Chong wrote. "Now, we may feel some comfort and relaxation by enjoying the great music and the beautiful images, and friendly association with each other."

All are welcome to attend. Simple snacks and warm beverages will be provided. The program will be presented in Korean, but the video captions will be shown in English. For more information, contact Yun Han Choi at yunhanchoi@gmail.com or Susan Yai at susanyai@yahoo.com.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS ALONE?

Church invites residents to holiday dinner

St. Hedwig Catholic Church invites LW residents who will be alone on Christmas Day to Monsignor Quinn's Annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 25.

Doors open at noon, a welcome and blessing will be held at 1:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m.

St. Hedwig Church is located at 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, 90720.

Reservations are required by calling 562-387-3057 by Dec. 21. People are encouraged to reserve early as seating is limited.

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CalFresh is locally administered through the Community Action Partnership (CAP) in

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Requirements to Apply:

- Applicants must have at least one citizen or legal permanent resident with a Social Security number living in their household (including children).
- Applicants may qualify for CalFresh even if they have a full- or part-time job.
- Gross monthly income must be less than the amounts

listed: One-person household, \$2,128; two-person household, \$2,874.

- Seniors, those on SSI or those with a disability can apply and may be eligible for CalFresh.
- Documents needed to apply: photo ID, Social Security card, proof of income and resident card (if applicable, receipt of rent and receipt of one utility bill).

Upon application, income and many other factors are taken into account to determine eligibility.

For more information or to apply online, call 1-800-281-9799 or go to <https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/>.

Residents who need assistance applying for CalFresh should contact Robann Arshat in Member Resources at 562-431-6586, ext. 317, or Roberta@lwsb.com.

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Swing Dance Party is Dec. 17

The Jumpin' Joz and Ashley Anne's Christmas Swing Dance Party is from 8-11 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, at The American Legion, Post 132, 143 S. Lemon St., in Orange.

Enjoy live swing music, oldies and favorite holiday tunes with Jumpin' Joz and Ashley Anne, who performed as dancers on stage at a recent Let the Good Times Roll Doo Wop show in LW.

The band will deliver a joyous and festive holiday treat, and LW residents are invited. Come dance to all of your favorite dance tunes and holiday classics rolled into one.

All ages are welcome to join in the ultimate holiday swing dance party.

Parking is free. Bring a gift for the toy drive. Tickets start at \$20 and are available at <https://www.bit.ly/streetswing>.

MIRACLE
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them. But that didn't stop LW residents from pining for the old tree.

Then came the miracle: Gerber reached out to see how the Recreation Department could make a holiday tree happen in a season of budgetary concerns. That's when Optum came to the rescue and offered a \$5,000 donation to cover most of the cost of the fully decorated tree.

At Executive Director Jessica Sedgwick's direction, Recreation Director Jesse Cripps expedited the request to lease the tree to get it on the agenda for the Dec. 5 Recreation Committee meeting, and the committee graciously approved the project.

Victoria Batistelli, director of Group Operations for Optum Orange County, commented to Gerber, "The Optum team and I am excited to see the beautiful holiday tree return to the courtyard in front of the HCC. The team and residents have shared a number of great memories of how the tree would light up the HCC lobby, while they played holiday music—a really special way to celebrate the holiday season that the residents and Optum team truly enjoyed.

"I am happy we could contribute to this wonderful legacy tradition. I also look forward to all the holiday events coming up over the next several weeks with the tree lighting and menorah lighting with cider and holiday cookies," she said.

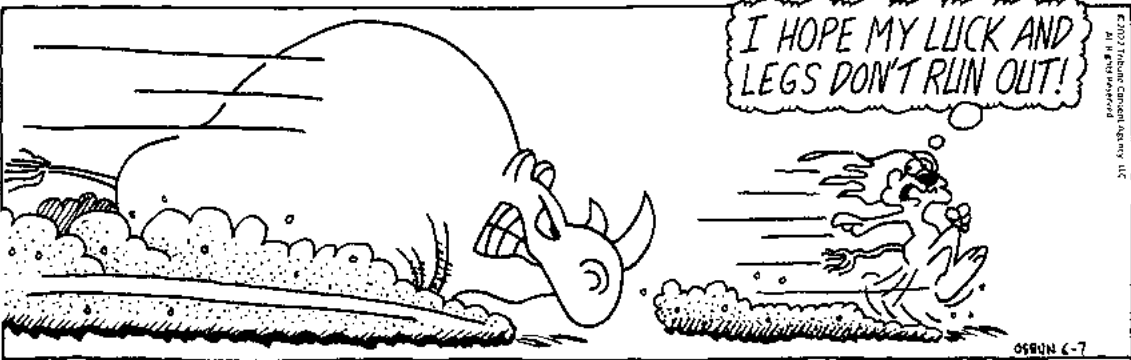
President Gerber thanked Optum saying, "Your generous donation enabled us to have our Christmas tree back where it belongs.

"The replacement of the Christmas tree by the Optum front entrance has become a Christmas miracle! So many people missed the tree at that location in the community.

"For me personally, I am thrilled that, with (Optum's) help, we will have our tree back in place this year. It will light up that entire area that we all pass many times a day. When you pass by, let this little miracle illuminate the joy of the season in your heart and be thankful for all those who made it happen."

Puzzle Answers

Puzzle pages 6-7



SCRABBLE G R A M S							SOLUTION	
B ₃	A ₁	K ₅	L ₁	A ₁	V ₄	A ₁	RACK 1 =	<u>82</u>
T ₁	A ₁	P ₃	R ₁	O ₁	O ₁	T ₁	RACK 2 =	<u>59</u>
D ₂	A ₁	R ₁	E ₁	S ₁	A ₁	Y ₄	RACK 3 =	<u>61</u>
P ₃	A ₁	L ₁	A ₁	V ₄	E ₁	R ₁	RACK 4 =	<u>64</u>
A ₁	B ₃	I ₁	L ₁	I ₁	T ₁	Y ₄	RACK 5 =	<u>62</u>
PAR SCORE 255-265								TOTAL 328

Crossword Answers

B	A	D	S	I	G	N	S			D	O	P	E	D		U	B	O	A	T
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Sudoku 1 Answers

9	3	1	6	4	2	5	8	7
2	8	5	9	3	7	4	1	6
7	4	6	8	1	5	2	3	9
3	2	7	5	8	9	6	4	1
4	5	9	1	2	6	8	7	3
1	6	8	4	7	3	9	2	5
5	7	4	3	6	8	1	9	2
8	9	2	7	5	1	3	6	4
6	1	3	2	9	4	7	5	8

The Basic Rules of Sudoku:
• There is only one valid solution to each Sudoku puzzle. The only way the puzzle can be considered solved correctly is when all 81 boxes contain numbers and the other Sudoku rules have been followed.
• When you start a game of Sudoku, some blocks will be pre-filled for you. You cannot change these numbers in the course of the game.
• Each column must contain all of the numbers 1 through 9 and no two numbers in the same column of a Sudoku puzzle can be the same.
• Each row must contain all of the numbers 1 through 9 and no two numbers in the same row of a Sudoku puzzle can be the same.
• Each block must contain all of the numbers 1 through 9 and no two numbers in the same block of a Sudoku puzzle can be the same.

Jumble Answers

SWORN HOWDY SNAPPY BUNKER
In a race with another reindeer, Rudolph —
WON BY A NOSE

Sudoku 2 Answers

7	1	5	9	2	4	8	6	3
3	4	9	6	7	8	1	2	5
6	2	8	5	1	3	7	4	9
2	8	6	3	4	1	5	9	7
5	9	7	8	6	2	3	1	4
4	3	1	7	9	5	6	8	2
1	5	2	4	3	6	9	7	8
8	7	4	1	5	9	2	3	6
9	6	3	2	8	7	4	5	1

Guess Who?
Taylor Swift

Crypto Fun Answers

A. mirror B. seat belt C. defensive D. caution

Boggle BrainBusters Answers

LILY IRIS ROSE LILAC TULIP PEONY GARDENIA

Word-Find Answers

B	L	G	H	U	E	S	I	S	I	G	N	A	L	U	M	I	Z	T	O
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R	P	Y	M	A	S	C	G	E	O	D	F	E	I	D	S	U	B	G	R
H	G	S	F	P	N	U	C	R	H	N	E	S	H	D	P	V	N	W	B
O	U	E	N	R	G	L	E	I	T	I	W	C	N	T	V	W	P	U	E
Y	I	T	V	A	I	A	T	O	D	C	C	I	U	Y	A	Y	U	M	D
P	R	R	S	I	S	W	S	R	U	E	L	L	U	D	U	E	P	L	G
S	T	U	N	N	S	Z	O	W	E	B	N	T	E	Y	E	S	W	I	S
P	S	O	F	I	H	I	O	A	G	L	M	T	N	N	L	R	R	O	Y
H	V	C	N	A	C	O	B	S	L	E	A	Y	Y	O	G	E	S	V	O
V	H	Y	Z	F	Z	D	G	I	R	I	P	O	W	T	G	E	A	W	P
Z	E	A	R	B	B	A	F	G	L	Z	P	R	M	U	E	D	G	O	I
R	R	L	V	S	R	T	E	I	V	I	L	A	L	F	R	F	U	F	M
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R	R	S	M	O	L	U	B	I	G	A	T	Y	V	R	Z	C	W	S	D
H	U	A	T	L	W	I	R	S	R	I	L	E	F	E	O	Z	A	H	U
E	C	T	U	P	T	R	U	Z	O	B	B	Z	W	Z	T	L	E	P	H
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Z	R	H	G	W	T	S	C	T	A	V	C	G	T	V	U	V	A	N	V

SMITH
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Blackboard Bistro. On the morning of his first day in California, the fog was so thick that when he and his brother ventured out to find the ocean, they ended up walking a mile inland, only realizing their mistake when the sky cleared.

The Smith family later moved from Seal Beach to Compton, where he graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1950. He worked as a lifeguard for Los Angeles County and for Compton High School, a job he returned to in his retirement when he lifeguarded at the LW Pool in 2000.

After attending Compton Junior College, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea from 1953-1955. His duty assignment was Military Police, and he received training as a firefighter. That inspired him to join the Los Angeles City Fire Department, working up to the rank of captain during his 27 years of service.

He earned a bachelor's degree in business from California State University, Long Beach, where he also rowed on the crew team and worked in advertising for the 49er newspaper.

He and his wife, Sharon, married in the Little Church of the West Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas in 1960. They moved to Lake Tahoe where Bruce was the food and beverage manager at Harrah's Casino, then they returned to California in 1962.

Except for that two-year hiatus, Southern California was Smith's lifelong home. He and his wife traveled extensively to destinations as far-flung as China and Greece. But his favorite pastime away from home was having coffee and beignets at Cafe du Monde in New Orleans.

He and his family lived in Cypress, Alamitos Heights, University Park Estates and Rossmoor before he returned to Seal Beach in 2004, where he proudly designed a newly constructed corner unit in Mutual 7. To this day, many stop by to admire his work. He lived there until his passing.

In his retirement, Smith stayed busy. He earned a contractor's license, built two homes in Big Bear, got a real estate license and became president emeritus for the LA Business License Commission. And that was in addition to his service on



Bruce Smith at Fort Ord in 1953.

the Golden Rain Foundation Board of Directors.

He was a problem solver and enjoyed finding ways to improve and streamline business operations and working conditions. He was quick to be a first-responder for others, was generous with family and friends and always had time to speak to neighbors and passersby.

He was a voracious reader and letter writer and enjoyed gardening and having a plot at the Mini Farm. Bruce enjoyed pottery classes, made stained glass art and loved camping and RV-ing, and being with friends.

He was part of a weekly breakfast club of men who met every Friday, was honored by the LW Korean American Club for his military service and was an active member of the National Republican Committee.

He was preceded in death by Randy Smith, his firstborn son from his first marriage, who died from complications from COVID in November 2020. He is survived by his wife Sharon of 62 years, son Justin Smith and daughter Kelley Smith; four grandchildren: Heidi, Dina, Joe and Zoe; and three great grandchildren: Jeremiah, Charlotte and Hannah.

A Fireman's Flag Ceremony will take place in his honor on Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at Fire Station 112 in San Pedro.

On Dec. 23, an interment ceremony with full military honors will be held at 1 p.m. at the Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, 92518. All are welcome.

The family has requested no flowers or donations.



Bruce Smith lifeguarding at Hermosa Beach, 1952.

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Mutual 1 – 22J \$238,000



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location, A/C heat pump, laminate
flooring, New double pane windows
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Mutual 14-17B \$329,000

New Listing!



Charming Mutual 14, 2 bedroom 1 bathroom cottage. Living room is spacious and cozy. Kitchen has Leisure World built-in appliances including a stove, oven refrigerator, added skylight and white cabinets. Living room, master bedroom and second bedroom overlook a private patio. Bathroom has a skylight and a high boy commode. This lovely home is light and bright and features three skylights, central heat and air conditioning. Deluxe vinyl plank flooring throughout, and is ready to move in. The private expansive wrap-around patio has 1 skylight, walk-in storage cabinet, private entrance and is perfect for entertaining. This property is close to laundry, parking and is walking distance to the 9 hole 3 par golf course located close to the front gate in desirable mutual 14. Enjoy the ocean breezes in this resort like community of Leisure World Seal Beach.

M11-273L \$359,900

Quaint tree-lined private location. Spacious corner 2 bedroom 1 bathroom home with a large wrap-around enclosed patio room. The living room has a large skylight, newer heat pump/air conditioning unit and vertical blinds. Kitchen has a Leisure World refrigerator, stove, oven, an added dish washer, ceiling fan and skylight. Living room, bedrooms and kitchen have laminate throughout. Bathroom has skylight and cut down shower for walk-in convenience. Large versatile L-shaped patio room is fully enclosed and has a walk-in storage closet, skylight and indoor/outdoor carpeting. Located in Leisure World a Resort-like 55+ community in charming Seal Beach. Leisure World offers over 200 clubs organizations and activities. This home is light, bright and a must see.



New Listing!

M8-189D \$400,000

Delightful fully expanded 2-bedroom 1 bathroom home located on a beautiful Greenbelt. This home has a spacious corner living room and formal dining room. The kitchen has built-in appliances and a skylight. The bathroom has a skylight and stacked washer dryer. The master bedroom is expanded and has a walk-in closet. This lovely home also features laminate flooring, central heating and air conditioning, double pane windows, overlooks beautiful Greenbelt views, and is a must see. Located in leisure world Seal Beach a-resort like community with over 200 clubs, organizations, and activities. Enjoy the charming community of Seal Beach and the wonderful ocean breezes.



M9-230D \$349,900



Lovely fully enclosed 2 bedroom 1 bathroom floor plan. Leaded glass entry door opens into a spacious flexible living space that features expansive windows that overlook a beautiful greenbelt. The home has a walk-in storage closet, entry closet, kitchen has white cabinets, built-in stove, refrigerator, and an extra built-in cupboard over the sink. Master bedroom is fully expanded with two wardrobe closets. The bathroom has a washer/dryer, cut down shower and large skylight that opens. Second bedroom has wardrobe closet and large skylight. This charming home has new vinyl flooring, new paint throughout and is ready to move in.

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- Mutual 2-8C
- Mutual 10 -250J
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- Mutual 12-61A
- Mutual 11-286I
- Mutual 5-117G
- Mutual 2-46H
- Mutual 1-67E
- Mutual 4-49G
- Mutual 8-183G
- Mutual 11-285D
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One-Bedrooms

Mutual 1 37C **\$225,000**
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Mutual 3 28C **\$237,500**
expanded, double pane windows, upgraded kitchen, good location

Two-Bedrooms

Mutual 1 43F **\$329,900**
west facing, 2 flared skylights in kitchen, enclosed patio, downtown area

Mutual 1 20A **\$330,000**
corner, gorgeous green, new paint, new carpet, upgraded windows

Mutual 4 51D **\$349,000**
move in condition, wrap around patio, greenbelt, drive up

Mutual 4 79K **\$239,000**
great location. full expansion, cent. air, super price

Mutual 9 230D **\$349,900**
full expansion, washer/dryer, skylight that opens, new paint

Mutual 11 273L **\$359,900**
corner, enclosed patio, dish washer, large skylights living room

Mutual 15 23P **\$369,000**
upstairs corner, enclosed patio, close to bus stop, nice

Mutual 1 40D **\$257,500**
great greenbelt, enclosed patio, skylights, very nice

Mutual 1 38D **\$260,000**
south facing, great greenbelt, 2 skylights, near south gate, nice

Mutual 8 189D **\$400,000**
full expansion, washer/dryer, double pane windows, great buy

Mutual 5 122L **\$410,000**
corner, fully expanded, washer,dryer, drive up, very nice

Mutual 9 228L **\$439,000**
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New Listing! Mutual 9-210-J \$289,000



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Mutual 1-20-A \$330,000



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New Listing

1631 Interlachen #264C | M11 | \$315,000
Interior 2bed/1bath patio home with ceiling fans.
White kitchen w/expanded skylight, dishwasher,
microwave. Plantation shutters and light and bright
throughout. Cut-down shower/skylight in bathroom.



13451 St. Andrews Dr #124J | M5 | \$345,000
2Bed/1bath drive up location with laminate flooring
throughout. Center patio with expansions on either
side for walk-in closet in master bedroom and dining
room area. Light and bright kitchen with skylights.



1881 Golden Rain Rd. #23F | M14 | \$429,999
Fully expanded interior unit right near the golf course in
beautiful Mutual 14! Luxury laminate floors, remodeled
white kitchen, newer stainless steel appliances, marble
counters, walk-in closet, AC heat pump, washer/dryer!



New Listing

13131 Shawnee Ln #268C | M11 | \$329,000
Adorable 2Bed/1Bath interior location full patio with
storage closet, new laminate floors and freshly painted
throughout. Skylights in kitchen and bathroom.
Move-in ready!



*Price Improvement

1362 Golden Rain Rd. #56B | M2 | \$429,000
2 Bed 1 bath unit in a fantastic greenbelt location with
updated kitchen! Full expansion and sprawling updated
flooring with skylights throughout. AC heat pump and
updated bath with laundry in unit!



In Escrow

13721 Alderwood Ln. #28L | M3 | \$575,000
Drive-up corner 2bed/2bath done by a contractor for a
contractor with no detail spared!!! Heat pumps in every
room, newer white kitchen, luxury flooring, walk-in
closet, skylights throughout. A unique double master
bedroom layout.

12/13/2022- Year To Date MLS Activity



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14 - 1 bedroom/1 bath units
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