

The Mussell Messenger

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January 2021



**Carolyn
Cabrera**

President's Message ~

Thank you all who were able to attend the Club meeting via Zoom on Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m., thanks to Laura Selken's help. We were thoroughly entertained by **Herb Adams** (as always) and thank him, and Ruth, and their daughter for giving of their time and talent!!! We also conducted some important business! We were able to amend the bylaws and elect your **new board for 2021**. They are: President Carolyn Cabrera, Co-1st Vice Presidents Annie Lawrence and Kathleen Marshall, Co-2nd Vice Presidents Alice & Ray Torres, Treasurer Christel Kurth, Recording Secretary Judy Lindquist, Corresponding Secretary Laura Selken, and Purchasing Agent George Tise. We will continue to work hard to conduct the business of your Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club. Thank you for your confidence in our leadership, and welcome Kathleen to the Board! Our deepest thanks to Judy Garrett, outgoing Co-1st V.P.

We still do not know when the Mussell Center will be open, but we are anxiously awaiting the time when we can gather together again. Thank you for continuing to support the Club during this difficult time. And thank you for supporting the City of Santa Maria's Recreation and Park's outdoor activities at the Mussell Center. It shows we care that they are working for us. Sending you all best wishes in the New Year! !!!



RECREATION & PARKS DEPT. REPORT

As we enter 2021, our health is definitely a top priority! Recreation programs can support your wellness goals in many ways. Our parks are cleaned daily for you to enjoy a brisk walk or a relaxing stroll. Our staff is working to provide creative virtual programs to enjoy at home and holding on-site programs when allowed.

For the current status of programs at the Mussell Center, I encourage you to join the email list for the City of Santa Maria **EngAGE** newsletter. Please, send me your email address to be added. If you "Like" us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) you will receive regular updates about our programs and services that way, as well. It's a great way to keep in touch using a computer or a smart phone.

We have a new "Take and Make" Class for January where you make something edible. You won't want to miss it! Register online at www.cityofsantamaria.org/register

Thank you to all who attended any or all of the four holiday events in December. It was great fun to see you! You are missed!

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy New Year!

~ Barbara Wiley, Recreation Coordinator • 805-925-0951 ext. 2264 • bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org



HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR



2021 Officers & Committee Chairpersons

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January Birthdays!

Joanne Blashaw	1	Judith Sisti	14
Mike Rosas	1	Lisa Story	15
Martha Santana	6	Gene Hershberger	17
Barbara Brown	7	Esther Hoskins	20
Helen Canales	8	Gloria Niell	20
Donna Viadella	8	Nina Prestridge	20
Peggy Yaeger	9	Don Foss	21
Celeste Coelho-Hudson	10	Annie Lawrence	22
Ruby Bowers	11	Ray Torres	22
Georgia Evey	11	Micki Davies	23
Nancy Ottzman	11	Syl Saucedo	23
Leroy Jones Jr	12	Carmen Solorio	25
Mary Treinen	12	Bill Stoore	25
Judy Fowler	13	Jean Jacobs	28
Juanita Rosas	13	Jackie Narachi	30
Elly Block	14	Freddie Newman	30
Betty Malone	14	HAPPY BIRTHDAY!	

January Anniversaries!

Norm & Jessy Rushing	9
Ray & Mary Jane Diaz	14

If any dates are incorrect or missing, please contact Laura Selken at 805-406-9989 or laura.selken@gmail.com.

Renew Your Membership

to the Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club

We need your support to keep going!

Please, send your check for \$20 per person

to PO Box 6688, Santa Maria, CA 93456

(please, include a SASE to receive card)

The Sunshine Corner

*If you are aware of any club members who need a bit of "sunshine" ~ not feeling well, hospitalized, going through a difficult time, or have suffered the loss of a loved one, **PLEASE call Simone** at 805-925-6267.*

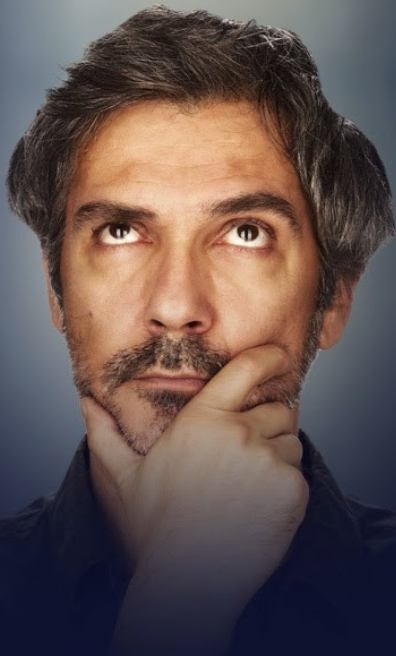
Leave your name & number in case she needs to contact you.



Get Well Soon

Betty Malone

Thank you to those who have already renewed your membership in the Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club!! We greatly appreciate your support! We are currently holding onto membership cards that you will be able to pick up in person when the Mussell Center reopens. If you would like your membership card right away, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your renewal payment of **\$20 per person** to PO Box 6688, Santa Maria, CA 93456.



Together with our partners,
we want you to be ready and
we're here to help!



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF?

Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) is partnering with PG&E along with other community organizations to help people with disabilities be prepared by:



Receiving support in the event of a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) or disaster.



Signing up for the **Medical Baseline Program** to lower the rate on your monthly energy bill, if you require the use of a medical or life support device; plus receive alerts.



Accessing **backup portable batteries** for those who require power for medical reasons. Individuals who use life-sustaining electrical support will be the highest priority.



Providing tools to help you create a **disaster plan**.

Designed to support people with disabilities AND/OR older adults!

Visit us online to apply and learn more:
WWW.ILRC-TRICO.ORG/PSPS

Email pspsnorth@ilrc-trico.org or call us with questions:

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Monthly Virtual Program
Monday, January 4 ~ 4 p.m.



Docent-Led Interactive Virtual Tour
of the Point San Luis Lighthouse
Free for members of SMVSCC!
You MUST RSVP by January 3rd
in order to receive the Zoom link.
Email smvseniors@gmail.com.

We will explore the Keeper's dwelling, climb to the top of the lighthouse tower, step inside the fog signal building, visit the spectacular Fresnel lens and see it flash from the tower's lantern. Along the way, the docent will talk about how, through the years, the keepers and their families at Point San Luis lived in this unique environment. Grab a cup of tea, cocoa, or other favorite afternoon beverage while you take this private, docent-led tour with fellow SMVSCC members! This unique experience is made possible by a grant from Mechanics Bank to the Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers for groups such as ours. Hope you will try to join us!!