

The Mussell Messenger

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The “Noon Year” Party was a wonderful way to start 2018. It was a festive celebration with hats, crowns, necklaces, and noise makers. The **Riptide Band** played all the familiar tunes and brought us up on our feet dancing.

At the January Membership Dinner, the new members of the Board of Directors were installed, as well as a returning member. Here is the 2018 board:

- ♥ **President: Christel Kurth**
- ♥ **1st Vice President: Carolyn Cabrera**
- ♥ **Treasurer: Jason Schellas** *(returning)*
- ♥ **Secretary: Rosemary Fox** *(returning, but unable to attend installation)*
- ♥ **Member at Large: Vicki McCulloch**
- ♥ **Newsletter Editor: Laura Selken** *(returning, but unable to attend installation)*

The dinner was catered by **Jovi's Delight**. We enjoyed a Chinese chicken dinner with noodles, rice, mixed vegetables, and a green salad. Thanks to all the volunteers, including **Sally Ramos**, who gave the tables the elegant look with fresh flowers, and the servers, **Donna Viadella, Bruce Rodriguez, Carolyn Cabrera, Dawn Kamiya's grandson**, and the volunteer high school student, **Isaac Nuño**. Thanks to you and all the other members that pitched in to help make the first dinner a success.



The program for the evening was a presentation from three Santa Maria High School students who will be making a trip to Washington, DC, in March with the Close Up Washington DC educational program. They are trying to raise funds to cover the cost of \$1,900 per student. *[Anyone interested in supporting this annual trip for students at SMHS, please contact Amy Hennings (925-2567, ext. 3640) or Richard Guiremand (925-2567, ext. 3642).]* February's meeting will feature **Helen Daurio**, a docent at **Dana Adobe**. She will be giving a presentation about a freed slave who delivered mail from Monterey to Dana Adobe via Pony Express.

As your new president I am still in the learning mode. Please bear with me and give me a couple of weeks to get my feet wet. One thing I know for sure, I can't do it alone, and I am counting on everyone to help me make this an interesting and fun year.

The first item on my list is to find a person to take on the position of 2nd Vice President. This job entails getting the caterer and menu lined up for our monthly Membership Dinners and recruiting volunteers to serve on the Social Committee.



My second item is to let everyone know what they are missing by not joining in the many activities that are offered at the Mussell Senior Center. We will have a sign-up sheet available at the Receptionist Desk to see what you are interested in having offered at the Center! We have already received a request to get a Mexican Train group playing together and hope to follow through. With an annual membership of only \$15, it's a real bargain!

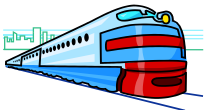
Note: Our travel expert and Travel Committee chairperson, Kathy Doty, would like someone to take over her position. That might be just the kind of job you are interested in. You can contact her at (805) 937-014.

I look forward to serving you, and to a successful year for “Central Coast Active Adults” ~ the Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club.

~ **Christel Kurth, President**

2018 Officers & Committee Chairpersons

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TRAVEL TALES ~ FEBRUARY 2018



Happy New Year fellow travelers! Our December trips to see “Elf the Musical” at Cal Poly, the Christmas Market and Festival of Lights in Cambria, and the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena (hosted by Silverado) were certainly a fun time. We are looking forward to another fantastic year of travel in 2018.

There was no “First Day Sale” (FDS) in January, but there will be one Monday, February 5. Our Las Vegas trip from February 11 to 14 sold out quickly, and we are hoping **Laughlin** will, too. We are also selling a trip to **“Pageant of Our Lord”** on this day. Prices will be announced at the FDS, or you can call the travel office one week prior. We are currently in the process of finalizing the contracts. [See page 3 for more information on the “First Day Sale.”]



Premier's Presentation: Niagara Falls & Heritage Highlights January 29 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ Silva I Room

This trip from **October 9-17, 2018**, includes Niagara Falls; Lancaster, Gettysburg, & Philadelphia, PA; Washington, DC; Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, and Colonial Williamsburg, VA. The price for a double room is \$3055*, and a single is \$900 more (\$3955). See flyer in the hallway for additional information. **We will be selling this trip immediately**

following the presentation. *Receive a \$100 discount when making your final payment by check!

We are sad to announce that we will not be taking you to the Knott's Berry Farm Boysenberry Festival this year. However, we are hoping to book it for 2019. On a brighter note, we have chosen a date for the trip to Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater presentation of **“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”** in Fresno ~ **June 17** (Father's Day)! Watch for the sale!

Looking forward to seeing many of you on February 5th!

~ **Diana Dodos, Co-chair**

Travel with Us!

Check out our Facebook page: **“[Santa Maria Senior Travel](#)”**

(Click on name & go directly to Facebook page!)

Diana Dodos updates the page with flyers & pictures from our trips.



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 – 3.45 p.m.

Office Phone: 349-0688



FIRST DAY SALES ~ FIRST MONDAY MORNING OF THE MONTH!

FEBRUARY 5TH IS THE NEXT SALE DATE. DOORS WILL OPEN AT 8:30 A.M. WITH THE SALE BEGINNING ABOUT 9 A.M. SALES CONTINUE UNTIL EVERYONE HAS BEEN HELPED, BUT NO LATER THAN NOON. THE FOLLOWING TRIPS WILL BE ON SALE **FEBRUARY 5TH**:

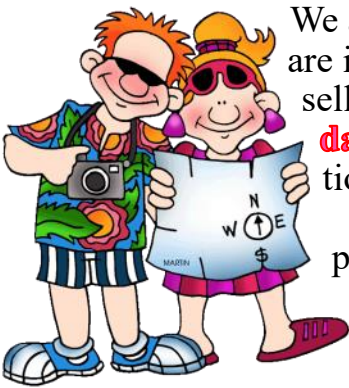
March 17 ~ Pageant of Our Lord

Price to be Announced

An amazing depiction of Bible stories presented the two weeks before Easter by Rolling Hills Covenant Church in Rolling Hills Estates, CA.

April 30-May 3 ~ Laughlin @ Riverside Hotel

Price to be Announced



We are still in need of more **VOLUNTEER TRAVEL TOUR LEADS** (TL). If you are interested in joining the “team,” please visit our travel office in the Mussell Senior Center during open hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:30 – 3:45 p.m.** Any TL in there can tell you about the position and will give you an information packet to peruse.

In addition, Co-chair Kathy Doty would like to step down from her position. If anyone has experience in working with transportation companies, travel agencies, or touring businesses, or anything similar, we would love to talk to you!! If you know of anyone who might be interested, including non-members, give Kathy or Diana a call.



Did you know???

Club members, Les and Ruth Christiansen, have produced several wonderful videos of some of our recent trips. If you have visited our **NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE**, you might have seen them! The most recent one is from the Cambria Christmas Market ~ the “greatest Christmas light display that we have ever seen. ... This spectacular light show is made up of millions of lights.”

They also created **seven** short videos of the “Smoky Mountains & Bluegrass Tour” from last October. Most are between five and six minutes long. They include highlights of the City of Louisville, the Churchill Downs, a Kentucky horse farm, the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC, Dollywood, the City of Nashville, and President Andrew Jackson’s “Hermitage.”

Just go to our website (smvsc.org) and click on “Travel Opportunities” in the upper right area (or just [click here](#)). The videos are all posted there!

Thanks so much to Les and Ruth for doing such a great job capturing the memories of the trip and for allowing us to share them!!





GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Recreation and Parks Department has announced a new exercise class beginning Wednesday, February 7, at the Senior Center. This new class was created in response to all the seniors who asked us to keep the classes going following the unexpected resignation of our past instructor. You asked! We listened! The new **Zumba Gold Chair Workout** class is Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. The music features Latin and international rhythms and is a total body workout for all fitness levels.



Also new at the Center is the **Cornhole League** every Tuesday night. If you're not sure why cornhole is so popular right now, I encourage you to come watch one night to see if you'd like to join. It's for ages 12 and up so you may even enjoy bringing some family members along with you!

We are so fortunate to have **José Gaytan** working as a Recreation Intern at the Senior Center right now. José is a Navy Veteran and graduate of UCSB. He has been working with me, writing some very difficult grant projects, and I am grateful he was assigned to work at the Center. If you have not met José, please drop by the office. Although he is not specifically assigned to work on senior programs, he is getting to know quite a few of the regulars around the center. He is happy to assist you with any general questions. Welcome, José!

Let me know if you would like to play **chess** at the Senior Center. I have a chess expert who would love to have a few new players join him. Please, leave me your name and phone number if you're interested.

See you soon at the Senior Center.

~ *Barbara Wiley, Recreation Coordinator*



ACTIVE LIVING
Program

Zumba Gold Chair Workout

Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 AM

Starting February 7th, 2018

Elwin Mussell Center (510 E. Park Ave.)

**FREE
INTRODUCTORY
CLASSES**

Wednesday,
January 17th &
January 24th,
9:00 AM

A chair workout program using Zumba's exciting Latin and international rhythms to help improve ease of movement. Designed for participants with limited range of motion and mobility for a total body workout.



The Santa Maria Valley Senior Club &
Santa Maria Recreation & Parks
invite you to



A Valentine's Dance

Featuring
Vocalist
Bob Nations

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Elwin Mussell Senior Center - 510 E. Park Ave., Santa Maria



Everyone is welcome!



For more information, please contact Russ @ (775) 843-2830 or
visit RiptideBB.com or

Riptide Big Band on Facebook



Or you can call Mussell Senior Center at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2207 or ext. 2264



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Book Exchange needs additional volunteers just once a month from 1 to 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday. Can you help put out available books and then assist putting them away??? If so, please give Jane Bringley a call at 937-8859.



Have you visited our NEW & IMPROVED Club website???

smvscc.org

You'll find the current news-letter on the home page, along with other time sensitive information. Then, just click on the names of the different sections in the upper right area: activities calendar, special events, travel opportunities, and links to a variety of resources! Give it a try ~ and let us know what you think! **ENJOY!!**

SUNSHINE

Get Well Soon ...

Eleanor Lachenmaier

Thinking of You ...

Eleanor Lachenmaier

Jill Balezentes

Thank You ...

Ann Kneer

for the many lovely "Get Well" cards for our ill members.



Please contact Simone (925-6267) about any members or their loved ones who need a get well, thinking of you, or sympathy card sent to them.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
Cost Bingo: 50¢/card Bunco: \$3/day BYOB: \$25/mo.+ Folk Dance: (Mondays) \$15/mo.+ Tai Chi: \$25/mo.+ Yoga: \$15/mo.+			1	2	3
Zumba Gold Workouts: \$18 - \$25/mo.+ +Santa Maria Residents (non-residents are slightly higher)			9-3:45 Pool* 12-4 Duplicate Bridge 2:30-3:45 Folk Dancing*	9-3:45 Pool* 12-4 Mah Jongg* 1-4 Bingo	9-12 Pool* 9 am-1 pm Duplicate Bridge
<i>Note: Some classes may be canceled by the instructor or leader at their discretion.</i>					
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Activity Contact Persons: Book Exchange ~ Jane Bringley (937-8859)

Duplicate Bridge ~ 937-5691 (Mondays) ~ 922-5000 (Thursdays) ~ 925-6350 (Saturdays)

Pinochle ~ 934-2315 (Tuesdays) / Folk Dancing (Thursdays) ~ Betty Anthony (925-5429)

*** City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department Program**

§ Participants must pre-register at Recreation & Parks Department. No walk-ins allowed.

February Birthdays

Joe Razo	1-Feb	Madeline Barns	13-Feb	David Johnson	22-Feb
George Clark	2-Feb	Dorothy Olevsky	13-Feb	Slim Juhl	22-Feb
Mel Lewis	2-Feb	Carm Wyckoff	13-Feb	John Renner	22-Feb
Jean Rigby	2-Feb	Carol Garrymore	14-Feb	Beth Shurtleff	22-Feb
Frank Coop	3-Feb	Pearl Brown	15-Feb	Patti Martinez	23-Feb
Pam Cordero	3-Feb	Elena Deparini	15-Feb	Sue Salling	23-Feb
Carol Thaler	3-Feb	LaVonne Brawner	16-Feb	Frances Murphy	24-Feb
Guadalupe Flores	4-Feb	Ruth Limon	16-Feb	Sylvia Forein	25-Feb
Cathy Wengler	4-Feb	Martha Plesche	16-Feb	Brian Klinge	25-Feb
Rita Alzaga	5-Feb	Herb Gerfen	17-Feb	Nancy Kunishige	25-Feb
Frances Brannon	5-Feb	Arthur Hernandez	17-Feb	Christel Kurth	25-Feb
D'elin Lohr	5-Feb	Gail Homer	17-Feb	Armi Beecham	26-Feb
Val Brose	6-Feb	Roberto Limon	17-Feb	Mella Griffin	26-Feb
Luther Lowe	6-Feb	Jackie Taylor	17-Feb	Jose Loayza	26-Feb
Alyce Schwab	6-Feb	Marie Baines	18-Feb	Margaret Campbell	27-Feb
Alan Tarrant	6-Feb	Diane Foster	18-Feb	Sharon Hoff	27-Feb
Jane Bringley	7-Feb	Dot Podsednik	18-Feb	June Miller	27-Feb
Paul Cross	7-Feb	Bill Stanley	18-Feb	Caroline Shaw	27-Feb
Sharon Coffield	8-Feb	Bobbi Eggleston	19-Feb	Sylvia Malilay	28-Feb
Toni Loayza	8-Feb	Frank Martinez	20-Feb	Terry Oberg	28-Feb
Denise Sky	11-Feb	Vince Thomas	20-Feb	Mary Willey	28-Feb
Doris Brolio	12-Feb	Rosemary D'Amato	21-Feb	John Stornetta	29-Feb
Mirko Lopez	12-Feb	Gale McNeeley	21-Feb	<i>(John, do you celebrate on</i>	
Jim Ramirez	12-Feb	Barbara Ashlock	22-Feb	<i>February 28 or March 1?☺)</i>	

February Anniversaries

Ralph & Rosalie Foster	3-Feb
Bob & Marilyn Zamora	9-Feb
Jose & Toni Loayza	10-Feb
Richard & Rosemary D'Amato	11-Feb
Don & Marilyn Benson	14-Feb
Russ & Judy Lindquist	14-Feb
Mirko & Bonnie Lopez	14-Feb
Bob & Freddie Newman	16-Feb
Dave & Jerrie Carey	19-Feb

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed on this page or is not accurate, please contact Laura Selken, Editor, at 406-9989 or laura.selken@gmail.com.

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME New AND Former Members!

- Joanne Blashaw
- Val Brose
- Bob Chandler
- Ernesto Corbelli
- Sherri Danoff
- Bob & Debbie Davis
- Evelyn Delaney
- Guadalupe Flores
- Albert & Patricia Furtado
- Ted Green
- Grace Kalal
- Dorothy Lopez
- Sotero & Katy Lopez
- Carol Lowry
- Anthony & Esperanza Nunez
- Terry Oberg
- Herbert & Lorraine Pregozen
- Bruce & Aracelis Rodriguez
- Bill Roemling
- Beth Schneider
- Paul & Carol Silva
- Betty Small
- George Torbert
- Irene Voysey
- Mary Weeks
- Reese & Val Wheelock

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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Have you
renewed your
membership??

Monthly Membership Meeting
Monday, February 5

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m. / Dinner: 6 p.m.

Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, and a green salad plus chocolate cake

Reserve and Pay
by February 2

\$10 per person
featuring

Catered by
Jovi's Delights

Helen Daurio

Dana Adobe D'cent



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