

The Mussell Messenger

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Carolyn Cabrera

Another very good meal by Jovi's Delights and a lot of great company for dinner on February 4th for our Senior Club membership meeting. The revision of the Senior Club's bylaws was approved. Thank you to Laura Selken, our Corresponding Secretary, and Christel Kurth, last year's President, for their guidance with the revision process. The presentation by **Judy George** from **Wine & Design** in Orcutt was well received and another interesting program thanks to our 2nd V.P. team of Alice and Ray Torres. Thank you to the Dinner Committee of volunteers lead by 1st V.P.s Anne Lawrence and Judy Garrett.



The **Travel Committee** dinner celebrating all Senior Club Members who had traveled with the travel team during the past year or two was an enjoyable celebration. Check out their selection of travel options. **Kathy Doty** is looking for volunteers to help with the office hours of the Travel Committee. Please contact her if you are interested (*phone and email are listed on page 2*).



The **Community Action Commission** senior lunch program is serving Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Mussell Senior Center. The meals are now being provided by the Santa Barbara County School System. I spoke to Anne, meal supervisor, about the new program and she is very positive about the improvements. You must sign up at least 24 hours in advance. Please, call them at 805-925-3010.

The City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department presented four focus sessions to help identify the community's recreation and park needs for the future. Thank you to all who attended and gave important feedback to the committee.

The Valentine dance on February 10th was attended by at least 128 people!! Thank you to the Senior Club members that helped serve our dancing seniors. If you have not attended one of the **Riptide Big Band** dances, directed by our own Judy Lindquist, you are really missing out on an enjoyable time. The next one is March 10th ~ mark it on your calendar to attend!



~ Carolyn Cabrera, President

Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club

Central Coast Active Adults!

Our Mission:

Our purpose is to promote the happiness of active adults 50+ so they may enjoy life to the fullest.

We provide fun and interesting activities, opportunities, and information.

We do this while espousing no political, religious, philanthropic, ideological, or social enterprise.

2019 Officers & Committee Chairpersons

President:	Carolyn Cabrera	805-448-0623	ccabrera48@verizon.net
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Travel:	Kathy Doty	805-937-0314	dudoty@comcast.net
Recreation Coordinator:	Barbara Wiley	925-0951, ext. 2264	bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org

RIPTIDE

Big Band
Vocals by
Bob Nations



FREE

Let's Dance!

Annual St. Patrick's Party!!

Sunday, March 10, 2019

1:30 — 4:00 p.m.

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



**Green's
the
thing!**

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IMPACT

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**For more information, please contact Judy at 775-813-5186,
visit RiptideBB.com or find us on Facebook — Riptide Big Band**

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED!

A front desk receptionist is needed
weekly on **Tuesdays** from **12:30-4 p.m.**
Training is provided! Please, contact
Diane Bentley for more information or
to volunteer (805-922-3090).





TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 – 3:45 p.m. / Office Phone: 805-349-0688

FIRST DAY SALES ~ FIRST MONDAY MORNING OF THE MONTH ~ Canceled ☹

THERE WILL BE **NO** “FIRST DAY SALES” FOR MARCH.

UPCOMING TRIPS SCHEDULED/UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR 2019:

March 14 ~ Senior Day @ Santa Anita Racetrack (wait list)

Have a fun Thursday afternoon enjoying the races.



\$88*

April 10 ~ Mystery Trip (wait list)

I wish we could tell you more but ... it's a secret!!

\$120*

April 29-May 2 ~ Laughlin Riverside

\$188* DbL., \$240* Sgl.

We're returning to Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino for this trip, as Edgewater is currently undergoing renovations.



May 30-June 3 ~ Spotlight on New York City

CLOSED

Trip includes an extensive tour of New York City while staying in a single hotel for the duration. Two Broadway shows are on the itinerary, as well as a ferry cruise of the harbor, shopping, dining, and many of the City's famous landmarks.

**October ~ Branson, Nashville, & Memphis
(full payment due July 17, 2019)**

**\$3175* DbL., \$4025* Sgl.
(plus \$250 for insurance)**

??? Date to be determined ~ Roger Rocka Dinner Theater (Fresno)

***TBD**

***All prices are per person**



Travel With Us!



Check out our Facebook page: [“Santa Maria Senior Travel”](https://www.facebook.com/SantaMariaSeniorTravel)



As some of you may have seen in the email sent in early February, there is some limited assistance with tax preparation here in **Santa Maria**. The local United Way and Alan Hancock College are offering **free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** in person for families or individuals with a combined income of less than \$55,000 in 2018, who had no rental income, did not file for bankruptcy in the past year, and self-employment expenses were \$10,000 or less. Appointments are only available on Saturdays through March 30, 2019. However, they are closed March 23. Please call 805-922-0329, ext. 103 to schedule an appointment.

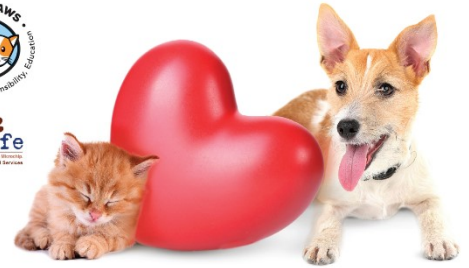


And as a reminder, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers **free**, individualized tax preparation for low-to moderate-income taxpayers - especially those 50 and older - in several locations in South SLO County **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** to April 16. Call 805-931-6308 for more information and to make your appointment at these locations: St. Joseph's Church, 298 S. Thompson Ave., **Nipomo**, CA 93444 on Tuesdays & Fridays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Grace Bible Church, 100 Rodeo Dr., **Arroyo Grande**, CA 93420 on Mondays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and at Rabobank, Grover Beach, 899 W. Grand Ave., **Grover Beach**, CA 93433 Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all who participated in the **Fur-Ever Valentine Pet Wellness and Adoption Day** on February 14th. The event included a mobile veterinary clinic operated by C.A.R.E. 4 Paws, a nonprofit agency dedicated to improving the health of pets. They treated more than 80 pets (mostly dogs) during the event. Also, on hand were the Santa Barbara County Animal Services staff, Santa Maria Valley Humane Society, and That's Fetch, a local pet boutique. A little dog named Mocha even got adopted by a couple who attended the event. We are all so pleased that they found their Fur-Ever Valentine! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped that day ... with the large crowd, a multitude of pets of all shapes, sizes and temperaments, the wind and rain ... we could not have managed without you!



In late February, we have the chance to be part of the transportation solution for our community by participating in a **survey** for the **Short Range Transit Plan**. If you have not completed a paper survey at the Mussell Senior Center, you may complete it over the phone by calling 888-743-5977 or online at www.SantaMariaCommunitySurvey.com. Whether or not you personally use the bus, your opinions will help Santa Maria Area Transit plan for the future needs of our community. Let's see how many surveys we can submit so that the voices of seniors will be heard through your responses. If you complete the survey by February 28th, your name is also entered in a drawing to win some prizes!



Recreation & Parks is busy planning the **Senior Prom** scheduled for **Sunday, May 5 from 1:30 – 4 p.m.** The students from Orcutt Academy High School have agreed to return for their second year as co-hosts for this intergenerational event. They did an outstanding job last year, and I am thrilled they agreed to come back again this year for the tropical luau themed prom. You've got plenty of time to find a Hawaiian shirt or dress to wear for an afternoon of tropical fun! **Mark the date on your calendar TODAY!**



I hope you enjoy the Irish décor in honor of St. Patrick. I just received a lovely book of Irish blessings from which I share this sentiment:

*Like the warmth of the sun,
And the light of the day,
May the luck of the Irish
Shine bright on your way!*

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



RENEW
MEMBERSHIP

Club membership renewal is due by March 1, 2019!

**The new amount of \$20 per person
for 2019 has been approved.**

**Note: If you plan to renew in person,
just check over your information
in the membership binder
at the receptionist's desk.**

**If all your info is correct,
you don't have to fill out a new form!**

**You must renew by March 15
to continue receiving
the Mussell Messenger!**



Lost & Found

Did you or someone you know donate a bag of red yarn in February at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center?? This adorable small leather photo holder was found inside the bag. There are several children's pictures inside, but no identifying information to help locate the owner. If you have any suggestions as to who this belongs to, PLEASE notify Barbara Wiley at 925-0951, ext. 2264.

MUSICIANS WANTED

The Senior Club has accepted the organization of a new group ~ a gathering of seniors who will meet weekly (Thursdays 10 a.m. to Noon) to play music in a band setting, with a focus on stringed instruments (guitar, banjo, ukulele, mandolin, etc.). Also open to other instruments such as keyboards, drums, and other percussions. Contact Anita Rite-nour for more info (puliarf@comcast.net or 805-268-3257) and watch "this space!"

Sunshine Corner

Get Well Soon ... Marilyn Gardner

Thinking of You ... Jason Schellas & Charlotte Gaskill

Sympathy to ...



Espie Cota & family,
wife of **Henry Cota**
who passed away Jan. 11



Sympathy to ...

Russ & Judy Lindquist,
who recently
lost their son, Mark



Wishing you a
sunny day!



Feel
Better
Soon!

Please contact Simone (805-925-6267) about any members or their loved ones who need a get well, thinking of you, or sympathy card sent to them. Note: when you call, please leave your name and number in case she needs to call you back.



March 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
Cost Bingo: 50¢/card Bunco: \$3/day BYOB: \$27/mo.+ Chairobics: \$19/mo.+ Folk Dance: (Mon.) \$15.50/mo.+ Yoga: \$19/mo.+ Zumba Gold: \$27/mo.+ +Santa Maria Residents (non-residents higher) \$Must Register In Advance!!		Community Action Commission Lunch Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. MUST call & make reservation at least 24 hours in advance 1-805-925-3010	Classes may be canceled by the instructor or City as needed	1 9-3:45 Pool* 12-4 Mah Jongg* 1-4 Bingo	2 9-12 Pool*
9-3:45 Pool* 4 10-11 Zumba Gold*§ 12-4 Duplicate Bridge 1-4 Party Bridge 5 pm Monthly Membership Mtg. 7-9 pm Folk Dance*§	5 9-3:45 Pool* 9-10 BYOB*§ 10-11 Yoga*§ 1:30-4 Bunco*	9-3:45 Pool* 6 9 Exec. Bd. Meeting 9-10 Chairobics*§ 9-11 Artists Meet* 10-11 Zumba Gold*§ 12-4 Mah Jongg* 12:30-3:30 Hand & Foot (regular) 1-3 Knit/Chat/Crochet* 1-4 Beginning Bridge	7 9-3:45 Pool* 9-10 BYOB*§ 12-4 Duplicate Bridge 2:30-3:45 Folk Dancing*	8 9-3:45 Pool* 12-4 Mah Jongg* 1-4 Bingo	9 9-12 Pool*
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Activity Contact Persons: Book Exchange ~ Jane Bringley (1-805-937-8859)

Duplicate Bridge ~ 1-805-937-5691 (Mondays) and 1-805-922-5000 (Thursdays)

Pinochle ~ 1-805-934-2315 (Tuesdays) / Folk Dancing (Thursdays) ~ 1-805-925-5429 (Betty Anthony)

* City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department Program

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

Happy February Birthdays!



Jane Bringley, Guadalupe Flores, Christel Kurth,
John Reñner, Ruth Limón and Roberto Limón

Happy Birthday! March Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Otilia Costa	1-Mar	Betty Weeks	11-Mar	Donna Jenkins	20-Mar
Wayne Evenson	1-Mar	Malvina Cox	12-Mar	Nancy Low	21-Mar
Cheryl Heintz	2-Mar	Mary Harrison	12-Mar	John Regalado	23-Mar
Amy Verdin	3-Mar	Marty Mathisen	12-Mar	Dave Ross	23-Mar
Al Forsyth	4-Mar	Willie Flores	13-Mar	Sonny Russell	24-Mar
Kay Lawrence	4-Mar	Verna Racansky	13-Mar	Dottie Slater	24-Mar
Roberta Stanford	4-Mar	Dana Scott	13-Mar	Kay Hosepian	25-Mar
Victor Tabios	4-Mar	Ginny Boos	15-Mar	Al Serna	25-Mar
Pauline Bishop	5-Mar	Mary Gorman	15-Mar	Julie Wyrick	26-Mar
Grace Kalal	5-Mar	Lillian Lowe	15-Mar	Dorothy Abel	27-Mar
Marijane Marshall	6-Mar	Charlie Willcox	15-Mar	Kathy Doty	27-Mar
Joe Santana	7-Mar	Linda Constantino	16-Mar	Peg Miller	27-Mar
Elaine Kinsey	10-Mar	John Ransome	16-Mar	Thelma Parfett	27-Mar
Vicki McCulloch	10-Mar	Patty Cope	17-Mar	Jim Riggs	27-Mar
Al Palomo	10-Mar	Judy Garrett	19-Mar	Gloria Lopez	30-Mar
Joe Andrade	11-Mar	Jo York	19-Mar	Beth Ross	31-Mar
Bob Viadella	11-Mar	Mickey Graeber	20-Mar		

March

Anniversaries

Tom & Patty Porcho	8-Mar
George & Ofelia Tise	21-Mar
Lee & Vanette Diaz	27-Mar

*If your birthday or anniversary is
not listed or is inaccurate,
please contact Laura Selken at
805-406-9989 or
laura.selken@gmail.com.*

Welcome New & Rejoining Members

- Dorothy Baer
- Patricia Grigg
- Arlene Parker
- Bill & Elaine Barnett
- Dru Haas
- Betty Pierce
- Diane Broyles
- Arthur Hernandez
- Pat Rae
- Lyn Celeste
- Loly Lorenzo
- Tom Reedy
- Linda Constantino
- Shirley Macagni
- Charlene Remillard
- Margaret Cooper
- Andrea Maidment
- Frank & Emma Rodriguez
- Micki Davies
- Kathleen Marshall
- Lesley Talbot
- Gloria Echavarria
- Karen Mayes
- Gloria Niell
- Sherry Fitz-Gerald

WELCOME

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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Monthly Membership Meeting Monday, March 4

Doors Open: 5:00 p.m. / Dinner: 5:15 p.m.

Sliced Pork, Potatoes & Gravy, Steamed Veggies, Salad, & Pistachio Cake

Reserve & Pay \$10 Per Person

Catered By

by Friday, March 1st

featuring

Jovi's Delights



Stephani Flores: Dignity Health
Volunteer Services
& Case Workers



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