

The Mussell Messenger

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Carolyn Cabrera

President's Message ~

Good Morning! I am sitting here this morning as I drink my tea and getting ready for my day trying to decide what I can say to encourage you wonderful Senior Club Members.

I have been reading a series of historical novels on the Civil War. It was amazing how difficult those times were, but we can be encouraged by them. The author encourages us to keep moving forward. Every life that has been lived is part of the woven braid of life. It takes every person's story to create history, and your life will help determine it. Every action you take will reflect in someone else's life. Keep moving forward.

I want to thank each of you for your participation in Club Activities. This is the beginning of a busy summer. There are many different events and activities where the club members can participate. Get involved ~ you make a difference!

~ Carolyn

It's important to be counted!

There was an editorial in the *Santa Maria Times* recently that stressed the importance of everyone in our community being counted in the upcoming census! There have already been a couple of workshops hosted by the City, informing people of some important changes and encouraging various organizations in Santa Maria to facilitate the cooperation of our residents.

Unfortunately, a good quarter of the people living in our city did not participate in both 2000 and 2010. It's vital that everyone understand that in order for our community and our state to receive its "fair share" of government funding, as well as an accurate number of representatives in Congress, we need full participation!

One of the biggest obstacles to reaching a truly 100-percent census count in 2020 is the lack of access to a computer and/or the internet. For the first time, much of the upcoming census will be performed online! Residents will receive a postcard from the US Census Bureau instructing them where to go online to be counted on April 1st.

The Board of the Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club will be addressing this issue in the coming months. We hope to be able to work with the City and other organizations to "get the word out" about the Census and the manner in which it will be conducted. Watch for updates in future issues of the *Mussell Messenger*. In the meantime, spread the word with your friends and neighbors that the census is coming, and we want EVERYONE to be counted!

~ Laura Selken, Editor

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.

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Visit our website!

smvscc.org

You'll find the current month's newsletter on the home page, along with special events and/or time sensitive information. To research other areas, simply click on the names of the different sections in the upper right area: **Activities Calendar, Special Events, Travel Opportunities, Senior Resources, & Newsletters.**

REMINDER: We have **FREE Wi-Fi** at the Center provided by **YOUR Senior Club!**

PLUS: The City of Santa Maria has provided two new laptop computers and several smaller tablets that are now available to use in the lobby area at **NO CHARGE!**

CHECK IT OUT!!!



THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB
presents

RIPTIDE
Big Band

and the

In Time

Trio

The Way You Wear Your Hat
FREE

Sunday, July 14 ~ 1:30-4 p.m.

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

Wear your favorite hat! Be creative if you wish!
Prizes, fun & the Central Coast's favorite Dance Band!

For more information,
please contact Judy at 775-813-5186,
find us at [Facebook.com/RiptideBigBand](https://www.facebook.com/RiptideBigBand)
or visit us at RiptideBB.com



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20
YEARS
IMPACT

The next Active Aging Committee Meeting is Thursday, July 18, at 10 a.m. at the Center!



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



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

NO FIRST DAY SALES IN JULY

THERE ARE NO “FIRST DAY SALES” SCHEDULED FOR JULY. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR ANY NEWS NEXT MONTH ABOUT SALES IN AUGUST!

UPCOMING TRIPS SCHEDULED/UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR 2019/2020:

June 30-July 1 ~ Oakland

\$300* Dbl., \$400* Sgl.

Includes a bay cruise, dinner, and Fisherman's Wharf!

August 25 ~ Roger Rocka Dinner Theater (Fresno)

\$106*

Special Engagement! “Calamity Jane” featuring country music legend Louise Mandrell as Calamity, making this light-hearted, rip-roaring fairy-tale a real bulls-eye! Limited seats available at time of publication! Contact travel office!



September 23 ~ Spotlight on San Antonio TRIP PRESENTATION

\$TBA*

See below for details on this trip in April 2020. Presentation on 9/23/19 starts at **10 a.m.!**



October 30-November 7 ~ Branson, Memphis, & Nashville **(full payment due July 18, 2019)**

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

3 Nights in Branson • St. Louis City Tour • Shoji Tabuchi Show • The Duttons Show • Showboat Branson Belle • Doug Gabriel Show • Clinton Presidential Library • Graceland & Memphis City Tour • National Civil Rights Museum • Grand Ole Opry • Country Music Hall of Fame • Opryland Resort • Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theatre ~ includes eight nights hotel accommodations, 13 meals, tour director, motorcoach transportation, sightseeing per itinerary, and baggage handling.

November 11 ~ Laughlin, NV

\$TBA*

Staying at the Edgewater Hotel/Casino Resort. Watch this space for further details. Goes on sale in **SEPTEMBER!**

December ??? ~ Cambria Festival of Lights

\$TBA*

April 5-9, 2020 ~ Spotlight on San Antonio

\$TBA*

Mission San Jose • The Alamo • Paseo del Rio Cruise • LBJ Ranch • Fredericksburg • choice of South Texas Heritage Center or San Antonio Botanical Gardens • El Mercado • Olive Orchard ~ includes five days/four nights hotel accommodations and five meals (three breakfasts and two dinners).



***All prices are per person**



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





GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

I hope you have had a chance to introduce yourself to **Wendy Hudson**, Facility Specialist III, who moved to the Mussell Center in early June to assist me with the senior services program area. Wendy has thirteen years' experience with the Department and brings a myriad of talent and extensive programming experience to senior services. She is an expert event planner and artistic designer, having implemented elaborate community events with fabulous décor. Her training as a professional florist is a definite bonus, too! In fact, she is planning some fun classes on making centerpieces, wreaths, and other holiday decorations for the fall.

Wendy is getting to know the guests and programs at the Mussell Center as part of our Department cross-training goal. She will continue her job of coordinating Department classes and working on fundraising events for the People for Leisure and Youth (PLAY), Inc. She works 32 hours each week with a varied schedule based on her workload. If you have not met Wendy, please drop in to meet her. She is ready to help and always eager to hear ideas for new programs or events at the Mussell Center. She can be contacted at **805-925-0951, ext. 2351** or whudson@cityofsantamaria.org. My phone extension has stayed the same (2264) and you can now find me in the back office space. I'm working on several grant proposals this summer, so I am thrilled to have Wendy here now as the first-line point of contact to help with our active aging programs and events while I continue as the Coordinator over the program area.



Summer Events:

- Our complete **Summer Recreation Guide** is available online at www.cityofsantamaria.org, or click on the picture at left to go directly to the guide. Inside, you will find the schedule for **Summer Movies**, beginning Saturday, June 29, and **Concerts in the Park**, beginning Sunday, June 30, from 1-3 p.m. It also lists lots of activities to keep you cool this summer in our pools and parks!
- The City has a big celebration planned for **Independence Day** at Pioneer Valley High School. Festivities begin at 6 p.m., and keep your eyes on the skies to see some beautiful fireworks starting at 9 p.m.
- **Smartphone Classes** are scheduled from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, for android users, and Tuesday, July 9, for iPhone users, at the Mussell Center. You must have the phone with you to attend class. Class size is small, so please register early by calling 805-925-0951, ext. 2207. Classes will be repeated periodically throughout the year.
- We need **table hosts** to help serve the guests at the **Celebration of Life** luncheon on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. Table Hosts work from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Please leave your name and phone number with the receptionist in the lobby if you'd like to volunteer as we honor members of our community who are age 90+.

July is National Recreation and Parks Month so I hope you enjoy the longer days and stay active this month! Have some summer fun, and I'll see you at the Center!

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



MAIL TO:
City of Santa Maria
Recreation and Parks Department
615 S. McClelland Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454



Join us for the 15th

Celebration of Life

Honoring community members who are 90 years of age or more!

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Veterans' Memorial Community Center
313 West Tunnell Street, Santa Maria

**FREE FOR ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WHO ARE
90 YEARS OF AGE OR MORE (or if you turn 90 in 2019)**

FESTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

- ★ **LUNCHEON AND ENTERTAINMENT**
- ★ **SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR THOSE WHO ARE 100+ YEARS**
- ★ **EACH HONOREE MAY BRING ONE CAREGIVER/GUEST AT NO CHARGE**
- ★ **EACH HONOREE MAY BRING AN ADDITIONAL GUEST FOR \$15
(Checks made payable to PLAY, Inc.)**
- ★ **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- ★ **RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY PHOTO FROM
GREG VILLEGAS PHOTOGRAPHY**

Reservations must be received by noon, August 9, 2019.

***To RSVP please call (805) 925-0951 ext. 2207,
or return completed Reservation Form to address below.***

For more information please call (805) 925-0951 ext. 2207.

Celebration of Life

2019 Reservation Form please print

Honoree: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Guest and/or Caregiver Attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Additional Guest: _____

Please enclose \$15 check payable to PLAY, Inc. for guest.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
9-3:45 Pool* 1 10-11 Zumba Gold*§ 12-4 Duplicate Bridge 1-4 Party Bridge 5 pm Monthly Membership Mtg. 7-9 pm Folk Dance*§	2 9-3:45 Pool* 9-10 BYOB*§ 10-11 Yoga*§ 1:30-4 Bunco*	3 9-3:45 Pool* 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		5 9-3:45 Pool* 12-4 Mah Jongg* 1-4 Bingo	6 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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Willcox	1-Jul
Tom Porcho	2-Jul
Rosa Maria Rivas	2-Jul
Harry Roden III	3-Jul
Maria Ahumada	4-Jul
Vanette Diaz	5-Jul
Barbara Presley	5-Jul
Jim Wyckoff	5-Jul
Bruce Rodriguez	7-Jul
Anna Mae Beall	9-Jul
Dolores Byron	9-Jul
Arlene Dvorak	10-Jul
Sue Mandler	11-Jul
John Medeiros	12-Jul
Nettie Silva	14-Jul
Karen Ransome	15-Jul
Sjaane Thompson	16-Jul
Donna Vogt	17-Jul
Ali Look	18-Jul
Marlene Miller	20-Jul
Myrland Roth	20-Jul
Margie Verduzco	20-Jul
Beryl Winn	20-Jul
Vincent Deparini	21-Jul
Louise Frye	21-Jul
Gloria Davis	22-Jul
Sherry Fitz-Gerald	22-Jul
Jim Kunz	22-Jul
Tina Lopez	22-Jul
Bob Newman	24-Jul
Emma Rodriguez	25-Jul
Valerie Schubert	25-Jul
Wally Savely	28-Jul
Sharon Starkey	29-Jul
Charlene Remillard	31-Jul

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Leo & Pat Mathos	Bob & Joyce Turner
2-Jul	24-Jul
Don & Claudia Sylvester	Luther & Lillian Lowe
10-Jul	26-Jul
Ralph & Cathy Wengler	Dan & Pat Van Lith
21-Jul	30-Jul

NEW & REJOINING MEMBERS

Gina Avalos	Ramona Lingar
Edna Draper	Greg & Cindy Rodriguez
Barbara Fleming	Jessy Rushing
Brandie Franklin	Herb & Judith Sisti

Sunshine Corner



Get Well Soon

Carol Garrymore

Lisa Story



Deepest Sympathy to

Christel Kurth, Club Treasurer,
whose husband, **Al Kurth**, passed



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

Editor's Note ~ Are you receiving this newsletter in the mail, but have access to the internet?? If so, we are asking you to **please** consider reading the newsletter online instead, either via email from the Club or at our Club's website: smvsc.org! *You can read it sooner and in **FULL COLOR!!*** If you are having trouble receiving it, **PLEASE, contact Editor Laura Selken** at 805-406-9989 or email her at laura.selken@gmail.com. Also, if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, or it is inaccurate, please feel free to contact Laura!

Note: only couples who are **both** current members will have their anniversary listed.

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY - JULY 1

DOORS OPEN 5 P.M. - DINNER 5:15 P.M.

Chinese Chicken Stir-Fry, Chow Mein Noodles & Mushroom Sauce, Stir-Fried Veggies, & Chocolate Cake

**RESERVE & PAY BY
FRIDAY - JUNE 28**

\$10 per person

**COVERED BY
JOY'S DELIGHTS**

FEATURING

Rhonda Murphy

SB County Veterans Service Officer

**Elwin E. Mussell Senior Citizens Center, 510 E. Park Ave.,
Santa Maria, CA 93454 925-0951, Ext. 2207**

