

The Mussell Messenger

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NOVEMBER 2017

This year is going fast. At least it seems like it to me. Thanksgiving is coming soon along with the end of daylight savings time. I personally like daylight savings time because as a night person, it gives me more daylight time. But I don't get to vote, so it's coming to an end.

For this month's dinner we are having **turkey with all the trimmings** catered by Jovi's Delights. Due to the fact this is a more elaborate meal, the cost will be **\$12**. It will also include stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, cranberry relish, and dessert. Sounds good, doesn't it? It's the only turkey I will get for Thanksgiving, so I am really looking forward to it. I hope you are, too! The speaker will be **Roy Dugger**, City of Santa Maria's Emergency Services Specialist. With winter coming, he will primarily talk to us about fire safety. Please try to attend and make him feel welcome. Be sure to sign up and pay before the deadline!

The December meeting will be the end of this current board's planning for the membership dinners. We have made it easy for the next board to continue them. We hope you have enjoyed the two years of catered dinners. It was started as an experiment to see if we could get more people to attend the monthly events. As most of you will remember, the meals at the monthly meetings used to be a potluck. I think the catering has worked beautifully and accomplished it's intended goal. We have added things as we have gone along. If there is a new board in place by January, maybe they will expand on it even more. I hope so!

Speaking of December, the decorating committee would like to see if someone out there has a **7- or 8-foot Christmas tree** with attached white lights that they might want to donate to the club. Maybe someone has one that is no longer being used. We're hoping, anyway! The committee also would like some battery-operated white lights if someone has any they don't need. The decorations are being assembled now so it's not being done it at the last minute. If you are able to help with any of these items, please contact any of the current board members.

We are still hoping for some people to **volunteer to be on the board for next year**. We have several open positions (*see page 2*). It's really not as difficult as you might think. To be clear, I'm personally at the center quite often, but it's not always as the President of the club. I exercise there and volunteer at the reception desk. When you see me, I'm often there as just a volunteer member and not as a board member! Every President is free to do the job in his or her own way. Some Presidents are more involved than others, as well as the board as a whole. It's your choice. **Note: being President exercises the mind so you keep sharp!!** You know what they say ~ you have to exercise your body AND mind to be a healthy senior. The primary thing the president is required to do is conduct the monthly membership and board meetings. He or she also writes a paragraph or more for the newsletter ~ with no set length! If you like, most of the other responsibilities can be done by a committee. Plus, this year's board has tried to get all of the liability, insurance, and business items cleaned up for a fresh start in 2018.

Actually, ALL of the open positions can be done by more than one person. It's possible to have co-presidents, co-vice presidents, and the member-at-large has often been shared by two people. **I will be available to help the new board!** In addition, anyone who steps up to volunteer for a board position in 2018 will have his or her **membership paid by the club!** Give me a call if you are interested, and we can talk about making it work for you.

Until next time, be well and have fun! ~ **Jo York, President**



2017 Officers & Committee Chairpersons

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2018 BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

PRESIDENT

GENERAL DUTIES OF THE POSITION:

- ⊙ Preside at all regular and special meetings of general membership and the board.
- ⊙ Appoint Chairpersons of all committees subject to the approval of the board.
- ⊙ Work with the city's Recreation Coordinator in reserving rooms for club activities throughout the year and ensure that these activities run smoothly.
- ⊙ Make sure bills are paid in a timely manner.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

GENERAL DUTIES OF THE POSITION:

- ⊙ Attend monthly membership and board meetings, and assume the duties of the 1st Vice President in his/her absence.
- ⊙ Act as the Chairperson of the Social Committee, lining up caterers and recruiting speakers for the monthly membership meeting and other social events as needed.
- ⊙ Recruit members of the club to serve on the Social Committee.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

GENERAL DUTIES OF THE POSITION:

- ⊙ Attend monthly membership and board meetings, and assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- ⊙ Act as the Chairperson of the Monthly Membership Dinner Committee, assisting with set-up/decorating, serving, clean-up.
- ⊙ Recruit members of the club to serve on the Dinner Committee.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

GENERAL DUTIES OF THE POSITION:

- ⊙ Attend monthly membership and board meetings.
- ⊙ Purchase supplies for monthly dinner, the receptionist area, club office, and kitchen/pantry area, and keep areas stocked.
- ⊙ Keep post office box key, picking up mail several times a week.
- ⊙ Act as Chairperson of the Newsletter Distribution Committee, coordinating the pick-up, folding, and delivery of the newsletter to the post office each month.
- ⊙ Recruit members of the club to serve on the Newsletter Distribution Committee.
- ⊙ Maintain and update president's plaque.

The Nominating Committee will be calling members in the coming weeks, recruiting officers for the 2018 Board of Directors! Please consider saying YES!!

SAVE OUR SENIOR CLUB!

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!

NOVEMBER 6TH 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 TRIP WILL BE ON SALE **NOVEMBER 6TH**:



February 2018 ~ Las Vegas

As many of you requested, there will be a Las Vegas trip in February 2018 (instead of Laughlin). Kathy is still researching hotels. Additional information and cost will be posted in the hallway, or you may call the office (349-0688) for more details prior to the sale date.

Dec. 31, 2017-Jan. 1, 2018 ~ Rose Parade

\$359.10 DbL., \$440.10 Sgl.

Silverado Tours has given us a special price to sell this trip. Due to the number of Club members purchasing it, they are now picking up at Elwin Mussell Center. (One of the Travel Committee members will meet you to fill out your car information to park overnight as usual.) Stay at the Ayers Hotel in Anaheim. Dinner at PF Chang's Chinese Restaurant is included. Hot breakfast is included at the hotel. You will have reserved grandstand seating for the Tournament of Roses Parade. Ticket prices do not include driver and tour guide gratuities. Return arrival scheduled for 5:25 p.m. Purchase the trip at our office for our special price, but **PLEASE make your checks payable to Silverado Stages.**



Late March 2018 ~ Pageant of Our Lord

This amazing depiction of Bible stories occurs the two weeks before Easter. Tickets went on sale in October after deadline for this newsletter. Watch for flyers and next newsletter for info.

Early to Mid-April 2018 ~ Boysenberry Festival at Knott's Berry Farm

Knotts Berry Farm will be holding its annual Boysenberry Festival. A day at Knotts Berry Farm will be included as part of the festival. See next newsletter for details.

Late April/Early May 2018 ~ Laughlin Riverside

Late June or Early July 2018 ~ "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Presented by Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater in Fresno, including a nice Sunday lunch buffet.

October 9-17, 2018 ~ Premier's Heritage Highlights

\$3055 DbL., \$3955 Sgl.

Presentation date to be announced. Trip includes Niagara Falls; Lancaster, Gettysburg, & Philadelphia, PA; Washington, DC tour; Mount Vernon, and Colonial Williamsburg. Receive a \$100 discount when making your final payment by check! *As soon as the presentation date is confirmed, Premier will print flyers and ship them to us.* Look for them in the hallway soon!

THESE TRIPS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE:

November 7-9 ~ **Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks Tour**

\$380 DbL., \$460 Sgl.

November 29 ~ **"Elf the Musical" at Cal Poly**

\$99

May 11-17, 2018 ~ **Collette's "Discover South Dakota"**

\$1999 DbL., \$2499 Sgl.

Special price effective only until November 3, 2017.



GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

'Tis the season to give thanks, so please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers who work together with the City to make the programs and services we offer a success at the Mussell Center. It is a privilege to work with so many dedicated volunteers!




I have tickets to the benefit matinee showing (1:30 p.m.) of the Mel Brooks musical **"Young Frankenstein"** on Saturday, **November 4**, at the Santa Maria Civic Theatre. It will be "spooktakular" show, I'm sure! Tickets benefit PLAY, Inc. and are \$25 each or 2 for \$40.

Speaking of volunteers ... there are many ways to get involved. I am looking for volunteer Table Hosts to assist at the **Celebration of Life Luncheon** on **November 8**. This event honors any member of the community who is 90+ years of age. Do you know someone who's over 90? You can pick up an invitation at the Center and share it with him/her. Or I can mail one to them if you prefer. (**RSVP deadline is Friday, November 3.**) If you'd like to be a table host, please contact me [see page 5] so I can add your name to the list. It's a lot of fun, and it's a real treat to spend time with the honorees some of whom are over 100 years of age!


Also coming up this month is a **Thanksgiving Luncheon** on Wednesday, **November 22**, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. To sign up, just call the front desk any time from November 6 to 17. We have room for about 100 guests so space is somewhat limited. I also need volunteers for this event to help decorate tables and greet guests. We'll have the traditional Thanksgiving menu. Hopefully, it will help put you in the holiday spirit!

Hope to see you at our events this month. **Happy Thanksgiving!**
~ Barbara Wiley
Recreation Coordinator



Join us for the 14th Annual

Celebration of Life



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

Wednesday, November 8, 2017



Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

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

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 \$12 (checks made payable to PLAY, Inc.)
- ★ Pre-registration Required

To RSVP please call (805) 925-0951 ext. 2207.
RSVP starting October 10, 2017.
Reservations must be received by noon, November 3, 2017.

ACTIVE LIVING
Program



"Black Coffee, Blue Moon, & Riptide"

All of your favorite "Moon" tunes
with guest artist Deanna Delore!

Sponsored by



Sunday, November 5
1:30 — 4:00 p.m.



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

Free!!!

Funded with a grant from the
Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County

This program is made possible
with the support of the



Riptide Big Band

For more info: Russ at (775) 843-2830

www.RiptideBB.com

Sunshine Corner

In Sympathy to ...



Judy Arko
wife of **Matt Arko**,
Senior Club treasurer for 15 years!



Jim Carpenter,
son of **Virginia Hungerford**,
former travel escort



Hatsumi "Annie" Thorvilson,
companion of **Willard "Lee" Shump**

*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. Note: when
you call her, she would greatly appreciate
it if you would leave your name and
telephone number in case she needs to
call you back. Thank you!*

**Come down to the Mussell Center
on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.
and join others in a friendly
game of Texas Hold 'Em poker!
Open to all adults 50+ years.
We can always add more tables,
so don't be shy! Poker chips are
provided. Women are highly
encouraged to participate! It's
fun and entertaining — join us!!!**

Editor's Note ~ Are you receiving this news-
letter in the mail, but have
some access to the internet??

If so, we are asking you to please consider
reading the newsletter online instead either
via email from me (as an attachment) or
directly at our website: smvsc.org! **It is
in FULL COLOR** and available much
sooner than the mail! If you are having
any trouble receiving it, **PLEASE contact
Laura Selken** (Editor) at (805) 406-9989 or
email: laura.selken@gmail.com.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
Cost		1	2	3	4
Bingo: 50¢/card Bunco: \$3/day BYOB: \$25/mo.+ Chairobics: \$15/mo.+ Folk Dance: (Mondays) \$15/mo.+		Tai Chi: \$25/mo.+ Yoga: \$15/mo.+ Zumba: \$25/mo.+ +Santa Maria Residents (non-residents are slightly higher)	9-3:45 Pool* 11-12 BYOB*§ 12-4 Duplicate Bridge 2:30-3:45 Folk Dancing*	9-3:45 Pool* 12-4 Mah Jongg* 1-4 Bingo	9-12 Pool* 9-12 Mah Jongg* (subject to change) 9 am-1 pm Duplicate Bridge
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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.

NOVEMBER Birthdays

David Garcia	1-Nov	Jerri Gantenbein	10-Nov	Eleanor Lachenmaier	21-Nov
Sandra Krewski	1-Nov	Joanne Kies	10-Nov	Rachel Buckley	22-Nov
Annie Thorvilson	1-Nov	Betty Moritsch	10-Nov	Hank Schiff	22-Nov
Dorothy Davis	2-Nov	Jenny Taylor	10-Nov	Deborah Schlanser	23-Nov
Ciela Hernandez	3-Nov	Brenda Werbelow	10-Nov	John Regalado	24-Nov
Dave Carey	4-Nov	Ginger Halbig	11-Nov	Olive Houston	26-Nov
Rose Ograin	4-Nov	Jadine Roinestad	11-Nov	Madeline Permasse	26-Nov
Diane Broyles	5-Nov	Taka Sears	13-Nov	Sue Randolph-Douvia	26-Nov
Cindy Cozart	5-Nov	Audrey Nash	14-Nov	Norman Brooks	27-Nov
Diana Dodos	5-Nov	Chris Smith	15-Nov	Jeri Chaffin	27-Nov
Chris Oberg	5-Nov	Esther Bartlett	16-Nov	Steve Hopkins	27-Nov
Connie VanBelleghem	5-Nov	Edna Breazeale	16-Nov	Ron Mideiros	27-Nov
Carol-Lee Cahill	6-Nov	Evalyn France	16-Nov	Kenneth Eaton	28-Nov
Barbara Centeno	6-Nov	Sonja Gerfen	17-Nov	Lynda Miller	29-Nov
Jerry Lamphier	6-Nov	Vahnita Vasquez	17-Nov	Donald Newman	30-Nov
Karen Mayes	7-Nov	Gilda Aveo	18-Nov	Lydia Vose	30-Nov
Julie Valenzuela	8-Nov	Dawn Kamiya	19-Nov		
Connie Foss	10-Nov	Bob Norwood	19-Nov		

Happy Birthday!

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John & Marlene Medeiros	3-Nov
Al & Terry Leduc	4-Nov
Donald & Bonnie Newman	7-Nov
Ed & Jean Letman	16-Nov
Steve & Joanne Hopkins	28-Nov

Happy Anniversary!

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME
New AND Former Members!

Marge Emery
 Joe & Grace Mendoza
 Lorraine Snyder

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.

Renew or JOIN the Senior Club TODAY!

Pay just \$15 per person, beginning November 1st, and your membership will be good through

RENEW December 31, 2018! TODAY

November 15 — December 6

Lights, Sights & Holiday Nights

'Tis the season to be jolly and spread holiday cheer throughout the community by taking part in our traditional Holiday Decoration Contest! The community will be given the opportunity to nominate their favorite decorated residence, business, storefront, or church, and a committee of judges will select the winning displays to be included in the Holiday Hall of Fame Tour map. Call 925-0951, ext. 2260 for more information, or visit:

cityofsantamaria.org.

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 P.M. / DINNER: 6 P.M.

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JOVI'S DELIGHTS

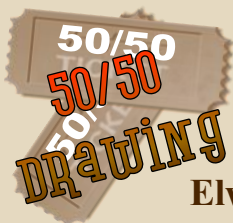
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