

The Mussell Messenger

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December 2021



President's Message ~



Carolyn Cabrera

Good morning, at least here in my world. The Holidays are upon us, and we are ending a challenging year for all of us. However, we didn't give up! We kept going! I am so proud of you and "Happy" to be moving forward with you all! We have most of the board positions moved around for now, but certainly still open to **NEW PEOPLE** joining us!!! We will be voting on the **2022 Board of Directors** at the December 6th Membership Meeting and installing them in January.

We are deciding what we will be doing in the new year, and we would love your input! Trips are being planned, and the Club will keep moving forward. Participate, volunteer, give ideas for fundraisers ~ we can use (and NEED) your help! The board is right there with you!

Please note, as is tradition, there will be no Senior Club receptionists at the Mussell Center the last two weeks of December (Dec. 20-31), and the Travel Committee Office will be closed, as well. The Center will remain open during that time except for Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31 (it's actually open for our Noon Year's Eve Dance on the 31st, but that's it).

~ Love to you all, Carolyn



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



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

Travelers! We have planned a day trip to **Chumash** for **Wednesday, December 1**. Call or come into the office to sign up. Pay the driver that day **(\$40)** and receive a voucher to "play" for the same amount!! Be here by 10:20 a.m. that morning. Bus will depart at 10:45 a.m.

We have a few seats still available for the trip to **Cambria** on **Wednesday, December 8**. See below for details. **NOTE:** Our office will be closed the last two weeks of December.



December 8 ~ Cambria Christmas Market & Lights

\$46*

We will leave the Center at 3:30 p.m. and plan to leave Cambria at 8 p.m.

FIRST DAY SALE on MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

We are planning a trip to a show at **Roger Rocka's**. Doors open at 9 a.m. with the sale beginning shortly after. Sales will continue until everyone has been helped, but no later than Noon.



***All prices are per person**

Note: All participants must be vaccinated or have a negative COVID test within 72 hours of departure for all trips. Masks are required!

2021 Officers & Committee Chairpersons

President:	Carolyn Cabrera	805-448-0623	ccabrera48@verizon.net
Co-1st VP:	Annie Lawrence	805-903-3170	calligrapher.annie@gmail.com
Co-1st VP:	Bruce Rodriguez	805-714-8699	brucerodriguez1951@gmail.com
Co-2nd VPs:	Ray & Alice Torres	805-931-0305	pelon@charter.net
Treasurer:	Christel Kurth	805-332-3328	kurth1313@comcast.net
Recording Secretary:	Judy Lindquist	775-813-5186	judybluenote@gmail.com
Corresponding Sec.:	Laura Selken	805-406-9989	laura.selken@gmail.com
Director of Purchasing:	OPEN ~ Contact Carolyn if you are interested in this position		
Receptionists:	OPEN ~ Contact Carolyn if you are interested in leading this group		
Sunshine:	Simone Gillogly	805-925-6267	[no email]
Travel:	Kathy Doty	805-937-0314	dudoty@comcast.net
Recreation Coordinator:	Barbara Wiley	805-925-0951, ext. 2264	bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org



Join Us

at the annual

Noon

Year's Eve

Dance!

Friday

December 31

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

Happy New Year





Featuring Bob Nations & Mitch Latting with guest vocalist, Liz Douglas

FREE



This program is made possible with the support of the



More Information: Judy @ 775-813-5186

Or visit RiptideBB.com or

Riptide Big Band on Facebook

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Visit our website: smvscc.org

You'll find this month's newsletter on the home page, along with special events and important information. Explore other areas of the site by clicking on various sections in the upper right side, including a calendar of events, senior resources, & past newsletters. Please, be patient as we update the website to reflect the various returning and new club events and city programs in the coming weeks and months. Thank you!



GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

As we close one year and welcome the next, there are a few dates and reminders to share:

- * Santa Maria residents may enter themselves or a neighbor in the annual **Lights, Sights and Holiday Nights Contest**. Submit the address, phone number, if available, and up to three photos to: rpinfo@cityofsantamaria.org. Deadline for nominations is Monday, December 6. The map of the winning entries will be published Friday, December 10. We hope to resume tours of the lights for seniors next year when conditions allow. *[see pg. 5 for more info.]*
- * The **City Tree Lighting** will take place at the corner of Cook and Broadway on **Friday, December 3, at 5 p.m.** All are welcome!
- * The Mussell Center will be **closed Friday, December 24**, because the Federal holiday of Christmas (December 25) is on the weekend. No events are scheduled this day.
- * **Friday, December 31**, is also a City holiday this year, so all City staff have the day off. However, the Mussell Center will be open for the **Senior Club's Noon Year Dance Party from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. NO OTHER ACTIVITIES** are scheduled.

After faithfully serving the residents of Santa Maria for 34 years, Recreation Supervisor, **Cindy Hoskins**, is retiring as of December 17th. Throughout her extensive career with the Recreation and Parks Department, Cindy has worked in nearly every facet of recreation programs. She has run sports programs, day camps, special events, and major fundraisers. Cindy was instrumental in designing the City's Christmas Tree and has orchestrated the lighting ceremonies each year since. Cindy has been responsible for senior services, grant writing, and has provided valuable support to our foundation, the People for Leisure and Youth, Inc. (P.L.A.Y. Inc.). Cindy has been a mentor to countless coworkers and has provided a true visionary role that impacted the Department for over three decades.

Cindy played a major role in planning the City's Centennial Celebration and her influence will carry on into the future when the next time capsule is opened in 2055 during the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration. There is not enough room in this column to mention all of Cindy's contributions to our City. Thank you, Cindy, for your dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria. Congratulations!! Happy Retirement!!

A hug – a kind word – a hand to hold. The greatest gifts of all. May you give them freely and receive them abundantly this holiday season and throughout the New Year. All of us at the Recreation and Parks Department wish you a **Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!! And, Happy New Year!!!**
~ "Santa Barbara"

P.S. I'll be baking and fulfilling my Santa duties while on vacation December 22nd-27th.

P.S.S. Don't forget the **Christmas in the Country** drive through light display is open from **November 26-December 26**. Visitors embark on a magical holiday light drive-through experience at the Elks Event Center with displays presented by local businesses and families. Advance ticket sales are available at elksrec.com/p/events/christmas-in-the-country.



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

The Mussell Center is open from **8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday**. Please enter the building during **these hours only**, unless there is a special event. Thank you! ~ Rec & Parks

RENEW
MEMBERSHIP

It's Time to Renew Memberships for 2022!
Stop into the Mussell Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
or send your check for \$20 per person
to PO Box 6688, Santa Maria, CA 93456.

RENEW
MEMBERSHIP

Note: If you plan to renew in person, just check over your information in the membership binder at the Club receptionist's desk. If all your info is correct, you don't have to fill out a new form!

2022 BOARD MEMBERS STILL 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.
- ⊙ Responsible for handling grievances with the assistance of the board.

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.
- ⊙ Secure food/hire caterers and recruit speakers/programs for the monthly membership dinner meeting and other social events as needed.

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 Membership Dinner Committee.

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING

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.
- ⊙ Maintain and update president's plaque.

Additional positions may be open. If interested in serving, please contact a board member (see page 2).

WE NEED YOU TO SERVE!
PLEASE CONSIDER "STEPPING UP" & JOINING THE BOARD IN THE NEW YEAR!

Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club
Central Coast Active Adults!

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.



is pleased to announce ... *Bunco is back!!!*



1st & 3rd Tuesdays

1 to 3:30 p.m.

(doors open at 12:45 p.m.)

Cost is \$3 to play to cover prizes

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon!!

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



For more information, please call Simone at 805-925-6267.



NEEDED

REGULAR & SUBSTITUTE
receptionists needed for
the club at the Mussell Center.

Shifts available:

Weekdays

10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

or 12:00 – 2 p.m.

For more information,
contact Carolyn Cabrera
at 805-448-0623 or

ccabrera48@verizon.net,

or leave a message with
a Senior Club receptionist.

Grant Writer Needed!

The Senior Club will be experiencing a dramatic increase in our “cost of doing business” as we move forward into the new year. As such, we will be exploring various ways of raising funds. One such possibility is applying for more grants. Unfortunately, we are not that experienced with this method, so we are looking for any Club members who might be willing and able to help the board with this possible new avenue of financing.

Of course, if you have any other ideas on how the Club can raise money, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the board members listed on page 4. We are open to suggestions AND volunteers to help make it happen!!



The City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department and
Commission invite you to participate in the 25th Annual



Lights, Sights, & Holiday Nights

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

Spread
Holiday Cheer
This Year!

To nominate an entry,
please submit up to 3 photos, the
address, and contact phone number
for the entry (if available).

Send entries to
rpinfo@cityofsantamaria.org

Nominate
your favorite
light display!

'Tis the season to be jolly and spread
holiday cheer throughout the community by
decking your home out for the holidays!

Nominations accepted
November 15th through December 6th

**AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO WINNERS
IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

Best Decorated Rookie:
First time contest entry.

Country Christmas:
Best depiction of western or ranch style holiday.

Home Spun Holiday:
Best depiction of traditional holidays at home.

California Dreamin':
Spectacular light display with motion lights,
music, and/or animatronics.

Simply Christmas:
Simply decorated homes full of
the Christmas Spirit.

Holiday Hall of Fame:
Past Contest winners who have
won three or more times.

Final judging will take place from
5:00-9:00 PM on Wednesday, December 8th

For more information, contact the City of Santa Maria
Recreation and Parks Department at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260

Happy Holidays! December 2021 Happy Holidays!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Please Note: Due to the holidays, some classes and activities may be canceled. Please, check with the instructor or group leader in advance when possible, or call the Center.	<u>Contacts</u> Book Exchange: 805-354-0388 Bridge: (Alan) 408-499-5333 Folk Dancing: 805-925-5429	9 Exec. Bd. Meeting 9-3:45 Pool* 9-10 Zumba Gold*§ 10:15-11:15 Chairiobics*§ 11-12 Beginner Ukulele* 12-4 Mah Jongg* 1-4 Beginning Bridge & Instruction	9-3:45 Pool* 9-10 BYOB*§ 10:15-11:15 Yoga*§ 11-12- Forever Young Band 2-3:45 Folk Dancing	9-3:45 Pool* 12-4 Mah Jongg* 12-3:45 Bingo 5 p.m. Tree Lighting
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← No Club Receptionists or Travel Office this week. →

*City of Santa Maria Rec & Parks Dept. Program §Participants must pre-register at Rec. & Parks Dept. No walk-ins.

December Birthdays

Don Sylvester	1
Jill Balezentes	5
Deedee Hagen	5
Joanne Hopkins	5
Pat Rae	5
Jean Roth	10
Evelyn Delany	12
Rik Dodos	12
Elaine Brown	13
Janet Donaher	13
Ron Evey	14
Duane Long	15
Carolyn McCall	15
Mary Jane Niccoli	15
Jason Schellas	16
Mary Middleton	17
Art Thaler	17
Pat Park	18
Kay Register	20
Liz Regulski	20
Marilyn Stanley	22
Marlene Medeiros	23
Wes Bruxvoort	24
Darlene Vidal	25
Trish Stewart	26
David Vallejo	26
Betty Baxter	27
Joyce Cox	28
Joyce Hershberger	29
Leon Permasse	29
Georgia Schellas	31

New/Rejoining Members

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Twyla Bohl
Wes Bruxvoort
Rik Dodos
Millie Finney
Libby Kelly
David Vallejo
Jeannine Vanier

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Sunshine Corner



Get Well Soon

Norma Aagesen

Joanne Blashaw

Rosemary D'Amato

Jean Nanninga

Lottie Villalobos

Once again, the Sunshine Corner wishes to THANK

Grace Jarvis

for her invaluable assistance in supplying issues of the *Santa Maria Times* to keep information current.

Please contact Simone (805-925-6267) about any members or their loved ones who should be sent a get well, thinking of you, or sympathy card. Note: when you call her, please leave your name and number.

December Anniversaries

Roberto & Ruth Limon	17
Ray & Alice Torres	17
Dale & Karen Iliff	29

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

Happy November Birthdays!



Cindy Cozart, Evalyn France, Madeline Permasse, & Margie Kraft

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Monthly Membership Meeting



Monday - December 6

Doors Open: 5 p.m. - Dinner: 5:15 p.m.

Ham, scalloped potatoes, buttered green beans, salad, rolls, and spice cake

Reserve/Pay by:

Friday - Dec. 3

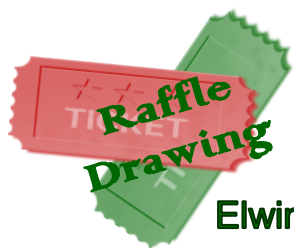
\$15 per person

featuring

Herb Adams

Catered by:

Jovi's Delight



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