

# The Mussell Messenger

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## DECEMBER 2025

### President's Message ~

### YOUR BEST TIME OF DAY?



**Carolyn Cabrera**

What time of the day do you like the best? I have discovered early mornings are my favorite. It is so still at that time. I can watch my birds and enjoy the peace that comes before the chaos of the day. I get all my laundry done and dishes washed. I feel I can be so productive at this time of day. I can cook and prepare food for my meals. I'll vacuum, dust, and clean the floors. Oh, what a joy to have a clean home! Give me your input! Share with me YOUR best or favorite time of day!

Our next dinner will be **Monday, December 8**, featuring **Bellissima Handbells** with Rebecca Hendricks and Judy Zaretska playing music for the holidays! The menu will be tropical pineapple ham, scalloped potatoes, seasonal vegetables, salad, roll, and dessert. As mentioned last month, and is always the case, the price for this meal will be a bit more due to increased costs for us. **It will be \$20**. Remember, your **PRE-PAID** reservations will be due by **Friday, December 5, at Noon**. Please be sure to make and pay for your reservations **in advance**, rather than just "showing up" on Monday evening. We need to have an accurate head count, so that we can order the correct amount of food. Thanks for your cooperation. Guests are welcome (as long as they pay in advance) up to three times before joining. Help grow our membership and bring a friend!! Or buy a membership for someone as a gift!

The final dance of the year will be the annual **NOON YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION** on **Wednesday, December 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Mussell Center. **Riptide Big Band** invites everyone to join them in ringing in the new year! As always, this event is open to the public and **FREE**, thanks to the generous grant from the Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County! Bring your friends and neighbors ... the more the merrier ... but come early as seats fill up fast for this one!

**Don't forget to renew your membership!** Invite your friends and family to join with you! Membership remains \$25 per person. As a reminder, we **do accept** credit cards, but we currently charge \$1 extra to help cover additional fees.

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## 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.

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### Recreation & Parks Receptionist 805-925-0951, ext. 2207

Recreation & Parks Dept. Primary Office 805-925-0951, ext. 2260 (615 S. McClelland St.)

## Happy December Birthday!

Cindy DiSanti	1
Nancy Reitmeyer	2
Sandi Stewart	2
Nick Gonzales	4
Joanne Hopkins	5
Jolene Simons	5
Nancy Andersen	8
Brenda Kelley	9
Jean Roth	10
Mary Miller	12
Janet Donaher	13
Duane Long	15
Jason Schellas	16
Janet Waite	16
Mary Ann Marciel	17
Terry Reagan	17
Art Thaler	17
Pat Park	18
Kay Register	20
Liz Regulski	20
Jackie France	22
Jane Hilbig	22
Frank Drake	23
Marlene Medeiros	23
Betty Baxter	27
Paula Lahr	29
Georgia Schellas	31

## Happy December Anniversary!

Chuck Kinsman  
& Sue King  
December 3  
  
Ray & Alice Torres  
December 17

## Welcome New and Returning Members!

Steven & Barbara  
Akiyoshi  
  
Dea Cunningham

*If you know any members in need of a "get well," "thinking of you," or sympathy card, please contact **Teri DeAngelo** at **teriangelo@gmail.com** or **805-698-6478**.*



Once again, we wish to share our deepest gratitude to a very supportive couple, **José and Toni Loayza**, for their very generous annual donation to our club!

**REMINDER:** At the monthly dinner in December, the nominations for officers for 2026 will be read aloud, followed by a request for any further nominations from the floor. Members present at this dinner meeting will vote on the nominees, and the officers will be installed in January.





# TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

## Santa Maria Senior Travel Committee



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

**December 10 ~ Cambria Christmas Lights/Market** **WAIT LIST** **\$60**



The Cambria Christmas Market features more than two million twinkling lights with artisan vendors, cozy fire pits, live music, delicious food & drink, and much more. Cost includes bus and entry into the Lights/Market; dinner on your own. Limited seats available. Departs: 4:00 p.m./Returns: 9:30 p.m.

**January 16, 2026 ~ Santa Ynez Chumash Museum & Cultural Center** **PLUS Casino** **\$45**

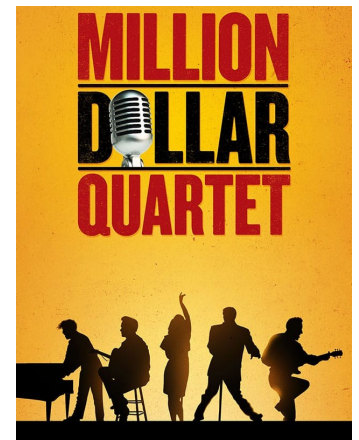


SANTA YNEZ  
**CHUMASH MUSEUM**  
AND CULTURAL CENTER

Join us for a tour of the new Chumash museum followed by a leisurely lunch consumed outside in one of their designated areas (BYO) OR a visit to the casino (lunch can be purchased at the casino, if desired). Departs: 10:00 a.m./Returns: 3:30 p.m.

**February 15, 2026 ~ Million Dollar Quartet** **\$78**

The San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, the only year-round, nonprofit, professional theatre in San Luis Obispo County, is bringing back "Million Dollar Quartet." Don't miss this opportunity to witness "the night that made music history" ... December 4, 1956. Four rock 'n' roll icons – Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins – came together for an unforgettable jam session. This production brings that electrifying moment to life with a hit-packed score performed by world-class actors and musicians. This high-energy jukebox musical is a celebration of music history, packed with heart, humor, and pure rock 'n' roll magic. Departs: 1:00 p.m./Returns: 5:00 p.m.



**April 17-24, 2026 ~ American Heritage** **\$4549\* pp dbl./\$5649\* pp sgl.**

Join us for an eight-day, seven-night trip. Highlights include Smithsonian Museums • Twilight Monument Tour • Arlington National Cemetery • The Greenbrier Resort (White Sulphur Springs, WV) • Monticello • Colonial Williamsburg • Mount Vernon. Brochures are available with additional information. Hosted by Collette. **\*Reserve early and SAVE!**



\*\*\*Note: All return times are approximate.

**PLEASE NOTE: The travel office will be closed the last two weeks of December. Our last day for sales will be December 18, and we will REOPEN on January 6.**

**Travel with us!!!**



## Greetings from the Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department!

# What's Happening in December!

- \* **Tuesdays, December 2 & December 16, 1-3:30 p.m. ~ Bunco: Winter Fun!** – Get ready to roll the dice! Join us for Bunco Winter Fun and wear your ugliest sweater to show your Christmas spirit and win a prize. \$3 to play. [Dec. 2 ~ Activity #26347; Dec. 16 ~ Activity #26348]
- \* **Wednesdays, December 3 & December 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. ~ Brushes & Beyond: Print Making** – Show off your creativity in this print making class using “found objects.” This form of print making is a creative process where artists use everyday items to create unique artwork. It involves using materials to create patterns, shapes, and textures, which can then be printed onto various surfaces. [Activity #26345]
- \* **Monday-Friday, December 8-12, 1-3 p.m. ~ Santa's Workshop** – Straight from the North Pole, we bring you Santa's Workshop! Join us for a weeklong activity, where you will create your own gingerbread house. Come meet new friends and show off your artistic flair. Gingerbread houses will be displayed at the Mussell Center and winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 24th. [Activity #26346]
- \* **Thursday, December 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m. ~ Sweet Treats: Gingerbread House** – Join us in a delightful tradition, combining creativity and festive fun, at our December “Sweet Treats” workshop where participants will decorate a gingerbread house! Transform a simple gingerbread house into a stunning work of art! [Activity #26340]

The Mussell Center will be **closing at 12:30 pm** on Wednesdays, **December 24** and **December 31**, and will be **CLOSED** on **Christmas** (December 25) and **New Year's Day** (January 1). NOTE: The Riptide Big Band Noon Year's Dance will be held on Wednesday, December 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., but there will be no City Receptionist that day after 12:30 p.m.

For more information on City Recreation & Parks Department activities, and/or assistance with their required pre-registration, please visit the **CITY** receptionist desk Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, or call 805-925-0951, ext. 2207. You may also visit the main office at 615 S. McClelland St or call them at 805-925-0951, ext. 2260.

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**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Club receptionists the last two weeks of December (12/22/2025-1/2/2026). In addition, the Travel Office will be closed for the same two weeks.**





**Congratulations to our  
November winners:  
Liz Regulski - \$37.00 &  
Edward Canales - \$25.00!**

**RENEW  
MEMBERSHIP**

**IT'S TIME TO  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!**

**Stop into the  
Mussell Center  
from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
or send your check  
for \$25 per person  
to PO Box 6688  
Santa Maria, CA 93456.**

**Note: If you send in  
your renewal by check,  
please include the  
full name, address,  
& phone number  
of each member.**

**If you want your  
membership card  
mailed to you,  
you MUST include a  
self-addressed,  
stamped envelope.**

**At St. Andrew  
United Methodist  
Church**

*Coastal Voices  
Community Choir  
Presents*

*'Twas the night before ...*

**Friday, December 12th, 7 PM  
&  
Saturday December 13th, 3 PM**

**Suggested Donation \$15  
Special Guests - Central Coast Chordsmen  
Young Voices of Santa Maria**

St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3945 S. Bradley, Santa Maria  
CoastalVoices@gmail.com, CoastalVoices.info 805-517-4645





## SANTA MARIA VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

CITY OF SANTA MARIA  
RECREATION & PARKS DEPT.



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Recreation & Parks  
Department

THE *Community*  
FOUNDATION  
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

& THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY



PRESENT THE ANNUAL

**Free!**

# Noon Year's Eve Celebration Dance



Wednesday  
December 31  
11 am - 1 pm

Welcome in the New Year at "Noon"  
with music by Riptide Big Band and  
vocalists Bob Nations & Mitch Latting

Elwin Mussell Senior Center  
510 E Park Ave, Santa Maria

info: Judy @ 775-813-5186  
Visit [RiptideBB.com](http://RiptideBB.com) or  
Riptide Big Band on Facebook





# DECEMBER 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-4 Billiards* <b>1</b> 10-12 Scrabble* 10 Ukulele Jam* <b>12 Duplicate Bridge</b> 1-3 Knit, Crochet+* 1:30 Table Tennis*	9-4 Billiards* <b>2</b> 9 Table Tennis* 9 BYOB* 10:15 Yoga* <b>12:30-3:30 Travel</b> 1 Grief Support* 1-3 Knit, Crochet+* <b>1-3:30 Bunco*</b>	9-4 Billiards* <b>3</b> <b>9 Bd. Meeting</b> 9 Dance Fitness* 12-4 Pickleball* <b>12:30-3:30 Travel</b> <b>1-4 Beg. Bridge</b> <b>1:30 -3:30 Brushes and Beyond*</b>	9-4 Billiards* <b>4</b> 9 BYOB* 10:15 Yoga* 12-4 Pickleball* <b>12:30-3:30 Travel</b> <b>1p Hand &amp; Foot</b>	9-4 Billiards* <b>5</b> 9 Dance Fitness* 10-12 Scrabble 12-4 Mah Jongg* 12-4 Board Games <b>12:00-3:30 Bingo</b>
9-4 Billiards* <b>8</b> 10-12 Scrabble* 10 Ukulele Jam* <b>12 Duplicate Bridge</b> 1-3 Knit, Crochet+* 1:30 Table Tennis* <b>5 Member Dinner</b>	9-4 Billiards* <b>9</b> 9 Table Tennis* 9 BYOB* 10:15 Yoga* 12-4 Pinochle* <b>12:30-3:30 Travel</b> 1 Grief Support* 1-3 Knit, Crochet+*	9-4 Billiards* <b>10</b> 9 Dance Fitness* 12-4 Pickleball* <b>12:30-3:30 Travel</b> <b>1-4 Beg. Bridge</b> <b>1:30 -3:30 Brushes and Beyond*</b>	9-4 Billiards* <b>11</b> 9 BYOB* 10:15 Yoga* 12-4 Pickleball* <b>12:30-3:30 Travel</b> <b>1:30 Sweet Treats*</b>	9-4 Billiards* <b>12</b> 9 Dance Fitness* 10-12 Scrabble 12-4 Mah Jongg* 12-4 Board Games <b>12:00-3:30 Bingo</b>
9-4 Billiards* <b>15</b> 10-12 Scrabble* 10 Ukulele Jam* <b>12 Duplicate Bridge</b> 1-3 Knit, Crochet+* 1:30 Table Tennis*	9-4 Billiards* <b>16</b> 9 Table Tennis* 9 BYOB* 10:15 Yoga* <b>12:30-3:30 Travel</b> 1 Grief Support* 1-3 Knit, Crochet+* <b>1-3:30 Bunco*</b>	9-4 Billiards* <b>17</b> 9 Dance Fitness* 10 Line Dancing* 12-4 Pickleball* <b>12:30-3:30 Travel</b> <b>1-4 Beg. Bridge</b>	9-4 Billiards* <b>18</b> 9 BYOB* 10:15 Yoga* 12-4 Pickleball* <b>12:30-3:30 Travel</b> <b>1p Hand &amp; Foot</b>	9-4 Billiards* <b>19</b> 9 Dance Fitness* <b>9:30 Foodbank Cooking Class &amp; Food Distribution</b> 10-12 Scrabble 12-4 Mah Jongg* 12-4 Board Games <b>12:00-3:30 Bingo</b>
9-4 Billiards* <b>22</b> 10-12 Scrabble* 10 Ukulele Jam* <b>12 Duplicate Bridge</b> 1-3 Knit, Crochet+* 1:30 Table Tennis*	9-4 Billiards* <b>23</b> 9 Table Tennis* 9 BYOB* 10:15 Yoga* 12-4 Pinochle* 1 Grief Support* 1-3 Knit, Crochet+*	9-4 Billiards* <b>24</b> 9 Dance Fitness*  <b>Mussell Center is closing at 12:30 pm!</b>	<b>Center is Closed 25</b> 	9-4 Billiards* <b>26</b> 9 Dance Fitness* 10-12 Scrabble* 12-4 Mah Jongg* 12-4 Board Games* <b>12:00-3:30 Bingo</b>
9-4 Billiards* <b>29</b> 10-12 Scrabble* 10 Ukulele Jam* <b>12 Duplicate Bridge</b> 1-3 Knit, Crochet+* 1:30 Table Tennis*	9-4 Billiards* <b>30</b> 9 Table Tennis* 9 BYOB* 10:15 Yoga* 1 Grief Support* 1-3 Knit, Crochet+*	 <b>31</b> 11 am-1 pm <b>Noon Year's Eve Celebration!</b>	<b>Center is Closed 1</b> 	<u>Club Activity Contact Persons:</u> Dup. Bridge ~ Alan 408-499-5333 Beg. Bridge ~ Frank 805-574-3237 Hand & Foot ~ Christel 805-332-3328 Bingo ~ Loretta 805-264-7160

**NOTE: Classes/activities may be changed or canceled by the instructor, city, or Club as needed.**

Activities with an asterisk\* are hosted by the City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department. Advanced registration is required in most cases (see City Receptionist).

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## Happy Holidays to all our wonderful members!!!



### Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2025

Doors Open: 5 pm / Dinner: 5:15 pm



Tropical pineapple ham, scalloped potatoes, seasonal vegetables, salad, roll, and dessert

Reserve/Pay By: **\$20 per person**

**Friday, Dec. 5**

**Bellissima  
Handbells**

**with**

**Rebecca Hendricks  
& Judy Zaretska**

**Catered By:**

**Jovi's Delight**



**Elwin E. Mussell Senior Citizens Center, 510 E. Park Ave.  
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