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The Mussell Messenger

Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club Newsletter

Monthly Membership Meetings

Saturday, December 3
Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6 p.m.

\$15 per person

Catered by



Entertainment by

*Coastal
Voices*

Limited seating available ~ reserve early!
Reservations are required by November 28!

Monday, January 9
Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6 p.m.

\$10 per person

Catered by

*HOMETOWN
BUFFET*

featuring

mostaccioli, chicken
and two side salads

Due to the reception desk being closed
December 19 to January 2, reservations
will be accepted through January 4!

If your birthday is the month you attend, you could win \$25!!!

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



**Jo York
President**

Welcome December & the New Year!

It has been a year since I became president of the Senior Club. My how time flies when you're having fun? Well it has flown by anyway. I'm still not certain I know what I'm doing. Maybe I'll figure it out by the time my term is up. I sure hope so. But I do really appreciate everyone's support and willingness to help. You have been great, and I can't thank you enough.

I know there were some changes and some problems in the beginning of this year. I sincerely hope we have addressed those concerns so that the club operates a little more smoothly. Some of the issues involved administrative changes. I'm not sure you, the general membership, are fully aware of what they all were, but they needed to be done. They were implemented to ensure the club is in compliance with state regulations.

Moving forward, I hope that we are a little more open about what goes on in the board meetings and what to expect of the club in the future. I have tried, and will continue to try, to let you know in these President columns.

Speaking of the future, we will have the installation of the 2017 board members during the January dinner meeting. We will all be taking the oath of office. We will have at least one new board member and hopefully two. At this time, we are still in need of a secretary. If anyone would like to volunteer for this, or any other position, please let us know. We can always use someone new with fresh ideas.



As you may recall, we announced last summer that the club had received a grant from San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation for dances at the center. After several months of discussion and planning, the committee in charge of the funds came to a decision on disbursing the monies. Beginning with November through May 2017, the monthly dances we host will be **FREE**. I'll keep you posted about the grant for next year. And don't forget ~ the Noon Year Dance will be held Saturday, December 31. Come have some fun with us!!

Our December dinner meeting (which is also our Christmas party) will be **SATURDAY, December 3**, at the usual time of 6:00 p.m. It will be catered by the Swiss Chalet with barbecue chicken and tri-tip, along with the usual side dishes. I hope everyone has already made their reservations, as we can only seat 100 people. If you haven't yet, reservations can be made until November 28, ***if space is available***. Note: The cost for this dinner is \$15.00 per person.

The January meeting is set for Monday, **January 9** (because January 2 is a federal holiday for New Years Day). It will be catered by HomeTown Buffet. To try something a little different, we will be serving mostaccioli (a baked pasta dish with meat sauce and mozzarella cheese) in addition to fried and baked chicken, a green salad, a carrot and raisin salad, and rolls. We hope you enjoy it. The cost will be the usual \$10.00. For this dinner you may make reservations up until January 4, 2017.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Happy Kwanzaa, or whatever you celebrate. And have a Great New Year!

~ Jo York, President

2016 OFFICERS

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|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
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|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------------|
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|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Receptionist: | Diane Bentley | 925-0951 Ext. 2207 | |
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OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

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|------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Mondays | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Drop-in Softball Hagerman Sports Complex |
| Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m. – Noon | Lawn Bowling Club 4205 S. McClelland St. |
| Thursdays | 9:00 a.m. – Noon | Lawn Bowling Club 4205 S. McClelland St. |
| | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Drop-in Softball Hagerman Sports Complex |

Editor's Note: Hopefully, you are receiving your newsletter, either by email (as a "pdf") or in the mail. *It is quite costly to print and mail the newsletter, so please consider having it sent completely **FREE*** (no printing, no processing, no postage necessary) and in **FULL COLOR** via email. It also arrives much sooner than if you choose to have it mailed! Reminder: It's ALSO posted to our website: smvsc.org/Main.html. The deadline for the next issue (**February 2017**) is **January 18, 2017**.



Marjorie Gjerdrum-Hord
Program Specialist



GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

'Tis the season to be jolly and reflect on how great this year has been ~ another fun-packed year at Elwin Mussell Center. It is time to plan what you want the New Year to be. Look at our programs for the upcoming year, and you will find there is so much to choose from. And if you don't see anything you would like to do, come talk with us. We love opportunities to provide new programs!

Look at our Active Living section in our Recreation Guide [*new one coming out in mid-December*]! Start off the New Year with an exercise class, or learn a new game. As we get older we need to work at being active in mind and body. Do it at Elwin Mussell Center and make some new friends to join you in the New Year.

Be sure to join us in our holiday festivities! There are bus tours to see the decorative lights, a tree lighting, and of course, welcome in the New Year at our Noon Year party! All events are free. [*See below & page 10*]

Anyone interested in a book club? It would meet once a week, perhaps with coffee or wine and a few snacks. Books will be chosen by participants. Meetings could be morning or evenings. If interested, please contact Marjorie at 925-0951, ext. 2347.

I would like to personally thank everyone here at the center that has helped with the events we have here at the Elwin Mussell Center. Your volunteer help is greatly appreciated. I particularly want to thank the Senior Club, Terry LeDuc, Mary Johnson, and Jo York. It is my pleasure to serve all of you, and I look forward to a great 2017!!!

~ *Marjorie Gjerdrum-Hord, Program Specialist*



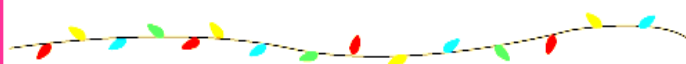
DECEMBER 20 & 21
LIGHTS, SIGHTS AND
HOLIDAY NIGHTS BUS TOURS
ACTIVE LIVING PROGRAM 5:30-8:30 PM
Elwin Mussell Senior Center

A wonderful evening of holiday lights awaits you as we follow the Holiday Decorating Tour Map. Pre-departure reception with light refreshments hosted by Santa Maria Valley Senior Club. FREE transportation provided by SMOOTH Buses. Limited seating and wheelchair accessible available. Reservations of up to four per caller accepted beginning 11/30 by calling (805) 925-0951, ext. 2207. Non-perishable food donations requested for Santa Barbara County Food Bank.

DECEMBER 31
"NOON YEAR" PARTY

ACTIVE LIVING PROGRAM 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Elwin Mussell Senior Center

Welcome in the New Year at this **FREE** "NOON YEAR" PARTY! Come celebrate with your friends, listen to live music by the Rip Tide Band, enjoy appetizers, and the balloon drop at noon with a glass of bubbly. Reservations of up to four persons per caller accepted beginning 12/1 by calling ext. 2207. Sponsored by: **PLAY, Inc. & Santa Maria Valley Senior Club**



Hope to see you there!

ELWIN MUSSELL SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

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| Mondays through Fridays | 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. 11:30 a.m. | Pool Room* Lunch Program by C.A.C.+ |
| Mondays | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Zumba Gold (\$25/month)*§ Duplicate Bridge (937-5691) Party Bridge Folk Dancing (\$15/month)*§ |
| Tuesdays | 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Strength Training* Yoga (\$12/month)*§ Poker* Zumba Gold (\$25/month)*§ |
| 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. | Bunco (\$3/day)* |
| 2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | 2 Deck Pinochle* (934-2315) |
| Wednesdays | 9:00 a.m. 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Artists Meet* Exercise Workout* Zumba Gold (\$25/month)*§ Beginning Bridge & Instruction |
| 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Mah Jongg* |
| 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Knit, Chat & Crochet* |
| 3rd Wednesdays | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Book Exchange* (Jane Bringley) |
| Thursdays | 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Strength Training* Duplicate Bridge (922-5000) Folk Dancing* (Betty Anthony) Zumba Gold (\$25/month)*§ |
| 2nd & 4th Thursdays | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Hand & Foot Card Game |
| Fridays | 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Mah Jongg* Bingo (50¢ /card) (Open to all!) |
| Saturdays | 9:00 a.m. – Noon 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Pool Room* Duplicate Bridge (925-6350) |

*** City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department Program**

+ Make reservation at least 24 hours in advance by calling 925-3010; \$3 donation requested
§ Participants must pre-register at Recreation & Parks Department. No walk-ins allowed.

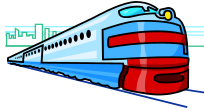
Please note: No activities are held at Mussell Center on dates designated as City holidays
(New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the building is closed the preceding Friday.

If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the building is closed on the following Monday.)

In addition, some classes may be cancelled at the request of the instructor.

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!

On December 5, a waiting room will be set up, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Numbers will be passed out when you arrive. Sales will begin shortly after 9:00 a.m. and will end when the last person waiting is finished, or Noon, whichever is earlier. Only two tickets per person will be allowed. If it's a very popular trip with a long waiting list, we'll try to book it again.

February 4, 2017 ~ Disney on Ice

\$98

"Disney On Ice Worlds of Enchantment" will be at Selland Arena in Fresno. Lunch is included at Santa Fe Basque Restaurant. Leave: 8:30 a.m./Home: 9:30 p.m.?

February 23 ~ Hop on Beer Tour

\$97

We saw one of their buses on Highway 101 and checked it out! Ride the Hop On Beer Tour's bus to three breweries in SLO. Lunch at SLO Brewery. Leave: 10:30 a.m./Home: 3:30 p.m.

March 28-30 ~ San Francisco

\$542 Dbl., \$808 Sgl.

Eat lunch at 1898 restored Beaux Arts Ferry Building, tour Alcatraz and Angel Island State Parks, or if the State doesn't allow us to do this tour on a date that works for us (they'll notify us at the end of December), spend the day in Golden Gate Park. Enjoy the show at Beach Blanket Babylon (*deadline January 6*) and see the Walt Disney Family Museum. Enjoy free time one afternoon and evening. Pricey because the hotel is very expensive. Leave: 7 a.m./Home: 6:15 p.m. Must provide \$200 deposit when signing up with the balance due by February 16.

NO FIRST DAY SALES IN JANUARY BECAUSE MUSSELL CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

January 30th Presentation & Sale:

October 11-18 ~ Smoky Mountains & Bluegrass

\$2879 Dbl., \$3704 Sgl.

This trip includes tours of Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, Biltmore Estate, Dollywood, and much more! Plus you'll be back in Nashville at the wonderful Gaylord Opryland Resort for three nights. Besides the Grand Old Opry, which is always good, and the usual city tour, you'll visit Andrew Jackson's Hermitage and attend the Nashville Nightlife Theater. So there are some different things to enjoy! There are flyers in the hall and in the folder.

THESE TRIPS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE:

December 9-10 ~ Monterey Adobes

\$260 Dbl./ \$350 Sgl.

Purchase of this trip depends upon hotel availability

January 20, 2017 ~ "The Price Is Right" Live! We changed buses & lowered the price!!! \$98

February 12-15, 2017 ~ Laughlin Riverside Space Available! \$145 Dbl./ \$182 Sgl.

March 11, 2017 ~ "Finding Neverland" at Pantages Theatre Space Available! \$120

May 11-18, 2017 ~ Collette's Mackinac Island & Tulip Festival \$3199 Dbl., \$4199 Sgl.

Visit/click on link for more information: gateway.gocollette.com/link/758159.



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Check out our Facebook page: "[Santa Maria Senior Travel](#)"

(Click on name & go directly to Facebook page!)

Diana Dodos updates the page with flyers & pictures from our trips.



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TRAVEL TALES



DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

Please note: We have hired a less expensive, smaller bus for “Price Is Right” as the trip has been selling poorly. The price is now \$98.00 for the bus, dinner, and show. Those who have previously paid will receive a check for the cost difference.

We are sad to report that Sally Hoops and Nancy Low will be leaving our committee on December 31st. Nancy is leaving because she has moved, and Sally feels she needs to move on for a variety of reasons. We thank them both for all their efforts and will miss them. We wish them well.

At our last meeting, we interviewed Karen Gottwals. We feel she’ll make a great addition to the group. She has begun her training to be a Travel Leader. We welcome her to the committee.

As many of you know, Bob Matchett is planning to retire at the end of December. We have all enjoyed traveling with him for years and are sad to see him leave. We hope his retirement is great! His address is P. O. Box 621, Morro Bay, CA 93443 in case you want to send him a card. Meanwhile, I have had to get bids from other bus companies and book accordingly.

The Travel Office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, and December 19-31.

Please note the San Francisco deadlines and bring in your \$200 deposit in December!

January 30 ~ Presentation of Premier World Discovery’s Smoky Mountains & Bluegrass Tour – 11:00 a.m. Sale of trip immediately follows. There are flyers in the hall and office.

April 11 ~ Shen Yun Performing Arts at Cal Poly’s Cohen Theater

Our Committee has been wanting to book this amazing show. It is finally nearby on a date that was convenient. The tickets were quite expensive, but we have a row in the balcony and a 26 passenger bus. It is described in part as: “There was a time when the world was full of magic and splendor, and all on Earth existed in harmony with Heaven.” Leave: 6:15 p.m./Home: 10:40 p.m. **Selling February 6.**

April 23-26 ~ Laughlin Riverside

This trip will be priced similarly to the previous ones. **Selling February 6.**

May 20 or 21 ~ “The Bodyguard” at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre

We have been advised to wait until late November to book this show as we may be able to get downstairs seats at that time. Only upper balcony seats are available until the 20,000 subscribers book.

Aug. 4 ~ Alaska cruise ... We had 35 members attend the AAA/Princess Cruises presentation. The choices are a 7-day cruise to Anchorage or continue to Denali and Fairbanks for another 5 days by bus and train. The flyer and prices are posted in the hall. Princess Cruise Line offered some free deals if you booked by mid-November, but now the price has increased a little and the deposit is higher. The more people who book this cruise, the more “perks” the group will receive. Park at the Santa Maria Airport and take the shuttle bus to LAX. Fly to Vancouver and spend the night. Board the Coral Princess on August 5.

***We wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!***



**Linda Dutart
Travel Committee
Chairperson**

December Birthdays

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|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Nitaya Nelson | 1-Dec | William Peterson | 14-Dec | Virgie Bayus | 23-Dec |
| Donald Sylvester | 1-Dec | Mary Jane Niccoli | 15-Dec | Beverly Scofield | 23-Dec |
| Betty Staight | 2-Dec | Carolyn McCall | 15-Dec | Lois Martin | 23-Dec |
| Don Werbelow | 3-Dec | Duane Long | 15-Dec | Marlene Medeiros | 23-Dec |
| Lita Walker | 4-Dec | Jason Schellas | 16-Dec | Niel Haugen | 24-Dec |
| Don Pfingsten | 4-Dec | Jim Collins | 16-Dec | Edwena Just | 24-Dec |
| George Tise | 4-Dec | Alice Coop | 16-Dec | Darlene Vidal | 25-Dec |
| Jill Balezentes | 5-Dec | Dolores Stewart | 16-Dec | Catalina Lopez | 25-Dec |
| Joanne Hopkins | 5-Dec | Matt Arko | 17-Dec | Trish Stewart | 26-Dec |
| Nina Truman | 6-Dec | Mary Middleton | 17-Dec | Betty Baxter | 27-Dec |
| Susan Daughtry | 7-Dec | Arlene Navarro | 17-Dec | Janet Mulcare | 27-Dec |
| Marilyn Bomicino | 7-Dec | Arthur Thaler | 17-Dec | Carolyn Bynum | 27-Dec |
| Richard D'amato | 7-Dec | Gloria Dickey | 17-Dec | Joyce Cox | 28-Dec |
| Bill Carter | 7-Dec | Zenon Nawrocik | 17-Dec | Sotero Lopez | 28-Dec |
| Barbara Scheideck | 7-Dec | Linda Karr | 18-Dec | Pam Dennis | 28-Dec |
| Yoko Furuya | 8-Dec | Bob Thomas | 19-Dec | Joyce Hershberger | 29-Dec |
| Marty Velasco | 8-Dec | Norma Schuermann | 19-Dec | Marjorie Oliver | 29-Dec |
| Jean Roth | 10-Dec | Marilyn Register | 20-Dec | Leon Permasse | 29-Dec |
| Javier Duarte | 12-Dec | Liz Regulski | 20-Dec | Linda Mikkelsen | 30-Dec |
| Cris Dodos | 12-Dec | Susie Mohammed | 20-Dec | Carol Mahoney | 30-Dec |
| Joanne Shelton | 13-Dec | Blanche Boyer | 21-Dec | Georgia Schellas | 31-Dec |
| Arimitsu Masako | 13-Dec | Marilyn Stanley | 22-Dec | Silvester Moreno | 31-Dec |
| Ron Evey | 14-Dec | Mitzi Navarro | 22-Dec | Susan Friesen | 31-Dec |

Note: If any information printed here is not correct, or if your name and special day is not listed, please call/email me at: (805) 406-9989 or laura.selken@gmail.com.

December Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
| James & Irene Speer | 9-Dec | Richard & Dorothy Rebenstorf | 26-Dec |
| Roberto & Ruth Limon | 17-Dec | Robert & Linda Karr | 28-Dec |
| Michael & Bruni Stadnick | 22-Dec | Dale & Karen Iliff | 29-Dec |

Note: Only couples where both are members will be listed here.

Please notify me if your special date is missing or incorrect (contact information listed above).

Welcome NEW & Former Members! And THANK YOU

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Gil & Rita Alzaga | Judy De Los Santos | Betty Manchester |
| Armi Beecham | Gilbert Espinosa | Cathie Monroe |
| Victoria Beecham | Dickie Freitas | Bob Norwood |
| Carol Buckland | Susan Friesen | Elaine Powell |
| Carolyn Bynum | Cindy Kuhn | Manuel Sanchez Jr. |
| Evie Cronan | Gloria Lopez | |

to those who have
already renewed
for 2017!

January Birthdays

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|-----------------|--------|----------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| Tom Averill | 1-Jan | Nancy Ottzman | 11-Jan | Nina Prestridge | 20-Jan |
| Ina Vokes | 1-Jan | Ruby Bowers | 11-Jan | Heather Jensen | 20-Jan |
| Jean Mc Pherson | 1-Jan | Georgia Evey | 11-Jan | Carol Carnell | 20-Jan |
| Mike Rosas | 1-Jan | Peter Skjott | 11-Jan | Ronald Peterson | 21-Jan |
| David Nelson | 2-Jan | Don Gill | 11-Jan | Josie Baldiviez | 22-Jan |
| Lois Fryckman | 2-Jan | Leroy Jones | 12-Jan | Raymond Torres | 22-Jan |
| Merril Lynn | 3-Jan | Mary Treiner | 12-Jan | Maureen Villapania | 22-Jan |
| Angelika Stock | 3-Jan | Lori Goss | 13-Jan | Beverly Moss | 23-Jan |
| Judy Schwarm | 4-Jan | Juanita Rosas | 13-Jan | Margaret Jarvis | 24-Jan |
| Marilyn Randall | 6-Jan | Elly Block | 14-Jan | Stan Luis | 24-Jan |
| Martha Santana | 6-Jan | Mary Law | 14-Jan | Harold Moss | 25-Jan |
| Betty Webb | 7-Jan | Betty Malone | 14-Jan | Bill Stoore | 25-Jan |
| Barbara Brown | 7-Jan | Cathy McCue | 14-Jan | Cindy Kuhn | 25-Jan |
| Rachel Fourer | 7-Jan | Elisa Story | 15-Jan | Fred Loquasto | 27-Jan |
| Donna Viadella | 8-Jan | George Thorp | 16-Jan | James Dvorak | 28-Jan |
| Barbara Ross | 8-Jan | Inese Evans | 17-Jan | Jean Jacobs | 28-Jan |
| Jim Furuya | 8-Jan | Gladys Gleason | 17-Jan | Frances Hernandez | 29-Jan |
| Helen Canales | 8-Jan | Cynthia Lange | 17-Jan | Dickie Freitas | 30-Jan |
| Margaret Yaeger | 9-Jan | Edith Pray | 17-Jan | Dorothy Gilmore | 30-Jan |
| Paul Penk | 9-Jan | Mary Rabska | 18-Jan | Albert Leduc | 30-Jan |
| Terri Harris | 10-Jan | Caroline Reid | 19-Jan | | |
| Joyce Kling | 10-Jan | Esther Hoskins | 20-Jan | | |

If your name & special day is not listed here, please let me know.



January Anniversaries

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| John Krause & Ellen McMullen | 1-Jan |
| Al & Christel Kurth | 15-Jan |
| George & Gaylen Clark | 21-Jan |
| John & Nancy Dewey | 23-Jan |
| Earl & Marie Peterson | 24-Jan |
| Frank & Alice Coop | 30-Jan |



The November Birthday winner was Dawn Kamiya. Be sure to attend the monthly dinner meeting in the month of your birthday for a chance to win \$25! Congrats, Dawn!!





People for Leisure and Youth



'Tis the Season

Join the elves of the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department and the People for Leisure and Youth in celebrating the season.

Lights, Sights, & Holiday Nights

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

'Tis the season to be jolly and spread holiday cheer throughout the community by taking part in our traditional Holiday Decoration Contest!



**Nominations Accepted
November 14-December 13**
Awards will be given to nominees that have not previously won in prior years.

Winners Announced December 16
Participate in our annual decorating contest and enjoy checking out the winners on the Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Tour Map!

Go to www.cityofsantamaria.org for contest rules.

Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Friday, December 2 at City Hall Courtyard (Corner of Cook/Broadway)
Festivities Begin at 5:15 PM**

Festivities include the grand illumination of the 24 foot Christmas tree, refreshments, and the Coastal Voices choir!

**NEW THIS YEAR: The Holiday Spirit Project
(A PLAY, Inc. Fundraiser)**

Make the season and community brighter! Sponsor an ornament for \$20 in support of The People For Leisure and Youth, Inc. and help bring recreation and leisure programs to the community while making the Community Christmas Tree dazzle!

Ornament orders can be taken at the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, located at 615 South McClelland Street or online at www.santamariaatplay.org.



ACTIVE LIVING Programs

"NOON YEAR" Party



Ring in the new year and celebrate with friends at the Noon Year celebration. Enjoy refreshments and live musical entertainment. At noon, watch the balloons drop and toast to 2017 with a glass of bubbly!

**Glass of Bubbly
Musical Entertainment
Appetizers · Balloon Drop at Noon
Saturday, December 31, 2016
11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

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



For more information check out our website at www.cityofsantamaria.org, www.facebook.com/csmrpd, or call (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260.



The Sunshine Corner

Please, share with Simone the names of members who need some "sunshine" in their life ~ not feeling well, hospitalized, going through a difficult time, or suffered the loss of a loved one. She may be reached at 925-6267.



In Sympathy to

The Family of
Al Cox

The Family of
Albert A. Lavoie

Jane Bringley & Mary Ann Fallon
(their brother, Tom Haag, passed away)

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Please note that the
RECEPTION DESK
will be closed, beginning
Monday, December 19, and
reopens on Tuesday, January 3.
We wish you all a very merry
Christmas & Happy New Year!



MISSION

Espousing no political, religious, philanthropic, ideological or social enterprise, our purpose is to promote the happiness of retired seniors by assisting them in renewing former friendships and associations, to provide opportunity for new friendships through association with other retired seniors, and to promote the independence and dignity of "Retirement."

NOTICE:

There will NOT be a **JANUARY** issue of the *Mussell Messenger*!

This one is for both December 2016 and January 2017.
The *Mussell Messenger* will resume with the February 2017 issue to be mailed/ emailed in late January.

Thank you for your understanding!

TOM'S TRIVIALITIES

December 2016/January 2017

TRUE TRIVIALITIES TO TAKE YOU INTO THE NEW YEAR!



Tom Dutart

- ① *A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.*
- ① *A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.*
- ① *A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.*
- ① *A mayfly has a life span of 24 hours or less.*
- ① *An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.*
- ① *Butterflies taste with their feet.*
- ① *Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.*
- ① *"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".*
- ① *An average American will spend roughly six months waiting at red lights over his/her life of driving.*
- ① *Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.*
- ① *Our eyes maintain the same size from when we are a baby, but our nose and ears never stop growing.*
- ① *Rubber bands expand when refrigerated and thereby last longer.*
- ① *The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.*
- ① *The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).*
- ① *A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time ~ anywhere from 1/50th to 1/100th of a second, depending upon the application.*
- ① *There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.*
- ① *There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous, plus the specialized zoological word: apodous, which means 'without feet'.*
- ① *Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.*
- ① *Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself ... causing an ulcer!*