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PALOMAR ESTATES WEST



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MILLENNIUM MEMO

June 2022

The books are closed, the numbers are in, and the official Surplus for the Bond Year ended March 31 is...\$262,777, about \$13K more than last year.

If that sounds like a lot, it isn't really. We're budgeting \$300K or so on Park upgrades for the upcoming Fiscal Year. That's every dollar of Net Surplus, and then some!

The Budget's still in the draft stage but expect lots of Streets & Driveway repairs (it never ends!), more Water Isolation Valves, a remodel of the Spa Area, new Fencing along Viewpoint, repainted Space Numbers, new Pool Furniture & Gym Equipment, another Pickleball Court...

2022 may end up being the 5th year in a row with \$300K+ in capital spending. Next year's Surplus will be smaller, so we won't be able to keep up this pace, but you can still count on your Park Staff to be hard at work tackling new projects.

Your Rent Dollars at Work!

In Other News

- Have you had a chance to welcome Gayle yet? As Debbie reported last month, Gayle Plant joined the Office Staff after Sandy Bolt's retirement.
 - As it happens, Gayle had the good fortune to have an off day when the water was shut off for the Water Isolation Valve installation. That's when you know you're a lucky person!
- Recent expenditure: \$12K for the latest Pickleball Court conversion. Yes, that's how much it costs. We also spent \$6K on Clubhouse Carpeting.
- This month's Resident Kudo goes to LuAnn Foster, PEWRA's outgoing President. Thank you for hard work and dedication to the Park, LuAnn. You'll be a tough act to follow!
- I've been asked to remind you that the Speed Limit is 15 MHP. No, that isn't very fast, but Palomar's slower-moving walkers will thank you.

Father's Day Treat

My lovely wife Roann has a tradition of making me a great dinner for Father's Day. I always insist on doing the salad, however. In my house, I'm master of my own romaine.

Have a Happy Father's Day.

George Turk

Need help getting fruit picked from your tree?





Sign up in the clubhouse to be added to our fruit picking day with Senior Gleaners! Only citrus fruits or apples can be picked!





Fruit Picking Date: July 12th

Time: 8:30am-3:00pm

The volunteers will be coming during this time

frame window!













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Manager's Mentions

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REMINDERS

Be mindful and observe the Park's 15 MPH Speed Limit

- No Dogs should be walked around the clubhouse or any recreation areas in the Park, including tennis courts, Bocce Ball, Shuffleboard, Pool and Clubhouse.
- Any visitor using the pool must be accompanied by a resident or carrying pool pass.
- The fitness center is for use the of residents only.
 No visitors are allowed.
- One more thing!
 Don't forget to
 pick up after
 your dog.

Fiscal Year End

Once again we are at the end of our Fiscal Year. July 1st marks the beginning of our 2021/2022 budget. As always, in June we require all rents to be paid to the exact amount. We want everyone to be aware so we don't have to call and get replacement checks. So please, be extra careful this month when writing your rent check.

FATHERS DAY Park Approval

This is a reminder that everyone should look ahead when planning to do any improvements to the outside of your home. Don't wait for the last minute before submitting plans to the Park Office. Waiting to the last minute can only cause stress for everyone involved.

Memorial Day Holiday

We know this is an article that should have been in the May issue but since home sales have kept us so busy, we didn't get it in. We want to make sure everyone knows that the Park Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of the holiday. As always Doug will be on the job to open the clubhouse and pool for everyone to enjoy and be available for any Park emergency that may arise. Everyone enjoy and stay safe.

Letter from the PEWRA Board President

Hello Palomar Estates West Neighbors and Friends:

If you missed the May PEWRA Board meeting, here are some quick notes from the meeting:

A committee is reviewing the Paint Book of color options for our homes. They are making progress and once finished will submit to the Board for approval.

The Garden Club is preparing to begin their project to enhance the area in front of the waterfall at the Clubhouse. We are all looking forward to the new look.

The Health Inspector determined the jacuzzi fence can be removed. The park is moving forward with the change and will slope the cement lip in that area for safety.

The Board will host a Newcomers event June 12th for residents who are new to our park over the last several years. The event is invitation only.

The Board is purchasing a bike rack to be placed in the area by the Gym.

The Board created our budget for Fiscal 2022/2023. We asked the larger clubs to provide budget requests, then reviewed the current fiscal year reports for guidance. Social Connection and Breakfast received the largest allocation because those events reach the greatest number of residents.

Six residents volunteered to serve on the PEWRA Board starting July 1st. We have three positions to fill, so we **will** have an election. The six candidates spoke at the May meeting and the additional bios will be posted in this edition of the Hilltopper. Bill Paterson is our Election Chairperson. Please watch your tubes for your election ballot and voting instructions. Remember, you must be in good standing to vote, meaning you must be current on your Residents Association dues. If you are not current and would like to pay your dues, please contact Diana Primeau, the Board Treasurer.

Our General Meeting will be Saturday June 4th at the Community Breakfast. George Turk will be our guest speaker. Be sure to sign up.

I would like to close by thanking you and my fellow Board members for your support for the last four years. It has been my honor to serve our community as President of the Residents Association Board.

And always, if you are alone or need help, please contact any Board Member. The office is unable to help. If you have a neighbor who is alone, please call them to say hello and check on them. Stay safe and be well.

Luann

PEW Board Elections

We now have 6 Candidates who are running for the 3 open spaces on the Resident Board, so we are having an election to determine who will replace the outgoing members. Only one ballot can be cast for each home. In order to receive a vote, your \$5.00 annual dues for 2022 must be paid. If you have not paid, you need to pay in order to receive a ballot. A ballot and a copy of the candidates' bios will be delivered to your tube. Please place your completed ballot in the PEW Box in the Card Room at the Clubhouse by May 27th. Thanks, Bill Paterson Election Chairman

The first three candidates were listed in the May Hilltopper. These are the remaining candidates.

Daniel Timian

- Born and raised in Rochester, NY. Graduated in 1973, joined the U.S. Army. After serving years in the U.S Army I joined the Sheet Metal local #46. Moved to San Diego in 1978, raised 4 children in Chula Vista, they have given me 6 grandchildren from the ages of 4-25 years of age. Widowed in 2010, I decided to retire at 55.
- I moved to PEW in 2011, what attracted me here was the great amenities. Since my arrival I have seen some amenities disappear and many more added. My wife and I are enjoying Pickleball, Bocce Ball, Cornhole, Darts, Golf, Social Events and of course our lovely Pool. We have met a wonderful group of friends in this great community that I am proud to call Home.
- I would love to serve on our PEW Board to keep this community the outstanding community it is.

Bob Rosenberg

- Edwin & Jessie Rosenberg moved to Palomar West at its beginning in 1983. My mother passed away and after my father's stroke, I became his caregiver, leaving Chicago behind. After all these years in San Diego I understand I am now considered a local. This is a beautiful park, and I chose to stay. I find myself wanting to expand the PEW vision and maintain its reputation as a serene, yet socially vibrant place to live.
- Graduated University of Illinois with a BS in accounting in 1963, was drafted into the Army in 1968.
 I served in Viet Nam and attained the rank of Sgt E5. After the Army I was a successful accountant in the private sector until 1992, at which time I opened Beach Yogurt in Ocean Beach. 1996 brought me to Palomar West and I officially retired in 2005. I find myself with ample time and opportunity to volunteer for our board and promise to give myself wholly to maintaining, as well as improving our environment for ALL of our residents, both long-time and more recent.
- In my daily walks I have made myself familiar with my neighbors and appreciate the diversity we have among us. As a long-time resident I have the ear to the ground and understand the concerns and wants of our residents. I am always open to listen and help in any way I can. We all want the same thing in our living environment. I would appreciate the opportunity to be one of the board members to help represent all of us, and increase the enjoyment, livability, and value of "our" 5 STAR gem.

Garry Larson

- I moved to Palomar West 8 years ago at the recommendation of a friend. What a great place to live! Ocean views, flowers everywhere, a bounty of fruits and a few wild animals here and there. All this in addition to warm and friendly neighbors. I am compelled to run for the board in an effort to help address the needs of all of the residents, not just the loudest! I intend to be an advocate for everyone. As a former business owner, I have learned "how can WE help you?" Everyone needs a voice and someone that LISTENS.
- I am a Life-long published artist/cartoonist/creator /inventor, an avid but now retired Golfer; I also was a lumber mill worker/carpenter and an owner of 2 successful businesses.
- Education/Experience
 Graduated with a B.S. degree in K-12 education from Western Montana College. Head of Grievances for
 Simpson Lumber, Dillon, Montana. As a teacher I was an Art Instructor K-12, Drivers Ed Instructor, Annual
 Advisor, Ski Club Advisor; VP of Teachers Union, subsequently elected to President and finally, State
 Delegate to the Idaho Teachers Convention

- In 1981 with a child to raise I realized teaching would not pay the bills and transitioned to Selfemployment.
- Between 1981 and 1995 1 owned and operated Mudslinger Pottery in Salem, Oregon. We produced 65,000 pieces of art pottery annually, selling wholesale and retail. One particular wine bottle ended up in the Louvre and we also reproduced some early American pottery for the Smithsonian.
- In 1995 I saw the future and became the owner of the first tattoo shops in Salem and Albany Oregon. Oregon Tattoo still exist today. I have mentored many artists and built life-long friendships throughout my life.
- I retired in 2010 to Sun City in Oro Valley Arizona where I happily golfed at least twice a day and became
 a Director of their Golf Club. In 2013 1 came to San Diego and found this slice of heaven.
 I play on the Palomar Pool Team and ran the Holiday Food drive in 2021. I enjoy pool, exploring San
 Marcos and helping the neighbors with repairs. It gives me great satisfaction to be known as the guy who
 can fix anything. And yes, I was a boy scout!





Directory Changes

Please make the following additions and corrections to your park directory

	DELETE	ADD	PHONE NUMBER
87	Benik	Steve Blair	760-216-8008
135	Balmos	Maria Jacquez	203-982-7642
4	Smith	Mugg, David & Virginia	760-525-0608
399A	Heyer	Kerridge, Jeff & Linda	858-776-6783
16	Kirman	David Del Real	530-492-1317
16		Linda Belanger	530-210-8319
11	Robinson	Charles Shop	614-774-4814
11	Robinson	Julie Shop	614-204-2986
390	Fitzhugh	lara Gregory	760-877-5651
347	Munson	Munson, Edward & Velia	951-378-0064
271		Barbara Lovejoy	510-426-4517
361	Chialtas	McCluskey, Robert & Terri	408-910-6757

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD

President: LuAnn Foster Vice President: Marcia Brown Secretary: Clarita Kemp Treasurer: Diana Primeau

Members

Chris Craig-Jones Tricia Spears Katie Rodriguez

Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 pm in the Pavilion

SOCIAL CONNECTION

Linda Swink – Chairperson, Eileen LaLone - Treasurer, Margaret Scotto - Secretary Cathy Bassett, Herlinda Mahler, Simon Spears, Cathie Byrd Arleen Schlafer, Rusty Bassett, Merlin Chancellor, Janet Timian

HILLTOPPER COMMITTEE

Debbie McQuillan and Mary Wallace- Editors Linda Swink, Nancy Sims

READY ADVISORY PANEL

Bryan Cooper, Mary Wallace Cindy Palermo, Lee Tydlaska, Liz Larkin

BREAKFAST COMMITTEE

Mikkie Sawyer, LuAnn Foster, Kim Stevenson, Trish Coy, Helen Lyon, Cathy Bassett, Diana Primeau, Karen King Alternate: Wendy Jones, Sheila Miller

GYM COMMITTEE

Larry Brown, Rusty Bassett, Cathy Bassett, Marie McElligott

Fire, Sheriff, or Emergency in progress, such as break-ins, health problems or a life-threatening situation call 911.

If you have a non-emergency question or to file a report, please call the San Diego Sheriff Dept at 760-510-5200.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	TIME &DAY	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	
Aqua Exercise	9 am M-F	Trish Coy	760-536-9338	
Billiards (Men)	9 am Tu	Stan Lindsay	760-598-0582	
Billiards (Women)	1:30 pm M			
Bingo	6:50 Th	Delane Johnson	612-240-4049	
Breakfast	1st Sat 8:30 am	Mikkie Sawyer	760-690-7825	
Bridge	1:30 pm M	Connie Krell	760-734-6522	
Darts	Th 6-8 Game Room	Chuck Thomas	707-799-6555	
Dog Park	8 am- 8 pm Daily	Debbie McQuillan	858-663-2822	
Garden Club	1 st M 2 pm	Ann Kreile	760-421-8338	
Golf (Men)	8 am Th	Doug Doucette	760-734-1232	
Let's Dine Out	Times vary	Jesse Nieto	408-666-8088	
Library	Open Daily	Eileen LaLone	858-229-8648	
Mahjong	1 pm Th	Kim Stevenson	760-703-4872	
Medical Rehab Lending	Open as needed.	Rusty Bassett	619-301-9551	
Closet		Jesse Nieto	408-666-8088	
Mexican Train	2 nd and 4 th Tu 4:30 pm	Diana Primeau	442-245-1412	
Movie Night/ Dinner &	Dates Vary	Simon Spears	760-583-1549	
Dance Nights				
Pickleball	8am-10am MWF Pickleball Club Group play Beginners are welcome!	Margaret Scotto	714-501-4345	
Ping Pong	Tu 10:30 am	Nejla Gharajedaghi	760-536-9583	
Pit Party	F 6 pm	Kim Stevenson	760-703-4872	
R.E.A.D.Y. Panel		Bryan Cooper	858-342-3335	
Emergency Preparedness		Mary Wallace	619-887-0700	
Shuffleboard	1:30 pm M	Rusty Bassett	619-301-9551	
Silver Sneakers	10 am MWF @	Dean Kelsey	760-519-1909	
@ Rancho Vallecitos	Rancho Vallecitos			
Social Connection		Linda Swink	760-855-2008	
Tai Chi	9-10 am Th			
Tennis	9 am W & Sa	Rob Edwards	760-807-5683	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV		Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	BREAKFAST & GENERAL BOARD MTG 8:30 am
				Mahjong 1 pm Bingo 6:50 pm Darts 6-8 pm	Pit Party 6pm	
5	6	7 Recycle	8	9	10	11
	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	Men's Billiards 9am	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	Tai Chi 9-10 am	Hilltopper Submissions Due Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	
	Women's Billiards 1:30 pm Garden Club 2 pm			Mahjong 1 pm Bingo 6:50 pm Darts 6-8 pm	Pit Party 6pm	
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	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	Dog Park sprayed @9am Men's Billiards 9 am	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	Tai Chi 9-10 am	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	
	Women's Billiards 1:30 pm Dine Out 5 pm	Mexican Train 4:30 pm	Movie Night- "The Father" 6:30 pm	Mahjong 1pm Bingo 6:50 pm Darts 6-8 pm	Pit Party 6pm	
19	20	21 Recycle	22	23	24	25
	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	Men's Billiards 9 am	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	Tai Chi 9-10 am	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	
		Cooking w/Katie 4:00 pm		Mahjong 1 pm Bingo 6:50 pm Darts 6-8 pm	Happy Hour 3-5 pm games 5-9 pm Potluck and Dancing	
26	27	28	29	30		
	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	Men's Billiards 9 am	Silver Sneakers 10 am @RV	Tai Chi 9-10 am		
	Women's Billiards 1:30 pm	Mexican Train 4:30pm		Mahjong 1 pm Bingo 6:50 pm Darts 6-8 pm		

June brings the start of summer, and what we want to bring is....



BREAKFAST For Each of You

As we watched May flowers bloom, we can't believe that it's now June. Plenty of sunshine, plenty of warmth

Life is Good!

We want to make it better by serving you a hearty breakfast.

June 4th 8:30 am

A change of pace for your information

Our gracious Board will be Sponsoring us, along with conducting their yearly General Meeting, and someone told someone to

Tell ME.... George Turk will attend.

Hope we see you there!

Mikkie

The Social Connection Presents



Celebrate Independence Day

11.30am-2.30pm

At the Pavilion, Pool and outside the Gym Shuffleboard, Corn Hole, Bocce Ball, and Music - Hot
Dogs, Hamburgers and Beans - Sides include Chips
and Coleslaw - Dessert

Free to Residents \$5.00 for guests

Guests limited to one per resident
Capacity limited to 150 people – sign-up NOW!
Sign-up and payment deadline June 26th

Include the names of all people Check-in on arrival to get wrist bands

NO sign-up means NO wrist band = NO food

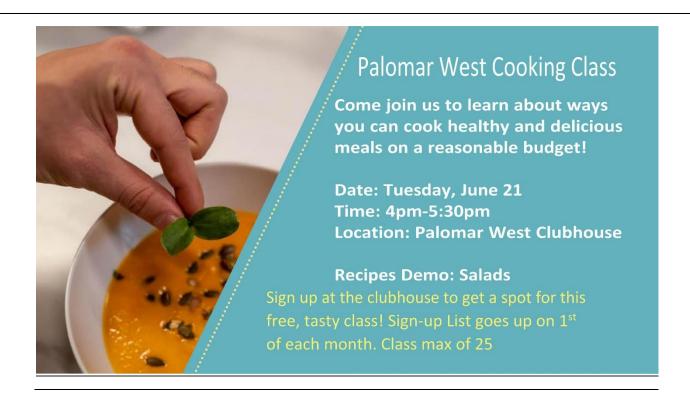












YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO SET ANOTHER GOAL OR TO DREAM A NEW DREAM. C.S. Lewis

LET'S DINE OUT FOR DINNER

WHERE:

Cocina del Charro 1020 W San Marcos Blvd San Marcos, Ca 92078

WHEN:

12:00 PM Monday, June 13, 2022

Many restaurants are now using a limited menu for group reservations.

The following are the choices at Cocina del Charro:

- Combo #1
 - 1 Cheese Enchilada & 1 Beef Taco, served with rice and beans
- Combo #2
 - 2 Cheese Enchiladas, served with rice and beans
- Combo #3
 - 2 Tacos (Choice of beef or chicken) served with rice and beans
- Option #4

Chicken Caesar Salad

Grilled chicken, romaine lettuce topped with egg, tomato, olives, avocados, and parmesan cheese with a creamy Caesar dressing.

All meals are \$19.99 including soft drink, iced tea, or coffee. (Does NOT include tax and 20% gratuity)

Call or text Jesse Nieto (408-666-8088) to make your reservation. Please leave your space number along with your name and let me know if you need transportation.

PIT PARTIES ARE BACK!

WHAT: COME & SOCIALIZE WITH PEW PALS AT THE POOLSIDE FIREPIT.



NO SIGN UP...JUST SHOW UP! BYOB & BYOS (THE "S" STAND FOR SNACKS)

DATES: FRIDAYS starting June 2nd, except when Social Committee has activities

TIME: STARTS AT 6P

PROFILE OF OUR PEW WISE ELDER, GEORGE KRELL

PART ONE: EARLY YEARS
By Nancy Sims

Hello George, let's begin with where and when you were born. I was born in New York City on March 3, 1927

Did you grow up there? No, shortly after my birth my family moved to Fall River, Massachusetts in 1931. The city was known as the "City of the Hills and Mills", because this was a large center of the textile industry, with many mills for weaving fabric. We moved because my dad got a job in the mill.

Can you tell me about the town? This was the first and last place I saw Civil War Veterans. Interesting! Yes, I was about 5 years old, and I remember there was a parade for Civil War Vets; they were all in their 90s; they were riding in an open limousine and waving to everyone. Suddenly there was a gas leak behind them, and it caught on fire! All the men jumped out of the limo to save themselves! I'll never forget this!! Flames all over.

I remember a few more occurrences from my early childhood; I remember a BIG hurricane hit our town of Fall River and Providence, Rhode Island in 1938. Fortunately, our house was left intact. Another event that stands out in my memory is the dirigible Graf Zeppelin Air Ship; it flew over Falls River; I'll never forget how huge it was, about 4 blocks long!

Please tell me about your family. My great grandfather and his family were moved from Eastern Europe to Buenos Aires, Argentina; the Baron de Hirsch, a German Jewish financier, helped several hundred Jewish people in Eastern Europe to emigrate to Argentina. The Baron owned a lot of land in the Pampas area west of Buenos Aires, and he made an offer to the many Jewish people living in the Pale of Settlement in Eastern Europe, essentially a Jewish ghetto. The deal was that he would give several acres of land to each Jewish family who settled there; they were to work the land, set up a ranch, raise cattle, farm the land, etc. After 5 years, if the land was prospering, the farmer/rancher could keep the land at no cost. Excellent! Yes, so in 1890 my great grandfather arrived with his family to Buenos Aires and started working the land. After 5 years, he earned the rights to the land. My Grandfather was born in Argentina; he died when my dad was young, and so my dad went to live with his uncle.

My father, Adolf Krell, was born in 1898. When my father was 17, he joined the Argentine Navy. They sent him to the School of Mechanics; World War I was just beginning. Happily, Argentina was part of the Allies. **Good!**

By the way, my dad was the **greatest** Tango dancer you ever saw!! The Tango originated in Buenos Aires; he was terrific! The Tango started in the brothels, and the Students at the Mechanic School went there to dance. All the ladies would line up to dance with Adolf!! **WOW!!**

How did your parents meet? This is crazy; after the War ended, my dad was on a Navy ship headed back home to Argentina. However, his uncle had invited him to come to the US to work with him in a textile factory, since Adolf had experience as a machinist. So, my father made the decision to get off the ship in New York City, rather than go all the way back to Argentina, then immigrate to New York. Since he was already there, he decided to "jump ship" and save the trip back; I guess he essentially deserted! He was later pardoned by the Argentine Navy and received an honorable discharge.

My parents met in New York at a dance, Tango of course; my mother Esther, (who was a Polish Jew born in New York), and Adolf were married in 1922; my sister Lillian was born in 1925, then me in 1927, and my brother Gerald, in 1936. My family moved to Fall River, MA for my father's job in a textile factory. When I was about 7 years old, the family bought a summer cottage in a farming area about 40 miles outside the city. This is a good story: the cottage was next to a large building called the Highway Casino. It was a Vaudeville House and a strip club! I would sneak over there to peek in the windows and see the shows! Both of them. I vividly remember the "performers" (strippers) named Fifi D'Orsay and Rose la Rose. My mother would come over and pull me home by my shirt collar!! I remember the song Rose la Rose sang: "Kiss my nose, kiss my toes, kiss my oo-la-la". I still sing it today and drive my wife Connie crazy!!

Later, when I was age 13, our family moved to New Haven, Connecticut; my dad got a job in a large sewing factory; he kept the machines in good working order.

What about your schooling? I attended high school in New Haven; the school was next to Yale University; the US joined World War II in 1941, after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Cadets in special training went to a large building on the Yale campus, next door to my high school. I'm telling you this because in my senior year in 1943, we seniors were in a special program for training in the Yale building. We went to school from 7 am - noon, then went to work for the War effort from 1-4 pm. We wore WWI

uniforms because we were in the State Guard. Then I found out I could get paid, so I joined a special program when I was a senior. We guarded the factories and made wartime equipment; we were paid well, by the way. I remember hearing The Glen Miller Band play jazz in that training building for the Air Force Cadets during their lunch. Glen Miller was also in the Military; he was killed in an airplane crash and never found.

In 1944 I graduated from New Haven High School at age 17 and went directly into the Army ASTRP-Army Special Training Reserve Program. For this training, I attended the University of New Hampshire and Norwich Academy of Vermont, (now the University of Norwich).

At age 18 I was transferred into the *real* Military and went to Basic Training in the South. After 1 and 1/2 months I was finished and assigned a duty. What was your duty? Did you see combat? No, I was very fortunate; I was assigned Troop Arrangement duty; I never left the US. We helped arrange troops to be sent



George & sister Lillian in Uniform, 1944

from Europe to Japan, after a 1 month leave, since the War was heating up in the Asian arena. Then in 1945 the War ended!! I was not immediately discharged; I was sent to the discharge centers where I worked on troop transport. Small troop numbers were sent by train to various airfields, etc. to be discharged. I was stationed at Camp Shanks, New York which was the point of embarkation for Europe. There were several German POWs (Prisoners of War) in the Camp, who had been there about a year.

These men were some of the original Nazis; they were captured from Hitler's Black Cats (Rommel's Unit) in N. Africa. I saw them as they were leaving the Camp to go home to Germany.

I was later discharged in 1946.

Thank you, George, for your time and most interesting stories. You're welcome.

Stay tuned for part II next month: the College and work years.



German POWs preparing to go home.

Garden Club Meeting

The Garden club meets at 2:00 on the first Monday of each month in the Clubhouse. Come join us and see what's happening. If you are a passionate gardener, or just a novice, please come by and listen and also share your stories!

Ann Kreile is back! But she is still recovering from her fall. In the meantime, she and the steering committee will be planning our future meetings.

Cathy Byrd talked to us about earthworms. Wonderful creatures to have in your garden! If you use them in your compost, you'll need a bin in a dark color; keep in the shade, with a lid tightly shut. Don't keep them in direct sunlight! One pound of red wigglers will eat up to 2 lbs. of food scraps per week! You can buy the red wigglers. Here are some websites to look into if you are interested: Worms.ncsu.edu and unclejimswormfarm.com

The Board ok'd the front garden at the Clubhouse. We will be getting started on that sometime soon!

Marilyn e-mailed and passed out a to-do list for all the members with lots of worthy information. Thanks Marilyn!

We had our member house tour day after the meeting and visited Debbie's yard/garden plants, Patty's and Sally's, and Lynne's and Chuck's! All so different, and very diverse, but something very special to each and every one of them! They shared how they got their yards and garden plantings started. Thanks for letting us invade your yards! Lynne even had refreshments at her house when we were done! We hope to see you at our next meeting. We are always welcoming newcomers!





Attention Dog Owners

We continue to get complaints about dog walkers that don't follow the rules. Let's review the rules:

Dogs are allowed to do their business in your yard, the dog park, and the street.

Dogs are **not allowed** to pee or poop on anyone else's wall, driveway, or lawn or even the ice plants and public green spaces. Dog poop can only be discarded in your own trash or the trash at the dog park. Dogs are not allowed in the public areas, especially the clubhouse area and surrounding amenities.

Remember the challenge we faced to get the residents to approve dog walking just a few years ago. It would be sad if the residents voted to ban dog walking again. Dog walking is a fun and reliable way to exercise. **Please be a respectful dog walker.**

The trash can at the dog park is emptied every Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday, unlike any other trash can in the park. Please do not remove the trash bag unless it is overflowing. When you remove the bag there is no good place to put it and it smells! If you must remove it, please call the office so they can pick it up.

Please respect the dog park hours. **The dog park hours are 8 am to 8 pm.** There are a few residents that consistently ignore the hours. We don't want to have to go back to locking the gates.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. Debbie McQuillan

Come Play Pool

The Palomar West Men's pool team has finished its season on the North County 8 Ball League. The team captain Stan Lindsay and co-captain Garry Larson, along with Gerry McClelland and Larry De Coo finished 2nd in a very protracted season impacted by the pandemic.

The team meets almost every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 am to until about 2 pm for practice. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. We are always looking for new members.

Don't worry, no pressure! Just come, meet the team, and have fun.

The tournament season is from September to April and is played on Tuesdays with a team from either Escondido or San Marcos.

See you at the pool room. Stan Lindsay



CITY OF SAN MARCOS ANNUAL 4TH JULY FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER

Dear Donors.

Thank you for your generous donations to the City of San Marcos Fireworks Fundraiser. As you are aware, the Ariel Fireworks show was unexpectedly cancelled July 4, 2021, due to pyrotechnic difficulties. The safety of our community was of the highest importance, and we greatly appreciate your understanding and support.

The City of San Marcos has hosted one of the most spirited fireworks shows in North San Diego County for more than 45 years. We know how beloved this event is to our entire community. The fireworks show is made possible thanks to the generous donations from residents and businesses like yourself. The historical success of this annual event is a direct reflection of the community that supports it.

Please accept our sincere apologies for last year's show, that was limited to a few small low level fireworks from Bradley Park.

Rest assured, your donations will roll over to this year's show, which will be spectacular.

Sincerely,

Buck Martin, Director of Parks & Recreation, City of San Marcos

*Special Notation from:

Pat Williams #8 P.E.W., Committee Member City of San Marcos 4th July Fireworks Fundraiser Committee

There will be no Fundraiser this year at Palomar Estates West, because of the rollover of your donations from last year. However, we found out that the price of Fireworks has increased 50% for this year, just like everything else has increased in price.

So, if you feel lead to make a small donation this year to help with the increase, you can mail a donation check made out to:

City of San Marcos Fireworks Fund 1 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos, Ca. 92069

BE SURE YOU WRITE ON TOP OF CHECK: Palomar Estates West & your space # All donations are tax deductible.

Our PEW Motto is: "Pride & Patriotism in Community & Country is Alive & Well at P.E.W."



Farewell to Two Long-term Residents by Kelly Williams

My mom:

Mary Jane (Loughlin) Buch

Born in Bristol CT on December 28, 1921. Died in San Diego, CA July 28th, 2020

She was born and raised in CT where she met my father, Herman Buch, who was also born and raised in CT. They married in 1945 and moved around quite a bit.

They lived in CT, Indiana, CA, CO and almost 20 years in Germany.

They travelled extensively throughout Europe and that is where they were living when my dad was diagnosed with cancer in 1987 and they came home immediately to live with me in La Costa for a few months until they soon bought into Palomar Estates where my dad died only a few months after they moved in.

My mom worked in accounting for years and then with special needs children in the local elementary schools up until the age of 85 (they always thought she was 10 years younger than she was, as she looked at least that!).

She and my dad had 4 daughters. Their first was Barbara. Then only 11 months later Donna was born and devastatingly died at age 13. Their third child, Karen, died at only 3 months. And I am the surviving 4^{th} .

My mom was an amazingly bright and kind woman. There was not a thing that she didn't know about, especially world history and politics. She never remarried after we lost my Dad but chose to work nonstop to fill the void. Then my daughters were born and that changed everything for both she and Barbara!

Her greatest love was her two grandchildren Libby (19) and Eleri (17)! They gave her endless joy and they were lucky to have had her for so long. They absolutely adored her!

My sister Barbara:

Barbara Ann (Buch) Young

Born November 1st, 1947. Died January 27th, 2022

She was born in Indiana but quickly moved to CA and then to Germany. And then living her adult life mostly in LA. She was married at age 22 for only 7 years.

She went to The American School in Paris for her first year of college then received her BA from CAL State long Beach and then her master's degree from Boston University.

She was a social worker and a licensed Marriage, Child and Family Counselor. She also worked for 15 years until her retirement in 2013, at Camp Pendleton, as a domestic violence counselor. Her life was very service oriented.

She also travelled extensively throughout Europe as a child- late teens. Then again living back in Germany in 1982-86. She was extremely well read and enjoyed the opera, travelling, and cooking. After she retired, she found her love of quilting! She made many, many quilts for family and friends. She was an avid knitter and sewer as well. She for a time made jewelry and sold it at craft shows.