



Hi, Five



The newsletter of Association Five for all our Friendly Valley neighbors

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Meet your neighbors – At least they will be neighbors soon. Arthur Lansdale (his friends call him Al) purchased his home on Avenue of the Oaks in December, 2018, and has been remodeling it ever since. He and his “sweetheart”, Zaida Adorno, expect to finish up and move in around the end of May. They have been living in Canoga Park for the last three years



Al was born in Washington, D.C., and lived there and in Silver Springs Md. until 1952, when his family relocated to California. After a brief stint in college, he joined the Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Pendleton. He also served in the Naval Reserve and the California National Guard. He learned of Friendly Valley while doing color guard honors for a former Marine who passed away here.

On leaving the military, Al took an entry-level position in sales at TODD-AO Studios in Hollywood and ended up as East Coast Sales Director in New York four years later. He left TODD-AO to accept another opportunity back in California as Vice President, General Manager of Novo Magnetics. Five years later he purchased the company, changed the name, and still runs it today with the assistance of his older son Al IV. The company manufactures and sells motion picture film leaders and editorial supplies worldwide.

Al raised two boys with the help of his first wife, Olivia, in Simi Valley. Each son gave him a granddaughter. One son and family live in Simi; the other in Oceanside. Al divides his spare time between the Marine Corps League, VFW, and American Legion, where he rides and supports local charities and homeless Veterans causes. He transferred his Elks membership to here and also joined the Elks camping club. Al and Zaida enjoy riding the coast on their Indian motorcycle and side car, They look forward to getting back on the road when this virus is defeated.

Now as he begins to slow down and take it a bit

easy, Al looks forward to more golf and time in the pool as weather permits, as well as making new friends in Assn 5.

New director – The Five Board has appointed Wally Jones as Director of Maintenance. Wally has a background in aerospace electronics engineering. He has also done much in the way of remodeling of his own homes.

HVAC/Solar project – Can you believe it? Things are starting to happen! The major components of the HVAC have been positioned around the Annex/Office building and the auditorium. This week roofs will be opened, and connections will begin. However, activation can't happen until the electrical permit is granted. But here's more good news! We have full approval for the solar installation. Roof work on the auditorium will begin soon. The happy side of the current crisis is that group meetings will not be affected by the construction work 😊, because there are no groups meeting now 😞

Senior Center lunches – They're still happening every Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday, but under the circumstances they are cold take-out lunches. Call the Senior Center, 661-259-9444, a day ahead. Then at 11:45 on lunch day, park in the church parking lot and wait by the side door. Your lunch will be handed to you. While you're waiting, maintain social distancing and wear a mask to protect yourself and others.

Response to “How are you coping” – One reader sent a list of 8 or 9 ideas, which I passed on to the *Hi Five* email subscribers. Later she said she forgot to list PODCASTS. It is one of her favorite apps. “Listening to podcasts can make daily walks more enjoyable.” Another favorite is the Facetime app on the Apple operating system, which she used for video chats with her far-flung family. There are several other video-conferencing apps as well. Editor's note: If you don't know how to get podcasts or do video conferencing, ask your grandkids. It could be worth your while.

FV Office staff – They're working full-time. Most interactions with residents are done by telephone or email. If you need to come in, call ahead to make an appointment. Only one resident at a time is allowed in. No mask, no entry.

55-Year Resident - by Rosemarie Walrath
Florence Barclay and her mother bought jointly in Association #3 in 1965. The condo wasn't complete at that time. They purchased it for \$20,000. When they moved into their newly purchased condo, the age was 45 to 55. The Association had no problem with Flo being underage because she was a joint buyer with her mother.

Before moving to Friendly Valley, Florence lived in Bellflower and was working as Deputy Sheriff for LA County at the Lakewood Station. After about a year and a half she transferred to Downtown Los Angeles, making her commute a little better. Her mother passed away in 1971 and Flo retired in 1986.

She remembers there was a Phil's Market on Friendly Valley Parkway, where the Sanctuary is today, along with a drug store with a pharmacy, a beauty shop and a small postal service. A few years later Sir Georges was built across the street where Kelly's is now.

Who Was Carl Boyer? By Ellen Brokaw
We often take Carl Boyer Drive to Walmart and other stores, but have we ever wondered who that man was and why he was so honored? I googled the name and found the story of a driven civic leader and a humanitarian who died only last year at age 81. Boyer strongly favored local control. Failing an effort to separate from LA County, he pushed for city incorporation (1987) and was its first elected mayor (1991,) serving two terms. He was important to the development of SC as we see it today, and was especially interested in preserving open space, credited with establishing SC Woodlands Park and our extensive trail system. He served as a member of the board of trustees of the Santa Clarita Community College District from 1973 to 1981 and as a director of the former Castaic Lake Water Agency from 1982 to 1984. Boyer and his family came to SC in the 1966. He taught for 40 years in public schools including 35 years at San Fernando High School, retiring in 1998. He and his wife Chris were foster parents for foreign born medically needy children, and for abused children in LA County. Since his retirement, Boyer involved Santa Clarita around the world-- notably with SC's sister cities-- visiting more than

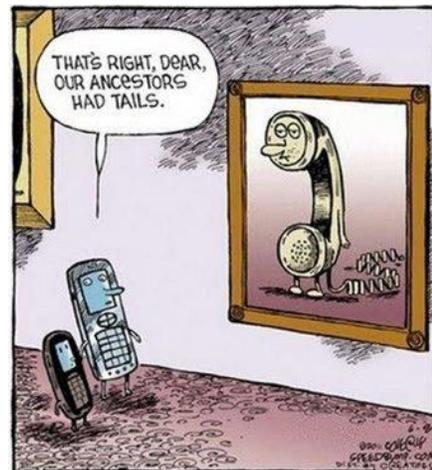
140 countries over the years. He was a noted genealogist and authored more than a dozen books on family genealogy.

A tip from AAA – Many of us are not traveling as much as usual currently. But don't forget that your car needs "exercise". To keep the battery working, start your car at least once a week. Then take a short drive or just let it idle for a few minutes.

Synthetic insulin – According to a reputable magazine, it used to take 8000 pounds of animal pancreases to make one pound of insulin. Then in 1978, Arthur Riggs, Ph.D., and colleagues chemically combined DNA fragments of human insulin and attached them to E. coli bacteria, which "switched on" the genes. The process formed a complete insulin molecule identical to that produced by the human body.

City services – All non-essential City services will be suspended and all City facilities will be closed to the public until May 15, in compliance with Los Angeles County's "Safer at Home" order. See www.SantaClaritaEmergency.com.

Auto insurance refund – California's Insurance Commissioner has ordered auto insurance companies to make refunds since we are driving less and having fewer accidents. AAA, for one, has said they will refund 20% of premiums that cover the period from March 16 to May 15. That amounts to about 3.3% of your annual premium. The checks will be sent out by the end of May.



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"Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art. It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that gives value to survival." – C. S. Lewis

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