



Hi, Five



The newsletter of Association Five for all our Friendly Valley neighbors

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Meet the new neighbors – “We like it here,” was a comment heard at least twice during our interview with Bob & Sally Giammarino. The pair moved into their home on Long Oak Dr. in Nov. of last year. Their two-story home in Chatsworth, where they had lived the last 20 years, had become a challenge. A real estate ad for Friendly Valley piqued their interest, especially the golf part. Bob was born in Brooklyn but moved to Hollywood in '45. Sally was born in Glendale but was also raised in Hollywood. The two met in '53 while attending Hollywood High School. They became high school sweethearts and were married in 1956. Bob's work experience included 12 years in production control for Litton Industries and seven years selling sporting goods. For ten years he had his own company representing motion picture producers and selling their products in Europe. He retired in 2007. Sally's emphasis was raising their two sons, but she also spent 20 years, off and on, part time, as a dispensing optician. The two sons live in Simi Valley and Poway, and there is one granddaughter and two great grandchildren. In 2003 they got into the horse racing game, at one time owning five thoroughbreds. Their horses have given them nine wins, including six by just one of them. They're down to just one now, stabled at Del Mar, but looking for another. Ask Bob to explain a “claiming race”. Here in FV, Bob has joined the Pickleball crowd. Both attended the two recent picnics. Once again, “We like it here.”

Picnic leftovers – If you’re missing a utensil from the picnic, call Liz Talbot, 661-367-6527.

Bingo! – Bingo will resume on July 17. Chuck Zahler has returned to run it.

Your old Directory – Have you picked up your new FV Directory yet? If not, would you consider donating the old one to Hi Five? I was blindsided (in fact, we all were) by the unannounced elimination of account numbers in the new Directory. I have frequently found those numbers useful in learning the association number of someone I want to mention in *Hi Five*.



I have also used those numbers to locate a unit, especially in Assns 1 & 2 (but some others as well). When you pick up your new Directory, the Office staff will ask for the old one. Just tell them you gave it to *Hi Five*. I promise to take good care of it and shred it when it’s no longer useful.

A new kind of email scam – Bill and I were good friends in high school and college. After he married and moved away, we kept in touch by mail, telephone, visits (in both directions), and eventually email. He wrote fascinating letters and emails, grammatically correct, always amusing, never terse. Last week I got an email from him. “Hello, How you doing? Can you do me favor Thanks Bill”. Note the terseness. I nibbled at the bait by replying, “Bill, Did you send this? It doesn’t make sense. What favor do you want? Frank”. He replies that he is traveling, he needs an Amazon gift card for his niece’s birthday, but can’t get one online, so I should get it for him in a local store, and he will repay. Bill is an only child, but I know his wife has relatives, so it’s possible he has a niece. I reply, “Glad to do it for you. How much do you want to spend?” Meanwhile, I call his home phone, but there is no answer, so maybe he is traveling. I also check the email address that he has been using. It is the one I have on file. But his next reply floors me. “The amount needed is \$500 in \$100 denominations. Scratch the back of the card to reveal the pin, then take a snap shot of the back showing the pin and have them sent to me with the receipt so i can forward it to her.” I respond with “I’m getting suspicious. What was my first wife’s name?” (Bill knows I’ve had only one.) I never heard back. ☺

Community Council - has been dealing with multiple issues for several months. Here’s a list.

•**Civil Code 51.3** defines who is qualified to live in a “Senior Community.” Kathy Simpson, retired legal secretary, has been analyzing FV CC&Rs to see what should be done to make them conform with California law. Her findings to date were submitted in writing to the CC on July 3, but were not discussed. Perhaps next time.

Estate Sales: New rules were officially adopted.
Gate Cards: Who should get them? One per person? One per vehicle? Two per household? A committee has been formed.

Initiation Fee: The \$3000 fee to buy into FV has been waived in the past, but not always consistently. A committee is working on rule clarification, but the matter was tabled pending legal advice.

Open Forum at the CC – The delegates voted to include Open Forum as a part of CC meetings. However, the proposed wording of the bylaws change was not agreed on. Nevertheless, the chair allowed Open Forum to proceed. The amendment will be voted on next month.

Tram – The FV tram is still not available due to multiple problems, including safety issues. Replacement or repair is being considered. We remind you that information on alternative forms of low-cost transportation can be found on the web at www.SantaClaritaTransit.com.

Saying goodbye – Jack Quinn passed away on July 1 at the age of 91. A resident here for over 30 years, he will be remembered for many things in FV. He was a member of the Lawn Bowls Club, serving as president at times, and was a member of the team that went undefeated in the 2011 season and then went on to win every game in the Winter Development League Tournament of the Southwest Division Lawn Bowling Association. He also edited the newsletters for both the City of Hope and Lawn Bowls clubs. In addition, Jack was very active for *Hi Five*, delivering paper versions on his street, writing two articles, submitting several photographs, and making financial contributions. He will also be remembered as a good back-fence neighbor of 14+ years, who shared the lemons from his tree and often bought extra produce to share when he visited the “farm” in the San Fernando Valley. Memorial service will be at 10am, Monday, July 22, in Eternal Valley. He leaves Cecilia, his wife of almost 69 years, a son and daughter, 12 grand-, 9 great-, and two great-great grandchildren. Cecilia too was active in Lawn Bowls and City of Hope, as well as Little Theater. She is now in a 24/7 care facility.

Lawn Bowls building remake – It's essentially

complete now. In fact, the Rec Board held a meeting there last Thursday to christen it. We expect that the Lawn Bowls Club will hold an open house sometime soon.

Roofs/HVAC/Solar – Remember this project that we all agreed to on June 10? It's getting closer to fruition. Paperwork for the next stage of the negotiations was received and is now being considered by the Rec Board. The big question is, has the scale of the project been brought down within the \$790,000 approved by the voters. We'll know soon.

A new Poker Room – As an accommodation for the several groups in FV who enjoy playing poker, the Sewing Room has been re-designated as the Poker Room. A new ten-seat poker table has been ordered. When it arrives, the current poker groups can start meeting there. The sewing machines will still be there, but they are behind a partition. Anyone who wants to start a new poker group and reserve a day and time should fill out a Request Form in the office.

Slipping foundations - Two duplexes within Assn 5 have reported slipping foundations. A geologic study has been commissioned and two engineering firms have been asked to propose solutions to the problems.

Wake-up call – Did you heed the 6.4 warning on July 4? How about the 7.1 on July 5? Did we dodge the bullet for another 20 years or so? Don't bet your life on it. Get prepared. In your browser's search window, enter “earthquake safety checklist”. You'll find an 18-page brochure created by FEMA with all kinds of information on preparing for what we all know is coming. Look at what California has been through in the last century and a half.

1872-7.4: Lone Pine	1971-6.5: Sylmar
1906-7.7: San Francisco	1987-6.1: Whittier
1933-6.4: Long Beach	1994-6.7: Northridge
1952-7.3: Tehachapi	2019-7.1: Ridgecrest

Thanks – to Patrick Brun, Peni Kerkes, and Wayne & Jackie Edwards for switching to email. There are now 31 names on the email list for Assn 5 and 33 in other assns. They all get *Hi Five Alerts*, see the photos in full color, and get the newsletter a day early.

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Thought for the Day

The best things in life come to those who make the best of the things that come.