



CC meeting on May 1 – As usual, this meeting generated several topics that will be treated in separate articles below. My thanks to Bob Edwards for taking notes to fill the gaps in my hearing.

Pets in recreational areas – By FV Rules, they are not allowed, but there are legal exceptions. Do not confront someone you think is in violation. Notify Security and they will handle the situation.

Promotion in the Office – Penny Underwood has been named Office Administrator & Coordinator. She will continue to serve as Contracts Coordinator. Our recently hired Escrow Clerk is no longer with us. Restructure and/or replacement is being considered.

Leash law – FV has a rule that leashes should be no longer than six feet. That rule has been ignored and unenforced for years. No more! Because of two recent dog bite incidents that involved extendable leashes, Security will be giving warning and citations to violators. A word to the wise ...

Charging of electric vehicles – Each assn will have to have its own rules, but one rule needs to be common to all. There can be no cord running across sidewalks or other walking paths.

New rules for estate sales – Not yet, but coming soon. The Committee for Estate Sales formed last month met and created a new set of rules defining when and how estate sales are to be conducted in FV. The result was presented to the CC. As expected, some changes were suggested by the CC delegates, so the committee will meet again and present a revision next month.

The end of Open Forum? – Keith Pierce, the recently elected chair of the CC, pointed out that the CC Bylaws make no mention of an “Open Forum”. In fact, the only way a non-delegate can speak at the meeting is to make a request at least a day ahead of time and get permission from the chair. It appears that, unless the Bylaws are amended, the Open Forum will be a thing of the past. At least one delegate expressed agreement with the chair. On the other hand, at least one non-delegate expressed opposition, saying that there would be little incentive to attend and observe if there were no opportunity to speak. One observer suggested that the Open Forum could be conducted after the official CC meeting has adjourned. Responding to that idea, the chair was heard to say, “After the meeting I’m out of here”. It should be noted that the Bylaws of the Rec Assn also make no mention of the Open Forum. If it is eliminated in the CC, what will happen in the Rec Board meeting? It seems that the only sure way to keep the Open Forum is by amending the CC Bylaws. The procedure for doing that is actually very simple. It takes a

motion and an affirmative vote by the delegates present at any official CC meeting. No mailing of ballots is required, and the only advance notice is the normal one of putting the topic on the Agenda posted four days before the meeting. The Open Forum is the only means a “normal” person in FV has of expressing an idea and having it heard by a large number of fellow owners. If you believe it is important to keep that facility, then contact your own Board and ask them to be prepared to discuss and vote for retaining the Open Forum

Meet your neighbors – Ray Cruden and Anne

Davis were married and moved into their home on Oak Highland Dr. 3½ years ago. But their story starts long before that. They have known each other for many years and even dated for a while, but each of them found a separate spouse with which to spend a lifetime. Nevertheless, the two remained close as both couples were part of the same intimate social group. After fifty years, the inevitable happened just one year apart, and each of them was alone again. Over the next ten years a dormant flame was rekindled, and they decided to make it official in 2015.



Ray was born in N. Dakota but came to Calif. in '32. After serving in the Navy during WWII, he had a 16-year career in film processing for Technicolor Corp and a second 15-year stint with Caltrans as an operator and supervisor of heavy equipment. He has a son living in Las Vegas who gave him three grandchildren and a daughter who will soon be in Las Vegas as well. For hobbies, Ray claims woodworking and other construction activities as well as gardening, both food and ornamental. But the squirrels get most of the produce here in FV.

Anne hails from Michigan, but came to Calif. in '47. She had a 40-year career with Capitol Records as a contract administrator over much of the same time that John Palladino worked there as a sound engineer. (For you newbies, John and wife Evelyn were among the first residents in Assn 5. John served on our Board for many years in multiple positions, including president several times.) Anne has no children of her own, but she was “adopted” as a grandmother by a friend’s daughter. For hobbies, Anne says she loves sports but mostly as a spectator. She also played clarinet in her school band and orchestra as well as the piano.

It was at the memorial service for John that they learned that his former home here in FV was available to rent. That is where they are living now. Since moving here, they have gone on several trips with the FV Senior Travel Club and are planning on going to Laughlin on June 3-5. They also attend Bingo and have used the newly renovated gym.

FV Little Theater looking for new blood – After an outstanding production last month, the Little Theater is at a crossroads. Doris Sipotz has said that directing the shows has taken a toll and this may have been her last year. In addition, Jeff Morrow, music director and sound engineer, is moving out of FV. If you want to offer your talent or other services, they meet in the auditorium at 7pm on the second Monday of the month (except July and August). [Below: Curtain Call, April 6]



Senior Center Lunch – Tired of eating alone or



of making a lunch for yourself? Come join a bunch of like-minded individuals. Socialize while you eat a lunch prepared by the Santa Clarita Senior Center and delivered by the two hostesses shown above. It is served at 11:30 each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the FV Church social hall. The menu varies from day to day and is chosen by a nutritionist. The portions are small, as befitting senior eaters, but large enough that several diners had leftovers to take home. One gentleman provides a “joke of the day”, and sometimes there is additional entertainment. To make a reservation, call the Senior Center at 661-259-9444 between 8am and 4pm the day before. Once you're there, you can reserve on the spot for following days. A donation of \$3.50 is requested.

New brighter street lights – All of the short-pole streetlights in Assn 5 have been fitted with brighter bulbs. Our president, Dave Swartz, requested the upgrade from SoCal Edison, and the job was promptly done. . The bulbs in the taller fixtures on Long Oak and Avenue of the Oaks were deemed adequate.

The new Friendly Valley Directory – It's just a few days away. The new pages will include names and addresses of all current residents. Phone numbers will be there for those who haven't opted out. A section of new advertisers is also included. Availability is set for 10am on

Friday, May 10th. **But this is important. You must bring in the old pages with names and addresses of residents.** The office will accept them and shred them to help maintain the privacy of all of us.

The new Game Room – Not much to see here. Just call it a work in progress. The painter in the picture is none other than Michael Fennick, a Director on the Rec Board. The next step is laying the carpet and then moving in the game tables. No date yet for the Grand Opening.



City of Hope FV Chapter – You've seen the flier for the coming Luncheon and Fashion Show in a recent *Villager*. Make your reservations for the May 19th event by Monday, May 13th. Call Karen (818-424-9743) or Janice (661-299-5312). Since (1) the lunch is donated by *Stonefire Grill* and many of the club members, (2) the fashions are loaned by the *Dress Barn*, and (3) the models are all volunteer FV residents, it follows that your entire \$25 entrance fee goes to *City of Hope*, a Los Angeles hospital specializing in cancer treatment and research. The club's big-ticket items are the Fashion Show and the Candlelight Dinner each year. They also sell lunch and tickets for raffle for a \$25 gift card at each month's general meeting. Everything is donated. Last year the club gave over \$3,000 to the hospital.

H O R S E ing around – The first HORSE night drew a crowd of four hardy individuals, including



Michael Fennick, the organizer. They socialized and shot around, but there was no real game. Michael promises to keep it going for at least a month. If you want to join them, just show up on Wednesday evening at 5:30 in your tennis basketball shoes and comfortable clothes. Of course, you can play by yourself or with your own friends at any time. Just check out a basketball from Security and head for the court.

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Comments made in the year 1955

'If things keep going the way they are, it'll soon be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00.'

'Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2,000.⁰⁰ will only buy a used one.'

'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?'

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