



Meet Your Neighbors – Karl & Erlinda Fischer moved into FV Assn 5 the day after Valentine’s Day, 2020. Their home on Fairway Circle overlooks the Pitch-and-Putt golf course, and is next to the biggest oak tree Karl has ever seen. Before the Coronavirus shut-down, they had a chance to contribute a bunch of music, books, and videos to the FV library.



Karl was born in Kentucky into an Army family and considers himself a true Army Brat. His father was a Super Radar O’Reilly problem solver, moving from post to post as much as three times a year. Karl lived in 13 different states by the time he was 11. He spent most of his teen years in St. Louis after his dad retired. In 1975 he drove a U-Haul truck, towing his car, to So. Calif. He worked as a machinist on screw machines, lathes and mills until his late 30’s, and then transitioned into aerospace quality engineering until retiring in Jan., 2019. He played soccer and baseball in his youth, and later got into Texas Hold’em, winning a \$40K tournament at Bally’s. Now he does a lot of online non-poker gaming, and he’s been involved in a fantasy baseball league for 30 years.

Erlinda was born in Cebu city, Philippines, and spent her childhood there. In 1962 she left Cebu, destined for Lowell, MA. She had a layover in LA and just decided to stay. She is a Registered Nurse by profession, having served in both clinical and administrative positions. She is still actively licensed and a participating professional on occasion. She loves to travel, garden, crochet and participate in the grandchildren’s activities.

About 30 years ago, mutual friends arranged a barbecue at Erlinda’s Lancaster house and invited Karl. The couple have been married now for 22 years, living in Granada Hills. Each has a son by a previous marriage. Karl’s is now in the USMC, while Erlinda’s is living with his family in Santa Clarita. They loved their home in Granada Hills. It had four bedrooms, lots of space, and 22

fruit trees, but it was getting to be a bit much to care for. With advice from family, they visited and fell in love with FV. Now they enjoy quiet times in their patio with a huge oak tree for an umbrella. When things open up again, Karl looks forward to golf, swimming, and lawn bowls, but he says the library is most important.

Community Council Meeting – The CC held an open-air meeting on August 5 in the Gathering Place. Contrary to the announcement in the *Hi Five* Alert, observers were not invited. The Open Forum was just for delegates. CC meetings will continue to be held that way as long as COVID restrictions dictate.

Elections Are Coming – Now is the time to think about what role you can play in managing your association. Someone has to do it. Why not you? The Office will soon start sending out candidate nomination letters. All of the current officers were amateurs once, so you can learn too. Usually there will be three continuing officers to help any neophyte learn the ropes. The deadline for submitting a nomination form in Assn 5 is Sept. 8. Deadline for Rec Assn has passed.

Other Ways to Volunteer – Each election requires a number of persons to count the ballots. Make your willingness to help known in the Office. Shirley Gary, the official Inspector of Elections, will train you.

Annual Meetings – The CC pondered the question of how to have annual meetings, which are required by law, when large gatherings are currently prohibited. The obvious answer is to arrange virtual meetings by computer, with voice-only option using a telephone. Zoom and GoToMeeting are two possibilities. Each association will have to pick a method and tell its members how to use the app. Getting a quorum might be challenging. Fortunately, submitting a ballot ahead of time qualifies as “attending” the meeting and counts toward the quorum.

Painted Curbs – The CC pondered the question of what to do about painted curbs. For example, green curbs mean limited-time parking, but any car with a handicapped license or placard can park there for unlimited time. Do we need our own special colors for our own special meanings? No decision was reached.

Rec Board Meeting – The meeting on Aug. 10 was by videoconference (and telephone). In addition to four Board members, there were 24 homeowners who listened in. If you want to “attend” a Board meeting, make sure the Office has your email so you can receive the link that lets you participate.

A Couple of Reminders – Smoking is not allowed in any of the recreation areas. Be sure to wear a face mask when you visit either the Office (by appointment) or Security.

Six Escrows Closed in July – That put \$18,000 into the Rec Assn’s Reserve Account.

New A/C Units Are Operating – The new A/C units in the Office/Annex complex began operating last week, just in time for the office staff to escape the 101° heat predicted for Friday. The rest of us will get our chance in the club rooms when COVID fades into the background.

Swimming Pool Schedule – Our current rules allow up to four households and up to eight individuals to be using the pool and spa at the same time. The allotment is a rigid 45 minutes, giving Security 15 minutes to sanitize the area between groups. Almost 200 individuals have enjoyed the use of the pool since it opened. If you want to be included, contact the Office to see what’s available.

Swimming Pool Renovation – The Rec Board is considering a significant renovation of our swimming pool. There are discussions of what needs to be done. When settled, requests for proposals will be sent to several pool companies. Finally, the members will be asked to vote on the project, just as we did in June, 2019, for the major renovation that is just now coming to a conclusion. As a reminder, a quorum for any vote in the Recreational Association is 439 votes. More than 50% approval is required for a measure to pass. Last June, only 500 votes (out of 1290 eligible) were cast to decide a measure involving more than \$1,000,000. 😞

The Website – Dave Swartz is the sole creator of FriendlyValleyCountryClubWebsite.com, and he is the primary maintainer as well. Without Dave, the website would not exist. At the last

meeting, the Rec Board noted that some of the information was out of date. In particular, the Men’s and Women’s Golf Clubs were requested to get their club information updated. The Board also noted that the site is available to anyone in the world who knows its name, while some of the information is not of use to, and may be inappropriate for, anyone outside of FV. The discussion turned to requiring passwords to make the site more private. No conclusion was reached, so it is still an open matter.

Assn 5 Board – The meeting was held last Tues. in the back patio of Wally and Pam Jones. About a dozen homeowners attended. A leading topic was the new Gardening Contract. Specs have been written and presented to several gardening firms. The current contract expires on Nov. 30.

Higher Interest – Assn 5 has moved \$35,000 from one account to another with interest rate 3.01% higher. That translates to an increased annual income of \$1,053.

Budget Meeting – Assn 5 will have an open budget meeting probably in late Sept. When the date is known, *Hi Five* will send an Alert to our email subscribers. Paper subscribers may get these Alerts too, by asking to be on the Alerts List.

Financial Reports – Each month a Financial Report is generated. You may pick one up in the office. Just call ahead, and remember to wear a mask when you go.

A/C Problems – We mentioned last month that Wally Jones knows air conditioners and has offered to help if you think you have a problem. My neighbor took him up on his offer and reported that Wally saved him \$180.

Earthquake Insurance – Assn 5 is paying \$56,000 this year for EQ insurance for our structures only. You need your own EQ insurance for your add-ons and personal property. Be sure your policy has a Loss-Assessment Clause.

Does *Hi Five* Have a Future? – Who will take over when I turn 90?

Thanks – Anonymous helped with toner & paper.
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“This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

“Our great modern republic. May those who seek the blessings of its institutions and the protection of its flag remember the obligations they impose.” – Ulysses S Grant

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