



Hi, Five



The newsletter of Association Five for all our Friendly Valley neighbors

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Meet your neighbors – Sam Friddle was born in South Carolina but moved to Hawthorne when he was ten years old. Betty was born and lived her early years in Inglewood. They met at a party when they were both just out of high school. Sam was captivated from the start, but Betty found him too wild for her taste. So they parted and entered separate marriages. It was 17 years later, after both had divorced, that they found each other again. Sam had tamed his wild side, so the situation was ripe for another marriage in 1992. They lived for 25 years in Green Valley before moving to FV last October. Sam spent 20 years at a tire supply company, where he became a General Manager. He also had a number of years in a chemical plant, so Betty calls him a mad scientist. Betty worked for 40 years at Northrop-Grumman, where she rose to Vice President of Operations before retiring. Sam is an avid golfer but has yet to play a round here in FV. Getting the new home in shape is time consuming. He did admit to one episode of skydiving when he was 25. He says he enjoyed it, but it was too inconvenient to become a hobby. He is considering getting involved with the Bible Study group. Betty enjoys gardening and cooking. She intends to join the Ceramics Club. They have three children from the previous marriages, living in Oregon, South Carolina, and Whittier.



In full bloom – Red carpet roses in front, next



golden euonymus, then white iceberg roses in the back. What you see here is an area along Green Terrace Ave. that used to be all grass. It was converted in 2014 at no net expense under the rebate program of Castaic Lake Water

Agency designed to replace thirsty grass with drought-tolerant shrubs. The area was planned and installed by All-Pro, our gardening firm, who also guaranteed that the cost would not exceed the amount of the rebate. Come by and see it while the roses are still in bloom. Email subscribers are seeing this beautiful scene in full color, but it's even better viewed in person.

Meet the Contractors – An estimated 400 residents filled the auditorium eleven days ago to hear the Rec Board and potential contractors answer questions about the massive project being proposed for our community. Before the questions, the audience was treated to two new numbers. First: while the cost was originally billed as approaching \$800,000, the new, presumably more accurate cost was stated as just over one million dollars. Second: we were originally told that the Rec Assn paid \$250,000 to SoCal Edison last year. That number was revealed to be grossly in error, with the correct amount being about \$79,000. The questions that ensued drove the meeting to last two hours. Most of the questions were probing for answers to serious concerns, and the contractors and Rec Board were well prepared with straightforward answers. The biggest applause was evoked when one owner praised the current Rec Board for the kind of job they are doing. At the close, the attendees were encouraged to submit any remaining questions in writing. Those questions and their answers were presented in a paper distributed with the recent *Villager*. Some of the answers are understandable, but others appear not to have been written for the layman. Let's hope that our Directors study them carefully so as to make an informed decision. Remember, your vote is not saying "yes" or "no" to this particular contract. It merely says the Rec Board may or may not proceed towards a contract of this approximate amount for this very general purpose. Previous statements to the contrary, if you have already turned in your ballot, you cannot change your vote. "Once a secret ballot is received by the inspector of elections, it shall be irrevocable" [Civ. Code §5120].

Tiki Tiki Luau – You saw the details on the pink sheet that came with the *Villager* two weeks ago. The Rec Board and Office staff are sponsoring the social event this Friday at 5:30. It's a potluck affair, so sign up in the Office to say what you will bring. There will be prizes for the hula hoop contest and the water balloon toss. The dunk tank is a fun way to recoup some of the cost for décor, etc. Here's what the tank looks like. Buy your tickets in the Office ahead of time. They will not be sold on-site. Be sure to wear your name badge; not everyone knows you. Hawaiian entertainment provided by Kellar-Davis.



Memorial Day – Seventy-plus residents showed up at the program sponsored by the FV Veterans



Club to remember and honor deceased veterans. Prayers were offered by Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish officiants. Chuck Morris explained the meaning of Memorial Day and the Story of Taps. John Carter recited “They Taught Me How to March”. The SCV Men of Harmony sang three numbers, and their director led the audience in

singing “God Bless America”. Chuck Morris read the names of 159 deceased service members, and Don Farr rang a bell for each one.

Bingo hiatus – There will be no Bingo during the month of June. Watch the *Villager* for an announcement of resumption.

Coyote alert – A reader reported seeing a coyote trotting along the hillside behind his unit on Fairway circle, carrying a dead animal, probably a squirrel or rabbit. We just hope it wasn't somebody's cat. There's nothing unusual here; coyotes are with us every day. It's just a reminder to secure your pets.

Assn 5 picnic – Save the date: Saturday, June 22. Call Liz Talbot (661-367-6527) or Agnes Chaney (661)-360-5506) to indicate your attendance and to tell what you want to bring for potluck. We'll remind you of the picnic again in the next *Hi Five*. Bring cash for raffle tickets.

Hi Five to print your opinions – On a trial basis, we intend to print opinions submitted by our readers, much like “letters to the editor” in a “regular” newspaper. Each one should be about a single subject that is of interest to a number of FV or Assn. 5 residents. Maintain a positive, or at least non-negative, tone, and do not indulge in name-calling. If it's a complaint, then offer a viable solution. Try to keep your work to 100 words or less. (This article is about that length). If the editor thinks it fits *Hi Five's* purpose and space is available, we'll print it. Send your opinion to the email address shown below.

Thanks – to Maryalis Hill for keeping *Hi Five* in the black. Also to Bobby and Felicity Tong, Carol Yanez, and Liz Talbot. By switching their *Hi Five* subscriptions to email they will save us some paper & toner.

Don't forget to vote on the solar project - The meeting is June 10 at 10am. A quorum is needed. That's at least 439 owners.

Next issue of *Hi Five* – June 17, 2019.

Eternal Truth?

The national budget must be balanced. The public debt must be reduced; the arrogance of the authorities must be moderated and controlled. – Cicero (106 BC – 43 BC)

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