



# Hi, Five



The newsletter of Association Five for all our Friendly Valley neighbors

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## Meet your neighbor – Joyce

(Madeline) Dandurand was born in Flint, MI, but spent her early years, from age 2, in Glendale. She attended Holy Family HS and Glendale College, majoring in business. At age 19 she got an exciting job in the TV industry as private secretary to Jeanne Cagney, who was head of the Fashion Department for “Queen for a Day”. Two years later Joyce married Bud Dandurand, her high school sweetheart. The couple moved to Shadow Hills, where they raised a son and four daughters. Shadow Hills is horse country, so they also had horses for their enjoyment. They owned an RV for 20 years and traveled the USA. They owned Oak’s liquor store in Sun Valley, which Joyce still owns. They were married 52 years till Bud passed away ten years ago. Joyce got her Real Estate License and was in the business for forty years, retiring just two years ago. While raising her children, she joined the Sunland Woman’s Club Juniors, served a term as president, participated in philanthropic endeavors and won awards for that activity. As Conservation Chair, she initiated a program to visit schools with Smokey the Bear to raise awareness of fire prevention in young children. Later she chaired the Verdugo Metropolitan District Women’s Club, an umbrella organization over 13 clubs. Music has been her hobby. She sang in a chorus for 12 years, plays the piano, and has taught guitar. Bud was in the Sun Valley Rotary Club where they met Lloyd and Roberta Woodson, former residents in Assn 5, and were introduced to FV. Five years ago, after 40 years in her Shadow Hills home, she moved to FV, renting in Assn 7. Three years later she bought her current home on Avenue of the Oaks. She says she loves it here. She participates in line dancing, dominoes, and pinochle, and has taken up art in Gina Leonard’s acrylics painting class. Her son lives in Moorpark and one of her daughters is in Granada Hills. She also has seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



**Holiday lights contest** – Once again, Assn 9 will sponsor a Holiday Decorations contest. There will be prizes for best individual use of lights, best individual all-around display, and best group display (10 or more units). Groups must register with the office. An individuals should register also if the home is not visible from the street. Judging will be in the third week of December. Assn 9 will hold Open House on Dec. 19, serving cookies and hot cider & chocolate. The Anzel Circle gate will be open from 6pm to 9pm.

**“A nightmare bill”** – That’s how the Adams-Stirling law firm characterized SB-323, which was just signed by Governor Newsom and will become law on January 1, 2020. This law will add multiple new burdens to the management and operation of all our associations here in FV. The election timeline will be lengthened. The meeting schedule and list of candidates must be frozen and posted 30 days before the ballots are mailed, which is already 30 days before the election. So now the letter requesting candidate nominations will have to go out 90 days before the election. The right of an association to set qualifications for candidates is severely restricted by this law. Owners must be allowed to review signatures of all other owners on the outer ballot envelopes and to copy voter lists. Email addresses kept by the association have to be made public. Some of these changes will require a revision of CC&Rs, which can be costly.

**New HVAC** – Precision Air, the company that will be providing all the new heating/ventilating/ air-conditioning units for our Office-to-Annex building, has completed their final plans and will be submitting them to the City of Santa Clarita this week. Once the plans are approved, work schedules can be created. *Hi Five* will try to keep you informed. Roofers and solar installers are waiting to go. Electrical plans are established and all three are in the permit stage. But all of them are dependent upon the HVAC, which is the lead operation. Once that is approved the rest will be scheduled in weekly planning meetings. Those weekly operations will be posted for residents as they evolve. The plan will try to keep your inconvenience to a minimum.

**Life without a Friendly Valley tram** – With the demise of tram service here in FV, some of our residents will be facing new problems. I don't claim to have all of the answers, but I have looked into a couple of matters and learned some things that perhaps you don't know.

**Pharmacies:** I found two local pharmacies that will deliver to FV. (1) *Valencia Pharmacy* is about six miles away on Lyons Ave. They fill prescriptions and they carry homeopathic medicines and medical supplies. Open Mon-Fri 9:00-7:00 and Sat 9:00-3:00. Delivery to FV is free is free on Wednesdays. On other days, it's \$5. Call them at 661-255-7910 to place an order and arrange payment. They take checks or cash on delivery as well as credit cards. (2) *Total Care Pharmacy and Medical Supplies* is on Soledad Canyon just three miles away. Open Mon-Fri 8:30-6:30 and Sat 9:00-2:00. Delivery is free. Call them at 661-250-3800 to order and make arrangements.

**Groceries:** *Instacart* is a relatively new but growing service. They provide a personal shopper who will take your shopping list to your favorite local market, buy your groceries, and deliver them to your home. There is a fee involved as well as a minimum purchase. Information is hard to come by. It seems you have to register first. Go to [www.instacart.com](http://www.instacart.com). Both Walmart and Vons also tout home delivery. One FV resident says he used Vons' home delivery in San Pedro. Our nearest Vons' is on Lyons seven miles away (661-259-9214) or Bouquet Canyon six miles away (661-296-0031). Walmart is four miles (661-259-0863). If you try any of these, please let me know your experience.

**Dial-a-Ride update** – If you have a Dial-a-Ride card, you can buy additional rides for 60¢ each at the Senior Center. Exact change is required (\$6, \$12, or \$24).

**Night watchmen** – For the last year our Security Office has conducted foot patrols at night. A guard will park his car at a convenient spot and get out and walk around the neighborhood, looking for anything suspicious. He's never far

from the car and always able to contact, or be contacted by, other on-duty guards. Don't worry, he won't prowl around your backyard or look over your fence. Just be comforted by the thought that a friendly person is watching out for your safety.

**Mr. Warren E. Buffett** – An email from this "American business magnate, investor and philanthropist" offered to include me in his random giveaway of \$2.5 mil. Does anyone think I should respond?

**Annual Craft Fair/Swap Meet** – The auditorium was packed this last Saturday. Did you go? Did you buy anything? That's my wife and daughter-in-law with hand-crafted items from Africa.



**Thanks** – to Shirley Schneider for switching to *Hi Five* by email.

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#### Comments made in the year 1955

'Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.'

'I never thought I'd see the day all our appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.'