



Hi, Five



The newsletter of Association Five for all our Friendly Valley neighbors

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Meet your new neighbors – When Bob and Mary Colletta married in 1997, it was a second

one for each of them, and each had already raised four children. Bob's son, Bill, had married Mary's daughter, Sheryl, twelve years earlier, so when Bob's wife died and Mary divorced, the two were



already well acquainted. Bob is a Californian, born in Glendale and raised in Alhambra. Mary is an import from Arkansas, but a Californian for the last 59 years. In their 22 years together, the couple lived mainly in Fallbrook, until Bill and Sheryl, who live on Whispering Leaves south of Sierra Hwy, wanted them nearby. They moved into their current home on Oak Highland in November. Bob spent two years in the U.S. Navy and then had a 35-year career as a newspaper pressman for various papers. Mary lists her occupation as a homemaker but had several outside jobs as needed or wanted. Bob played football in high school and was in the first televised HS football game in the Rose Bowl. He lists his hobbies, past and present, as body building, gardening, and building birdhouses. Mary says she enjoys gardening and cooking. For exercise, they both ride electric bikes. They do require some pedaling 😊. Since coming to FV, they have participated in a cornhole game (where Mary took 2nd place) and they intend to get into pickleball. They want to meet some born-again Christians and are also looking for a new church home. Their blended family now consists of six children (two of Bob's sons have died), 20 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren (three adopted).

Election schedule – All assns. will be electing officers in the next few months. The Rec Board schedule is in the current *Villager*. Chair and vice-chair of the CC will be decided in March. Other village associations. will announce their own schedules.

Assn 5 elections – Dave Swartz and Manny Alfaro will stay on the Board for another year. The other three positions are “up for grabs”, though it is known that Diane Boylan (current

secretary) will not run again. The schedule for Assn 5 (as much as we know) is as follows:

Soon, if not already: Nomination forms mailed. You may nominate yourself or a willing neighbor. Late September: Nominations closed
Oct 8: Meet the Candidates. 2pm, Annex
Nov 12: Election, 2pm, auditorium.

Meetings coming up – Plan on attending so you can see how this community is run. Maybe someday you will want to help. *Hi Five* sends the agendas by email a few days in advance to our email subscribers. Check the *Villager* for time and location of your own Board meeting.

Community Council: Wed, Sept 4, 10am. Aud.

Rec Board: Mon, Sep 9, 10am, Aud.

Assn 5 Board: Tues, Sept 10, Annex

Special budget meeting for Assn 5 – The Five Board will have a special meeting tomorrow at 12:30pm in the Annex to plan the budget for 2020. This is an open meeting, so all residents and owners of Assn 5 are welcome. Come and observe how the budget is hammered out.

Mary Mothershead – passed away on Aug 19. A memorial service was held at Eternal Valley on Aug 24. Well over a hundred persons gathered to honor her life both as a first-grade teacher and long-time wife of a pastor, formerly at Santa Clarita Baptist Church.

Cecilia Quinn – also left us on Aug 19, just seven weeks after her husband Jack. Both of them had been very active in lawn bowls and City of Hope. Memorial service for Cecilia is this Friday at 11am in Eternal Valley.

A broken arm in FV – We're talking about the arm of the entry gate on Friendly Valley Parkway. It's made to go up and down, but not forward and back, so when a car pushes on it something's going to give. That's what happened about a week ago, but it was repaired before I could get a picture. Whether from failing to stop in time, or starting up too soon, if you break the arm there is a substantial fine. Forewarned is forecautious.

Trash pickup – Because today is a holiday, our trash pickup this week will be delayed by one day. Put your barrels out on Wednesday evening to be picked up on Thursday.

Getting Hi Five on paper? - Switch to email. Save paper and toner. See the photos in color.

Today is Labor Day – It was established as a national holiday by Congress and President Grover Cleveland in 1896, following a tumultuous railway strike. Here's part of the speech by Rep. Lawrence McGann (D-IL), who sat on the Committee on Labor, argued for the holiday in a report submitted on May 15, 1894 (credit: *History Newsletter*):

The use of national holidays is to emphasize some great event or principle in the minds of the people by giving them a day of rest and recreation, a day of enjoyment, in commemoration of it. By making one day in each year a public holiday for the benefit of workingmen, the equality and dignity of labor is emphasized. Nothing is more important to the public weal than that the nobility of labor be maintained. So long as the laboring man can feel that he holds an honorable as well as useful place in the body politic, so long will he be a loyal and faithful citizen.

Opinion piece – We who live on Circle Knoll Court see traffic from all of our CKC neighbors plus all Assn 11 residents, because CKC is a one-way loop serving all of us. This week a driver from Eleven slowed down to yell out the car window, "Better get out of the street." How right she was. Though we have no sidewalks, and though speed limit on CKC is posted at 15 mph, some goal-oriented, rather than process-oriented, folks do not appreciate our creating obstacles between them and the exit gate. Then on their return to their homes, some are forced to step on it to get past us as we are backing out of our driveways. *by Ellen Brokaw*

Editor's note: Why not give these folks on CKC a brake? If you see one of them trying to back out, stop and wait (and block traffic) while they complete the precarious maneuver.

SCV Men of Harmony – The 43rd annual A-Capella Harmony Show and Ice Cream Social will be held at 2pm on Sat., Sept 14, at the SCV Senior Center, 27180 Golden Valley Rd. The cost for seniors is \$18, but we're happy to mention the event in *Hi Five*. Gerry Staack, a

resident of Assn 7, is a member. This group has given free performances for the FV City of Hope benefit shows and the FV Memorial Day Services. Besides, they are really good.

The apples are gone – They're called Annas. You can't find them in markets, but the trees grow well here and are available or can be ordered in some nurseries. When we bought our tree, it was supposed to be a semi-dwarf. Just a few years later, surprise! It was obviously full-sized. Come back next year.

Does this sound familiar? – "I'm Fine"

•There's nothing whatever the matter with me.
I'm just as healthy as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees

And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak and my blood is thin

But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

•I think my liver is out of whack

And a terrible pain is in my back.

My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,

Most everything seems to be out of trim.

But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

•I have arch supports for both my feet,

Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.

Sleeplessness I have night after night,

And in the morning I'm just a sight.

My memory is failing, my head's in a spin.

I'm peacefully living on aspirin

But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

•The moral is, as this tale we unfold,

That for you and me, who are growing old,

It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin

Than to let them know the shape we're in.

Attributed to Cardinal Cushing

Hi Neighbors! – I'd like to know who gave me the flyer for this "community" website. It seems like a potentially useful tool. Is there anyone here in FV who has actually joined "Nextdoor"?

Thanks – to Mark and Janice Mancinelli for switching to *Hi Five* by email. Thanks also to Ellen Brokaw and Kathy Buckley. Both suggested topics that have been included in this issue. Any more ideas?

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I've learned that ...

... opportunities are never lost. Someone will take the ones you miss.

... you should keep your words both soft and tender, because tomorrow you may have to eat them.

... you should never say no to a gift from a child.

Andy Rooney, American journalist (1919–2011)

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