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## SAN RAMON VALLEY NEWCOMERS DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

### DECEMBER LUNCHEON NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR LUNCHEON

Where: **BARONE'S RESTAURANT, 475 ST. JOHN ST., PLEASANTON**

When: **December 13, 2007**

Time: 11:30 Social, 12:00 Luncheon

Please select from the following entrees: Price: \$25 includes dessert, coffee or tea.

1. Salmon Teriyaki with Thai cucumber & red onion relish; potatoes & fresh veggies.
2. Chicken Marsala: Roasted chicken breast with shitake mushrooms and Marsala wine, potatoes & fresh veggies.
3. Pork chops w/sun dried cherries & port wine demi-glace, asiago cheese soft polenta, veggies.

Served with Scoogi break (gorgonzola stuffed flat bread).

Dessert: Crème Brulee or Chocolate Torta

No Host Bar. Price includes tax and gratuity.

Your check is your reservation. Make your check out to **SRVNC** and mail to: Jan McArdle, 1944 St. George Rd., Danville 94526 by December 10. Indicate on your check if this is your first luncheon. If you have any questions, please call Jan, not the restaurant.

Please notify Jan prior to the luncheon if you are unable to attend @ 735-3508. This will make room for others who are on a waiting list. We must pay for no shows. Thank You.

Directions: TAKE 680 S. TO BERNAL EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON BERNAL, LEFT ONTO MAIN STREET. LEFT ON ST. JOHN ST., RESTAURANT IS ON RIGHT.

The speakers for the next few months are: January will be Yau Man-Chan a Martinez resident who came close one million dollars on Survivor Fiji, February- Dora Sorel Holocaust Survivor

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi gals,

Boy, parties are being planned for groups, our houses are being readied for trimming, we are going into shopping mode and heading into a new year.

I hope all of us get into the spirit of giving thanks by volunteering, donations, or just good will toward all-both strangers and friends.

This has been another stressful year for the family and friends of those in the Middle East who spend every minute of their lives over there protecting us and each other. A big wave of thanks and prayers go out to them. There is no bigger gift than volunteering to offer up their lives for their country.

Hugs, Myrna

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Executive Officers**

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1<sup>st</sup> VP (luncheons): Jan (735-3508)  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP (programs): Esther (830-8965)  
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Hiking: Sharon K. (735-8960)  
Mah Jongg: Jan (735-3508)  
Needlework: Judy S. (830-4755)  
Door Prizes: Mickey (803-2918)  
Sunshine: Sharon M. (829-9339)  
Wine Appreciation: Bobbi (735-6679) &  
Dale (828-3994)  
Social: Open

## **BOARD MEETING**

When: Monday, 9:30am (Xmas brunch – Myrna’s making Potatoe Pancakes!

Where: Myrna B., 1120 Sutter Creek Lane, San Ramon

Refreshments: Mickey F.

Please call, Myrna, 560-0656, if you can’t attend

Directions: San Ramon Valley Blvd. S. to Westside, right on Westside, immediate left on Sutter Creek.

## **HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY**

12/4 – Lois Hammond

12/7 – Suzanne Z.

12/8 – Joann Skorpowski

12/10 – Doris Schopplein

12/15 – Shirley Anderson

12/22 - Helen Morrison

12/29 – Julie Grabiec

## **SUNSHINE**

Warm GET WELL wishes go to Audrey Van Poppel and Charlie's daughter-in-law who are ill.

CONGRATULATIONS to Arlene & James DePietro on the birth of their granddaughter.

Daughter Jill had a beautiful baby girl on November 13th, named Bailey Rose Morris, 5 lbs. 11 ozs. 18 ¾” long. A new Grand-baby, how sweet, how pink, let the bragging begin.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tina and Gary Desser who are very proud of their grandson Andrew, who will be going to Chicago for a Speech & Debate. Andrew is a senior in high school and has been to many debates, and always finished in the top three. Here's hoping for a first place winner.

Its the time of year that we open our hearts to the less fortunate. I will be collecting up until the Christmas luncheon for Love-A-Child Mission and will make a delivery December 21st. If you have any questions, or anything you would like me to pick up, please call or email me. Thank you in advance, Sharon. kozynsr@comcast.net or 829-9339.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

Craft: Christmas Ornaments

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 11th

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Bobbie Shenk's home, 200 Tim Ct., Danville RSVP: 838-9904

Bobbie has 5 different ornaments for crafters to work on. She will show how to make: coffee filter angels, beaded snowflakes, ribbon candy (Yes, using ribbon), starlight mint wreaths (mints melted in the oven) and pipe cleaner stars. Price is from \$2.00 each for the angels, snowflakes and ribbon candy, \$1.00 for wreaths & 50 cents each for the stars. You may make all of the ornaments or just one or two. If you want to purchase extra supplies, you may.

Bobbie has only 2 openings for this craft

STARTING IN JANUARY, PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK FOR THE CRAFT IN ADVANCE TO SECURE YOUR RESERVATION AND ASSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE. IN THE EVENT YOU CANNOT ATTEND, BOBBIE WILL MAKE THE CRAFT FOR YOU. CALL FOR DETAILS.

Directions: From Highway 680 north, take Diablo Rd. exit. Turn left at light and continue to Hartz Ave. Make a right onto Hartz and then a quick left onto Linda Mesa Ave. Go about 6 blocks and turn right on Tim Ct. Bobbie's home is first on right.

## BOOK CLUB

### Holiday Luncheon for the Book Club

When: Dec. 11 - Tuesday

Time: 12:00 Noon

Where: Bridges Restaurant, 44 Church St., Danville

The book club will meet at a delightful local restaurant in December. The menu is varied and has something for everyone. The club will not select a book for December, but we ask you to share one inspirational or uplifting book or story, and tell the group about it. Please RSVP to Suzanne Ziarnik at 830-8339 by Thur., Dec. 6, so we can notify the restaurant. We welcome new members so think about attending this special meeting. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Ziarnik.

Jan. - The Constant Princess by Phillipa Gregory

Feb. - Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

## BRIDGE – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Date: December 6

Where: At Dora's. Call Dora @ 735- 0241 for details.

This social group welcomes new or returning bridge players with a basic knowledge of bridge. Please join us for a fun day!

## **DAYTIME BUNCO – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

When: December 12, 2007  
Where: Forbes Mill  
Time: 12:00 Noon - Wednesday  
Menu: Open

We will be having our annual Christmas luncheon. We will be taking Bobbi to lunch as a Thank You for the use of her home during the year. There will be a \$10.00 to \$15.00 general gift exchange. If you are unable to attend or have any questions, please call Sharon @ 829-9339.

Winners from the November Bunco were: Joyce, Bobbi, Anita, Mary, Audrey, and Harriot

## **BUNCO 1 – HOLIDAY PARTY**

Date: Wednesday, December 12, Time: 6:00 p.m. (NOTE DATE & TIME CHANGE)  
Place: Ginny A., 109 Durlington Ct, San Ramon  
This is our annual Christmas party, we will be having a potluck and playing a game.  
RSVP. Ginny @ 551-7775 to let her know if you are coming and what you are bringing and to get directions  
Bring a donation, minimum of \$10, in lieu of gift exchange.  
November winners were: Mickey, Dale, Sharon K., Myrna, Marian, Tina

## **BUNCO 2 – HOLIDAY PARTY**

Date & Time: Wednesday, 1, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
Where: Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville  
Please call Sandy if you will be attending.(736-2989)  
Winners for November were Donna, Deb, Dee, Paula, Linda, Marty, Terry & Marion  
January 16<sup>th</sup> Bunco will be at Donna's, time change to 6:30pm

## **ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE**

When: Friday, December 21, 11am  
Where: Marilyn Hoffman, 4119 Greenwich Dr., San Ramon  
Bring 2 dozen servings of your favorite homemade holiday cookies, candies or cake slices and if possible, copies of you recipe

It's that wonderful time of year again when we get to share our favorite holiday treats. This party is always so much fun for everyone. We'll taste and then exchange treats so everyone goes home with a nice variety to share with your friends and family. Give yourself a treat, don't miss this event.

Directions: Take 680 S. to Bollinger Canyon, head east on Bollinger to Alcosta, turn right on Alcosta and left on Terra Alta, left on Greenwich. House is on right.

## **FUN AND GAMES**

Please join us for a fun day of playing board games or card games or whatever strikes your fancy. We meet on a Friday, the exact date not yet determined. Please call Joan Chamberlain (855-9485) or Pat Diesenroth (968-9525) for exact time and date

## NEEDLEWORK

As we often have in the past, the December Needlework meeting day will be given to the Book Club. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for details. The date will be December 11, 2007.

Our January meeting will be on January 8th at Judy Scardino's at 1:00PM

Please RSVP by January 7th to Judy @ (925) 830-4755

In 2008 we'll start those holiday projects EARLY!!!

## GOLF



“Not Quite Beginners”

We meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds Golf Course off Bernal in Pleasanton. Contact Joyce Ault, 837-7997, if you'd like to play

## HIKING

SRVNC Hiking activity is a fitness-hiking group for people of all levels of hiking skills. We do recommend that if you are overweight, have high blood pressure, any health problems/concerns or haven't been exercising for a while, that you see your doctor before beginning this group. The group meets on Friday mornings at 8:30am & hikes at various Regional Parks, usually no more than 30 minutes from San Ramon. Each Wed. evening directions will be emailed to those currently in the hiking group or new people who have called to express interest. We hike for 2 hours. Everyone hikes at their own pace and we always hike with a buddy. You will need to wear breathable clothing, bring at least one bottle of water in a fanny pack & wear either hiking boots or hiking “sneakers” with good tread. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fri., the hikes are easier, for those interested in a more leisurely pace. If you are interested please email, or call Sharon Kovar at [SharKovar@comcast.net](mailto:SharKovar@comcast.net) (735-8960).

## LUNCH BUNCH

When: December 7, (A date that shall live in infamy) Friday, Noon

Where: Max's Café, San Ramon

Contact: Mickey, 803-2918, if you wish to attend.

## MAH JONGG

Games are held at the following times:

·Every Monday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

·2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

·1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Month 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Note: Please call Jan McArdle @ 735-3508 if you have any questions. A basic knowledge of Mah Jongg is required.



## WINE APPRECIATION – XMAS PARTY

Joyeux Noel! OOH-LA-LA! Vive la France! Les Vins de France!  
Celebrate the festive holiday season with a special presentation of fine French wines,  
extra-special treats, prizes and fun!  
Where: Bob & Dale Skok, 604 Helena Creek Ct., San Ramon, CA 94582 828-3994  
Co-Hosts: Gil & Bobbi Jardine  
When: Sat., December 8 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$15 per person

RSVP: send check to Dale Skok (see address above) due by Dec. 1

Bring: 1. each person should bring their own wine glass for tasting purposes  
2. festive holiday appetizer to compliment these fine French wines  
\*\*\* 3. a bottle of one of your own favorite wines (priced \$15-20 range) DECORATED in a way  
that one cannot determine what kind of wine it is! We will be doing a SWAP - wine style!

\*\*\*The WINE SWAP is a lot of fun, but due to the busy time of year, participation is OPTIONAL.\*\*\*

Save the date: Jan. 19 @ Larry & Sharyn Rossi's

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donna Jean Dixon  
2540 Paddock Dr, San Ramon 94583  
[DJALBQ@comcast.net](mailto:DJALBQ@comcast.net)  
Interests: Bridge and Social activities

Jeanne Hokum  
691 Lido Dr.  
Livermore 94550  
447-6922

Christine Thompson  
130 Jennifer Ct, Alamo  
930-9157  
CBT31060@aol.com  
Interests: hiking

Kathy Incavo  
PO BOox 222, San Ramon 94583  
309-4612  
PurrPg@msn.com  
Interests: fun & games, book club, hiking, cooking, wine appreciation, social activities

Lorraine Peterson  
610 Derbyshire Pl  
Danville  
837-4800

# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Board Mtg 9:30  MahJongg 1pm	4 Golf 8:30 MahJongg Noon	5	6 Bridge	7 Hiking 8: 30am Lunch Bunch Noon	8 Wine Xmas Party
9	10 MahJongg 1pm	11 Golf 8:30	12 Daytime Bunco Noon Bunco I 6 pm Bunco II 6pm	13 Luncheon 11:30am	14 Hiking 8:30am	15
16	17 MahJongg 1pm	18 Golf 8:30 Book Club 12 Noon MahJongg Noon	19	20	21 Hiking 8:30am Cooking Noon	22
23  30	24  31 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE	25 MERRY XMAS	26	27	28 Hiking 8:30am	29

## MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

Check One:  New Member  Renewal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Renewals—Please completely fill out form!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Husband' s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Cit y \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Your Birthday (Month/Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you like to receive your Newsletter? U.S. mail? \_\_\_\_\_ Web \_\_\_\_\_**

### New Members:

I am interested in the following activities: (circle those of interest):

Arts & Crafts, Golf, Bloomers, Fun and Games, Book Club, Mah Jongg, Bridge, Needlework, Bunco, Hiking,  
Cooking, Wine Appreciation, Social Activities (Host event in my home? Assist with event?), Gad-Abouts,  
Other Interests \_\_\_\_\_ I'm interested in helping as a Board/Activity Chairperson, Fashion Show,  
Holiday Party, etc. yes/no

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: Annual dues are \$25.00

Please return this form along with your check payable to SRVNC to:

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club Treasurer,

P.O. Box 634

Danville, CA 94526

Any Questions? Carolyn Baumann, 925-485-9803

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