

# LAVMC NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2021

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## **FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Yes, we did have a General Membership Meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 21! It was held in the backyard of the Club, which was all cleaned up (as were the planters in front), with the last of the patio lights donated by Susan and installed by Reuben Meza. THANK YOU! 😊

Kim announced that during the February Board Meeting, it was voted & approved that Sheila Glaser and Susan Sorensen trade board positions; Sheila is now a Director-At-Large and Susan is Secretary.

Although all the 2020 rentals were postponed and/or deposit refunded, Shirley announced that we do have two new rentals scheduled for October 2021 & January 2022! These should definitely pick up as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

We are partnering with Righetti High FFA on 2 youth projects: 1) to make our front planters beautiful again and 2) to turn our side yard into a usable outdoor area for events. In return, the Board recommends that we then make a donation to the Righetti High FFA.

Shirley reported that the “Wish Upon A Star” December event was well-supported by Members and the community, and turned out to be a wonderful event! 40 families and seniors were provided gifts and/or food. This year there were more seniors supported than in past years. The families’ and seniors’ gratitude was overwhelming. Thanks to all who supported our local families in need during this once-in-a-lifetime pandemic!

Coming up we have the possibility of the Elks Queen Event in May – It all depends on our partner, the Santa Ynez Valley Youth Recreation Foundation. Kim will reach out to Frank Kelsey for an update.

And yes, we do plan on pursuing Old Days in September, but there are still too many uncertainties to report on that now.

## **MARCH BOARD MEETING**

The Board approved bringing to the Members Olga Reed School’s request for \$3,000 for their annual sixth grade Catalina Island Science Camp, with a proviso that if they do not attend, the funds stay with the Club.

We learned that Community Bank of Santa Maria will be donating a total of \$20,000 to qualified non-profits. If you are a customer of theirs, please participate and nominate the Los Alamos Valley Men’s Club to be a recipient...Here the link: <https://www.yourcbsm.com/nomination>

Thanks to Kim & Dan Iness for rescuing our Los Alamos Day sign by Alisos Canyon Road, which blew down during the recent wind storm. They will make repairs to it, but a new sign will be needed.

Shirley reported the filming of a commercial in town by “Howdy Gang” on 3/12/21. They rented our parking lot for \$200, giving us a signed Certificate of Liability Insurance.

Shirley also reported that the Virtual (ZOOM) Bingo was a success, bringing in over \$1,800! The event was held at Casa Iness, due to the lack of internet access at the Club,. Because of this success, a motion was passed to reinstate our Wi-Fi for upcoming scheduled Virtual Bingo events, and Virtual Bingo will become a permanent official Committee. The next Virtual Bingo dates are 3/26/21 & 4/23/21. SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER!

### **MARCH 21 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Board decided that our March Membership Meeting will be a "Cook-Your-Own", with New York Steaks, beans, bread & salad!! It will be next Sunday, March 21, at 2 p.m.; "suggested donation" \$15. The meeting will be at 3:30pm. We still cannot open the Bar yet, so it's BYOB. PLEASE plan on attending; the Board needs your input and votes!

One topic to be discussed is the possibility of reduced price memberships for the younger folks in town. The Board feels like we need some "young blood" & fresh ideas and are hopeful that reduced membership prices might help bring them in.

We'll also be voting on Olga Reed's donation request, described above.

For Friday, March 26, another Virtual Bingo is planned live on Zoom and Facebook, similar to last month's Bingo. You'll have an option to play an additional 3 games of "real Bingo" for an extra \$5. The "real Bingo" option is only for those that will be "present" on either Zoom or Facebook, the Virtual Bingo (\$25 per ball) is available to all, winner need not be "present" to win. We are also looking for cash sponsors for the games. Special thanks to Mary Caldera, Mike Farris, Jim & Marla Gravitt, Sheila Glaser, Shirley Williams and Dan & Kim Iness for sponsoring games in February!

That's about it for now, except George Shaw celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, so if you happen to see him in town in his electric "hot rod", be sure to wave!