

THE VILLAGE VIEW

The Village Retirement Community

Hemet, CA



Enjoying The Local Greens

September 2011

Our Patchwork Quilt

One of the most fascinating aspects of my job as Executive Director is meeting with our new residents before they move in. It's a relaxed, casual meeting that gives me a chance to introduce myself as well as get acquainted with our newest "family members." I enjoy learning where residents have lived, worked and what their interests are. I've found that each resident brings with them his or her own unique, colorful life story, and when added together they form a beautiful **Village** "patchwork quilt." No two squares are alike, and thank goodness!



I also ask them, with so many retirement options available, why they chose **The Village**. Some tell me that they helped care for an aging parent and didn't want their children to bear that burden in the future. Others say that they have friends that moved to **The Village** and had heard them rave about their active, relaxed lifestyle and wonderful services. A growing number tell me that their family members live in the area and actually checked us out first, and then encouraged them to visit us. The answer that warms my heart most is when they tell me it was our *people that made the difference*. You see you just can't fake a genuinely warm and caring atmosphere, and that's **The Village**!

We hope you'll join us on Sept. 25th to meet a few members of our "Family of Friends!" We look forward to adding more colorful squares to our family quilt.

Valerie Machain
Executive Director

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Resident Viewpoint Leatrice & Ray Thurston

Ray and Leatrice, were originally from Wisconsin, and while both attended the same college in Madison they actually met at church. Leatrice was majoring in dietetics and volunteered in the kitchen at a church retreat, and to no surprise caught Ray's



special attention. They dated for three years and married after college. The newlyweds relocated to Iowa where Ray began a career as a landscape architect and Leatrice worked as a county extension home economist. Since Iowa was *not* the ideal year-round destination for landscape architects, they moved their family in 1966, which now included a son and daughter, to a warmer climate in Long Beach. Ray moved on to become the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for Costa Mesa and later the Park Superintendent for Oxnard, overseeing operations for 26 parks.

Ray and Leatrice retired to Aguanga (pronounced A-wan-ga) in 1987, but traveled about 40 miles into Hemet for shopping, church and square dancing. In 1990 they were touring homes for sale in Hemet. When they asked several owners why they were moving, they replied, "We're moving to **The Village**." Catching on, Ray and Leatrice looked at each other and said, "We'd better check out this **Village**!" They toured **The Village** and found it was a perfect fit for their active lifestyle and moved in at the "ripe old age" of 66 and 67. For the next twenty years Ray and Leatrice spent nine months of the year volunteering at Presbyterian Church retreats and returned home to **The Village** each winter. "There's just no place like home-sweet-**The Village**", adds Leatrice. "Our neighbors are truly a second family." "Yes, and we're *finally* ready to retire", smiles Ray.

Please Join The Village In
“A TRIBUTE IN LIGHTS”

Sunday, September 11, 2011

Please join our residents as they turn their balcony lights on from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm to honor those lost ten years ago.

We invite you to join us in this tribute by turning your porch, balcony or other outside lights on as well.

“Let Your Patriotism Shine!”

The Village has scheduled a resident bus trip to the **Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre** where a special 9/11 program will be held starting at 5:00 pm. The program will feature special guest speakers:

- **Captain Mark G. Steiner, USN, Chaplain for the Joint Chiefs of Staff**
 - **Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack**
 - **State Senator Bill Emmerson**

Also featured: The Mt. San Jacinto College Concert Band, Eagle Flight Fly-By, CHP Helicopters and Law Enforcement/Fire Department Exhibits.

Plan to Attend! Admission is Free!



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The Village Pavilion was recently filled with a dresses and leis at our annual Hawaiian Luau. feast before the dancers began their floorshow onto the dance floor to try their hands and hips to the music. There was much applause and a few appreciative laughs from the audience during the afternoon "Island Escape" which was simply a great time. Ahhhhh, "ka 'uiala



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vibrant display of colorful Hawaiian shirts, Residents enjoyed a delicious Island luau w. Several residents were easily coaxed s in a hula lesson, which brought generous their fellow residents. Everyone enjoyed ly a casual walk down an air-conditioned a ola"...the sweet life!





Stefan and Joyce



Jim



Shirley



Pat and Dick

Please Join Us For Our Annual
"Meet The Residents" Luncheon

Thursday, September 22nd at 10:30am

"Our Residents Say It Best!"

- Resident Forum With "Q & A" Session
- Delicious Chef Prepared Luncheon
- Community and Model Home Tour

Reservations are Required

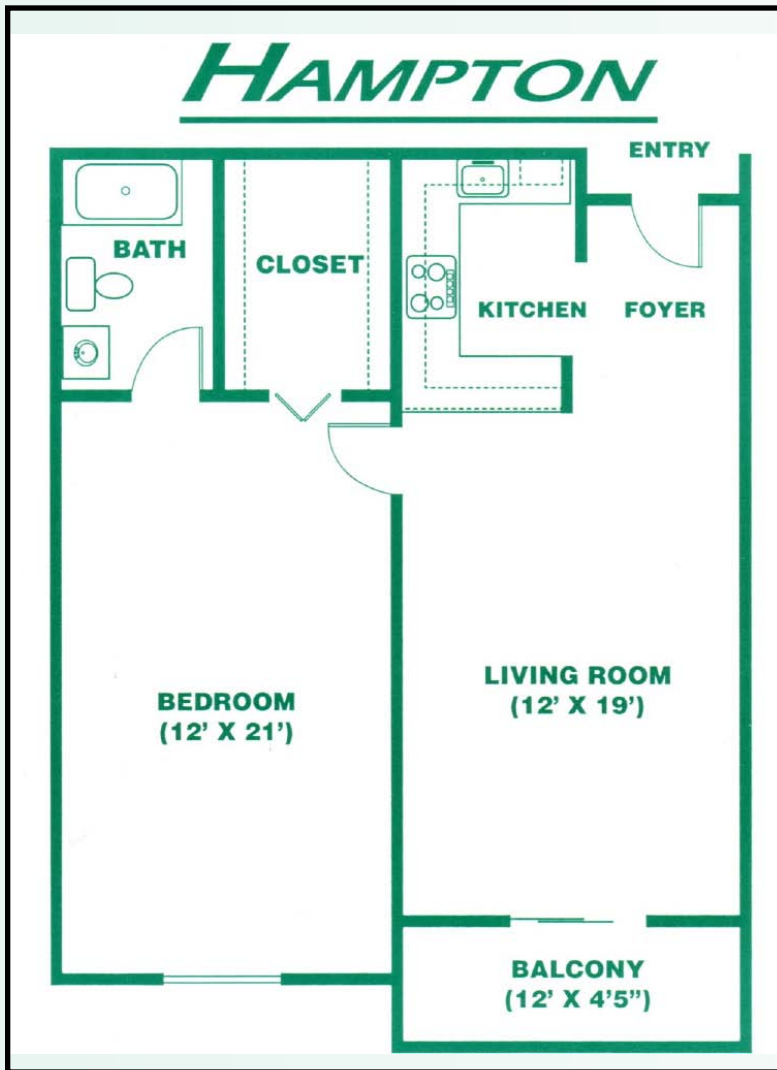
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