

# Retiring Resident Council Members

By Peggy Perry

As they review their terms of office on Resident Council, the four retiring members recall a time like no other in the fourteen-year history of University Village's governing body. Historically, meetings are open to all residents; how was the Council to deal with pandemic "closure" during 2020 and 2021? The answer was Zoom, challenging to all. While it did enable participation not only by the Council but by residents who joined the on-line meetings, the format has not been missed since most in-person meetings began to resume in May this year!



Terms will end on December 31 for Sandee Kane, Mark Landau, Sylvia Lodato and Judy Nichols. As they recently discussed Resident Council accomplishments of 2020 and 2021, they quickly pointed to the success of the Employee Appreciation Fund. Isolated in their homes, most residents had little in-person interaction with staff members for many months. Yet service flourished, often in new ways. The current Council encouraged contributions to the Fund through an attractive brochure featuring UVTO employees – information rewarded by record giving in 2021, including participation of OakView residents and their families.

Sandee Kane, 2021 Resident Council Chair, recalled the conversation at which the group selected its leadership for the current year – including the wishes of several members' spouses! Sandee agreed to serve, initiating her gracious reports at Town Hall meetings. Traditionally, these meetings have been televised, but Channel 1390 audience size increased dramatically during the pandemic, another unique experience for retiring members.

Mark Landau is a strong proponent of resident budget awareness and a high level of transparency as UVTO owners make financial decisions affecting residents' lifestyles. He advocates for sympathetic treatment of those who are not as self-sufficient as "independent living" might infer, and has helped prevent what he calls erosion of benefits under economic pressures.

Sylvia Lodato recalls revisions of the Bylaws over a two-year period –adding a new article defining the conduct of electronic meetings, and changing the term of Council membership from two to three years. As Committee Election Coordinator in 2020 and Convener of Building Representatives in 2021, she has been impressed by the broad, active involvement of so many residents contributing to the way of life at UVTO.

Judy Nichols encourages residents to attend Resident Council meetings, and emphasizes the value of Committee work – perhaps the result of her coordinating the Standing Committees. Liaison to the Bereavement Committee, she stresses the importance of the Tribute Table which recognizes the passing of UVTO residents. Judy also appreciates the occasional privilege of speaking directly with UVTO's owners, as a Council benefit/responsibility.

As to plans for the future, one retiree suggested "Sleep for a year!" Personal relaxation will include hiking, golf, pickleball, and not-so-physical bridge, reading and writing letters to friends. But these active folks also anticipate continued committee attendance and probable membership. Their interest in University Village government continues, enhanced by these past two years. Thank you -- Sandee, Mark, Sylvia and Judy -- for giving yourselves to us!



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## That's a Wrap!

By Holly Butler

Well, 2021 might not have been the gift we all wanted, tied with pretty ribbons or with the convenience of a gift receipt, but I believe we were able to make the best of it. Are you familiar with the party game, Pass the Parcel, in which a gift (the prize) is wrapped in layers and layers of wrapping paper? The parcel is passed around and each participant unwraps a layer of paper until the lucky winner unwraps the last layer and wins the prize hidden beneath. That's pretty much how I think of 2021. We were all full of anticipation. Would we win the prize of life going back to our pre-pandemic ways? We kept unwrapping layers and layers of guidelines, rules, recommendations, do's, don'ts, cans, can nots, yeses, noes, changes, inconsistencies, unknowns ... but where was the collective prize we were waiting to win underneath all that?

Yes, the calendar year is a wrap, unfortunately the pandemic is not. However, as I play this virtual game and peel the layers of "wrapping" away from 2021, I find a layer of Resilience: We have proven that we do have the strength to get through this, even when it's difficult. I find a layer of Flexibility: We've been able to change in unexpected ways; sometimes you CAN teach an old dog a new trick. I find a layer of Gratitude: We've learned to be grateful for the abundance in our lives, despite what we have lost. I find Patience: This sprint has turned into a marathon, and endurance is necessary.

I find Community: Knowing that we are stronger together, and being there for those in need. I find Understanding: Softening to another's point of view and being willing to accept differences. I find Generosity: Giving of one's time and resources, even when we feel depleted.

Certainly part of the excitement of unwrapping a gift is the surprise that comes with not knowing what you are about to receive. 2021 was definitely full of surprises; some we wish we could return with that gift receipt. Let's see what gifts 2022 has in store for us... no matter what, the unexpected gifts we received in 2021 will serve us well in the future. And that's a wrap!



# Weekly Activities

# DECEMBER 2021 MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

	Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<b>Sun</b>	Open Art Studio - All Day (AC) 2:00 Social Bridge (LR)						
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with Chris (CH) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Pinochle (LR) 1:00 Balance II (CH) 2:00 Parkinson's Support Group (CI) David Clark, 2916	<b>UVTO Locations</b> AC Arts and Crafts Room ADR Avalon Dining Room BBC Bocce Ball Court BBQ Barbeque Area BD Board Room BR Balboa Room CE Clubhouse Entrance CH Catalina Hall CI Channel Islands Room (GV 3rd Floor) GZ Gazebo GR Garden Room LH Library Hallway LR Laguna Room LSL Lakeside Lounge (LV 2nd Floor) MD Montecito Dining MCT Mt. Clef Terrace RD Reception Desk SBL Santa Barbara Lounge (MV 2nd Floor) SHR Sherwood Lounge (LV 3rd Floor) SRL Santa Rosa Lounge (GV 2nd Floor) TC Tennis Courts VC Villa Circle					
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 Water Aerobics (Pool) 9:15 Hatha Yoga with Deirdre (CH) 10:00 Needle Crafters Club (AC) 10:15 Fit-Tastic with Dario (CH) 11:15 Cardio-Fit with Jeri (CH) 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:30 Hand and Foot Card Game (LR) 1:30 Mexican Trains (MCT) 2:00 Beginners French Class (BD) Limit 6 4:00 Advanced French Class (BD) Limit 6	2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) <i>My Fair Lady</i> (Rated G) 4:30 Menorah Lighting Ends (BR) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Rev. Charley Maloney	10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 1:30 Resident Council (LR) 3:30 Village Singers (CH) 6:30 Art Trek (AC) Date Change	10:00 Food & Beverage Comm. (LR) 1:30 Movie Club (AC) 2:00 Geological Wonders Lecture Series (BR) 3:00 Pearl Harbor Program (CH)	9:00 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 10:00 - 12:00 Window Shoppe Holiday Boutique Sale (BR) 10:30 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 2:30 Employee Appreciation Fund Distribution (CH) 7:00 Wednesday Night at the Movies "Dirty Dancing" (BR)	9:00 Men's Current Events (LR) 9:45 Excursion: U.S. Navy Seabee Museum 2:00 Forever Young Singers Holiday Concert (CH)	11:00 Holiday Movie (BR) "A Christmas Story" 2:00 Town Hall (CH) 4:30 Shabbat (CH) Date Change
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with Jeri (CH) 10:00-12:00 Window Shoppe (AC) 12:15 Duplicate Bridge (LR) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Pan at the Poker Table (MCT) 1:00 Pinochle (MCT) 1:00 Balance II (CH)	2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) <i>Free Solo</i> (Rated PG-13) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Rev. Tom Stephen	No Men's Club Today No Art Trek Today 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 2:00 Film Class: <i>Psycho 1960</i> (BR) 3:00 Village Singers Holiday Concert (CH) 3:00 Care and Support Group (BD)	No Fitness Classes Today 10:00 Village Store Meeting (LR) 11:00 Holiday Movie (BR) "Christmas in Connecticut" 2:00 Budget & Finance Comm. (BR)	8:00 EXCURSION SIGN-UP (MCT) 9:00 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 10:30 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 3:00 Lynn and Franny Holiday Show (CH) 8:00 Eddy's World on KCET (BR)	No Point of View Today 2:00 Paul Lenderman "Holiday Grieving" (BR) Date and Time Change 2:30 Excursion: Flower Arranging at Flowers by Maria 3:00 Agoura Hills Harmony Chorus Caroling (VC - See flyer)	1:00 Hearing Clinic (AC) Appt. Only Acoustic Hearing, (805) 482-1104 1:45 Piano Serenade w/ Mark (MCT) 2:00 Birthday Party with Dana Shaw (CH) Date Change
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 Water Aerobics (Pool) 9:15 Meditation/Gentle Chair Yoga with Deirdre (CH) 10:15 Fit-Tastic with Dario (CH) 11:15 Cardio-Fit with Jeri (CH) 12:15 Ping Pong (CH) 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:00 Social Bridge (LR) 3:00 Scrabble (MCT)	2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) <i>Crazy, Stupid, Love</i> (Rated PG-13) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Rev. Paul Lenderman	No Village Singers Today 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 11:00 Health & Wellness Comm. (LR)	No Women's Club Board Today 10:00 Safety & Security Comm. (LR) 10:00 Bereavement Comm. (BR) 2:00 Geological Wonders Lecture Series (BR) 3:00 Beth Sussman Holiday Piano (CH) 2:00 Excursion Club (AC) 3:15 Arts Club (AC)	No Tech Classes Today No Opera Club Today 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 1:00 Hospitality Committee (BR) 7:00 Wednesday Night at the Movies "Folk Music Rewind" (BR)	No Men's Current Events Today 9:45 Excursion: The Murphy Auto Museum 1:00 Watercolor Art Class (AC) Pre-registration required, 3026 3:30 Jewish Leadership Council (BR)	No Mobility and Strengthening Class Today 1:30 Victorian Carolers (MCT)
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with Chris (CH) 11:15 Bocce Ball (BBC) 1:00 Mindful Meditation (Zoom)						
<b>Sat</b>	8:30 Open Tennis (TC) 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:15 Line Dancing (CH) 11:00-12:00 Window Shoppe Donations (AC) Contact: Donna Keister, 2003	2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) <i>Remember the Titans</i> (Rated PG) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Rev. Steve Herder	No Men's Club Today No Village Singers Today 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 2:00 Film Class: <i>The Birds 1963</i> (BR) 3:00 Care and Support Group (BD) 6:30 Art Trek (AC)	10:00 Building Reps. (LR) 11:00 Getting to Know Us (BBQ)	No Tech Classes Today 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 2:00 Holiday Movie (BR) "When Harry Met Sally"	10:00 Excursion: Lakes and Valleys Scenic Drive	<b>New Year's Eve Party</b> 5:30 - 9:00 Casino (MCT) 6:30 - 9:00 The Matt Barber Experience (CH) 9:00 New York New Year's Ball Drop (CH/BR)

The monthly calendar is subject to change. Check the Portal or the weekly Update for the most current events.