



The VVHOA



Voice

February 2♥24

President's Letter:

I want to thank the 2023 HOA board for their service. Special thanks to Ron Ballard for his service and tenure. Congratulations to the newly elected board members Fred Fraley and Tim Sheets and returning member Gwen Myers. At the special meeting of the board on 01/24/2024 the board elected its 2024 officers. Elected were President Tom Johnson, Vice-President Tim Sheets, Secretary Linda Lavretta, Treasurer Judy Wright and at large are Fred Fraley, Gloria Valentine, and Gwen Myers.

Since it is Valentine Month, I thought it might be interesting on viewing how Valentine's Day is celebrated around the world. France, the Epicenter of Romance, boast they are the county where the first valentine card was sent. It was from the Duke of Orleans sending love letters from prison to his wife in 1415. In Argentina it is a week of sweetness, kisses, and **chocolate**. In the Philippines they get serious it is a day to get married and have a gala event. Now I know some of you might like this, in Ghana it is **National Chocolate Day** or maybe you would prefer to go to Bulgaria where it is Day of Winemakers. Now here is something a little different in Wales it is the Day of San Dwynwen and lovers exchange handcrafted spoons. A tradition that started in the 16th century. The Danes are a little more traditional, they give roses, **chocolate**, handmade cards with pressed white flowers called snowdrops. In Brazil it is called Lover's Day that is celebrated with **chocolate** (*starting to notice a theme here*), cards, flowers, music festivals, dances, and

family dinners. In Estonia it is a festival for everyone called Sobrapaev and everyone exchanges gifts and celebrates love. In Japan the women give gifts and **chocolate** to the men. Men give gifts to the women on March 14th called white day. I will end with Slovenia. There they believe that at this time plants will start to regenerate, and birds propose to each other. But here is the kicker for me to show your affection you must walk barefoot in the fields to witness these proposals. There is snow on the ground in February so no thank you. *(all information above was on the Internet so we know it must be true)*

This Valentine's Day is special to Gail and I as it is our 34th anniversary. Pretty slick move she made selecting a day that would be hard to forget. Love ya girl!

I am sure you will notice the addition of a rather large screen TV in the clubhouse. It was a donation by Fred Fraley. It will be utilized for Movie Night, Special Events and Programs, and Memorial Services. It will also be good if I won't have to steal Gail's TV/monitor again for displaying spreadsheets at budget meetings.



February 10th is the beginning of the Chinese New Year. It is the year of the Wood Dragon. The Wood Dragon only comes around every 60 years.

The **Wood Dragon**, a symbol of **ambition, courage,** and **growth**, brings a unique blend of stability from its Wood element and the boldness of the Dragon. This year is expected to be marked by **significant changes, innovative ideas,** and the **pursuit of dreams** with unwavering determination.



February 23, 1836

Began the siege of the Alamo

Thirteen days of the Battle of the Alamo. On February 23, Mexican troops under General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna entered San Antonio de Bexar, Texas, and surrounded the Alamo Mission. The Alamo was defended by a small force of Texians and Tejanos, led by William Barrett Travis and James Bowie, and included Davy Crockett. Before beginning his assault on the Alamo, Santa Anna offered them one last chance to surrender. Travis replied by opening fire on the Mexican forces and, in doing so, effectively sealed their fate. The siege ended when the Mexican Army launched an early-morning assault on March 6. Almost all of the defenders were killed, although several civilians survived.

You are invited to a special edition of the Wednesday morning coffee meeting on Valentine's Day, February 14th at 9 am at the clubhouse. Mary Lou Bartels and June Hale have assembled a nostalgic look at favorite love songs from days gone by. Come join us and take a stroll down memory lane. We have a lovely piano donated by Don Killmer in memory of Bev Killmer and we'd like you to sing with us as we remember those old sweet songs.



VICKSBURG VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE
5:00PM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11
BYOB AND SNACKS
LET'S PARTY LIKE IT'S 2024



George's Korner – Jeopardy Style (Questions on last page)

1. On Valentines Day 1962, this first lady took viewers on a televised "Tour of the White House".
2. This "Beaver State entered the union on Valentines Day 1859.
3. Speed is a clownish servant in Valentine in this comedy set in Romeo's Town.

Welcome Committee Report

Terry Kepner
1445 Gloucester Pt.

We welcome Terry Kepner, to Vicksburg Village, who joined us in August 2023. Originally from Illinois, she is glad to have had a Texas Winter season, over the Illinois storms of this past winter. Terry has three sons (oldest resides in Ingram, one in Michigan and another in Colorado), and four grandchildren, plus extended family members of daughters-in-law, nieces, and nephews who visit to enjoy our lovely Texas seasons.

Terry was married 40 years, widowed June 2022, currently working on home updates to keep her busy. You may see her walking her beautiful and very friendly dog, Gracie, a black and white, mix Maltese. We all welcome you, Terry, and Gracie, and look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8am-2pm Tuesday and Thursday 12pm-3pm

Vicksburg Village Website: Please visit our website at vicksburgvillage.net We are very happy with everything that Dean Seals has done for us and appreciate all his work. You will find lots of helpful tools on the site. Such as architectural control committee request forms and much more! If you have any suggestions for new content, please let us know. We want to make this website a useful tool for all our residents.

Bunco Group: Third Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in joining the group or would like to substitute, please call Mell Whiting (443-243-6934). We are always in need of permanent players and substitutes.

Artist of the month: There is a signup sheet on the credenza for the “Artist of the month.” We enjoy seeing the artistic talents of our residents. The artist this month is Judy Wright. Please stop by and enjoy her artistic abilities! **Since we moved the picture hanger over the piano do not hesitate to call me at 979-299-8557 and I will or will get someone to help hang your artwork.**

Wall Hanging of the month: Each month, a member of the Quilt Bee provides a wall hanging for the Clubhouse. Stop by and enjoy this month’s wall hanging by Peggy McCullough. If you are a quilter, we encourage you to show your quilting. Call Gwen Myers 830-832-8472 to add your name to the list on the credenza and include it in the monthly Newsletter. Join us at the Quilt Bee on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00 in the Clubhouse. All levels of quilting skills are welcome.

Free Notary Service: Free notary service is available for residents of Vicksburg Village in need of such service. Contact Christine Klima at 830-370-8957 to make arrangements.

Activities

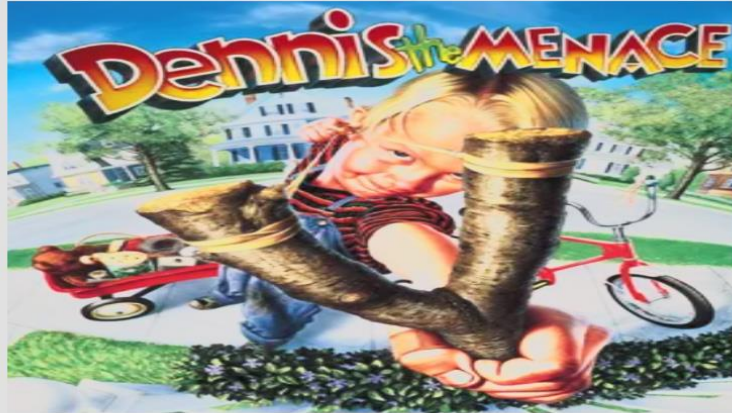
Event	Day	Time	Contact
Bob Ross Style - Painting Class	TBD	TBD	Tom Whiting 443-243-6934
Bunco	3rd Wednesday	6:30PM	Mel Whiting 443-243-6934
Chicago Bridge	2nd Monday	1:00PM	Joy Morris 830-895-8821
Canasta	Thursday	1:00PM	Carolyn Brooks 830-955-5408
Canasta- Pennies from Heaven	Friday	1:00PM	Gloria Valentine 830-955-5267
Happy Hour	Friday	5:00PM	Putt Shaw 830-285-8110
Mahjong	Tuesday, Sunday	2:00PM	Carolyn Wilkinson 210-422-7821
Men's Coffee	M, T, Th, F	8:30AM	Mike Michalec 830-739-8640
Poker Night	Every Other Tuesday	5:00PM	Barney "B.B." Mays 830-955-9012
Quilt Bee	1st and 3rd Monday	1:00PM	Gwen Myers 830-832-8472
Nine-Ball Pool	Thursday	9:30AM	Steve Lehman 830-739-5990
Eight - Ball Pool	Friday	7:30AM	Steve Lehman 830-739-5990
Water Exercise	M, W, F	7:00AM	Betty Aronsen 830-896-2187
Water Exercise	T, Th, Sat	10:00AM	Mary Lou Bartels 830-257-8066
Wednesday Coffee	Wednesday	9-ish AM	Office 830-257-2442
Movie Night	Last Thursday	7:00 PM	Tom Whitting 443-243-6933

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL	CC&R 's, Bylaws & Rules	BEREAVEMENT	BUDGET & FINANCE	CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES	ELECTION
Christine Klima	Co-Chairs Sitting President Gail Johnson	Annie Snellgrove	Sitting Treasurer Sitting President	Linda Lavretta	Mary Ellen Terry
				Clubhouse Committee	
				Sitting President	
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	Clubhouse Decorating	NOMINATING (ad hoc) Last full-term President	WELCOME		Common Areas Gardening
Larry Stamps	Sharon Preston		Gail Johnson		Roxanne Case
Violet Matthias Mike Michalec	Cindy Seals			Website Tom Johnson	Sharon Preston

Committees
Being
Reorganized
For 2024

Movie Night

Vicksburg Village Club House



Thursday Night

Feb 29 - 6:30



Popcorn Provided

BYOB (Beverage)

Board of Directors:

Tom Johnson , President
Tim Sheets , Vice President
Judy Wright , Treasurer
Linda Lavretta, Secretary
Gloria Valentine, At Large
Gwen Myers, At Large
Fred Fraly, At Large

Questions

1. Who is Jackie Kennedy?
2. What is Oregon?
3. What is Two Gentlemen of Verona?