



Tierrasanta Village of San Diego **Village Vibes**

“Living for Today: Planning for Tomorrow”

December 2020

Tierrasanta Village (TVSD) is an active, nonprofit organization for residents aged 50+. TVSD promotes social connections and helps our members thrive and remain independent. We plan many special events and create activities for different passions and interests.



Holiday Parade of Lights 2018

**2018 Theme was Tropical Island Christmas.
Villagers enjoyed great food at Tom Ham's Lighthouse
Restaurant while the boats sail by.**



To see all photos: <https://rigdon.smugmug.com/TVSD-Material/TVSD-Parade-of-Lights-2018/>

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Someone You Should Know.....by Carol Lee

Sheila Weiner was raised in Minnesota until the age of twelve, when her parents decided they had had enough of the snow and harsh winters. Her mom had two brothers living in California, and her dad was able to get a job in LA. They moved to the San Fernando Valley.

When it came time for college, Sheila wanted to go away, close enough to be able to visit her family, but far enough to be on her own. She attended San Diego State, getting a degree in liberal studies in Sociology and Education. She fell in love with San Diego and didn't want to leave.

All her life, Sheila loved archaeology, which would have been her second career choice, since she had a deep passion for teaching. She earned her teaching credentials and began substitute teaching for a while, since there were few teacher job openings at the time. She went on to teach fifth and sixth grades for eight years. She particularly loved teaching ancient civilizations—and the parents laughingly asked her if their children were ever going to leave Ancient Egypt.

When De Portola Middle School was ready to open, there was an opportunity for her to teach there: sixth grade Seminar, and English and social studies classes. During her tenure at DP, she was very active, running student body dances, pie-eating and hula hoop contests, fundraising, overseeing student elections. She was in charge of all the clubs, except Yearbook. For eleven years, Sheila was the announcer at the student-faculty basketball games. She was on the DP Governance Committee, as well. For twenty-five years she took eighth graders to Washington DC and New York City. When 9/11 hit, she thought the field trips would be over. She met with the parents, however, and they agreed that they wanted those trips to continue.

Sheila never had her own kids, but had children aplenty as their teacher. She has one sister and nephew. Her mother is deceased, and her Dad is living in Palm Desert at the age of ninety. She and her sister trade off every two weeks, spending three or four days with their dad, doing everyday upkeep and shopping. He is a master of shopping on Amazon, where he buys many projects that he enjoys completing.

Sheila has traveled all over the world. She took a group of students from the Kyocera Company to Japan in 1993 as part of a program of that Japanese company to acquaint their CA workers' families with Japan. She took kids on trips to Europe for three years as part of the Eleanor Roosevelt Program. The students got college credit for the three-week trip. She has traveled all over Europe, several times. She has traveled to Mexico and Canada. She spent a month in China and a month in Israel. Her favorites were China and Japan, because they are so different from our culture.

In 1991, Sheila's Sunday Night Dinner group friends, Patty Mudd and Ginny Van, told her that when she retired she should immediately join TVSD, which she did, in 2017. In January, Sheila is slated to join the TVSD Board of Directors as the new Community Partner Liaison.

Sheila's words to live by come from her devotion to teaching. She said she literally had to “make a difference in the lives of children, especially middle schoolers who are in such a vulnerable stage in life. These kids need to know that they matter—and that they belong.”



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Village Business

Cover Photo
Na Pali Cliffs
Kawai, Hawaii

President's Message

Janice Trantham

It has been a difficult year but together we have made it a bit easier for each other. We have learned to use technology to stay connected, found innovative ways to be together and still stay safe, and remained strong in the face of so many challenges.

As we broke our routines to stay inside, we have learned to rely on each other in new and different ways. New friendships have been forged through coffee chats and other virtual gatherings. This year has taught us so much about what it means to be a Village.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued commitment to TVSD even though we cannot be together at the VMC. Your hours of dedicated volunteer time, caring outreach, and support of fellow Villagers is appreciated so much.

As we go into the holiday season, the Board of Directors and I wish you happy, healthy holidays and a New Year filled with hope and new beginnings.

Board of Directors Welcomes Sheila Weiner

We are pleased to announce that Sheila Weiner will be joining the Board of Directors effective January 1, 2021. She will fill the position of Community Partner Liaison Member-at-Large and will be developing a vision plan, and strategy to connect, collaborate, and partner with educational, public, business, non-profit, and intergenerational organizations.

Under Sheila's leadership, using her extensive background as an educator and community leader, she'll be focusing on creating intergenerational partnerships. Sheila will leverage her relationships with community and educational leaders to help TVSD become more involved with, and connected to the community.

Other Villages throughout California have found that involvement with intergenerational organizations has brought new ideas and vitality to their Villages. Greater understanding, appreciation of diverse points of view, and breakdown of agism results from these important collaborations.

With Sheila in this new role on the Board, we hope to make our vision of becoming an intergenerational Village a reality. New intergenerational partnerships will hopefully become a resource for recruiting younger volunteers and an opportunity to transfer the wisdom of our elders to younger generations.

Annual Donor Drive Ends December 31st

Janice Trantham

As we enter the holiday season of giving, we hope you won't forget to make a donation to the Annual Donor Drive. Together, we can all make a difference by contributing to help reach our goal of \$10,000.

Although we are not paying rent at the Clubhouse now, organizational expenses to keep the Village running continue. Payroll expenses this year will be \$15,000 and minimum wage goes up to \$14.00 an hour in January. Your donation helps fill the gap between membership income, which was down this year, and expected expenses next year.

When asked, "What do you value most about your membership in the Village?" a member said, "The Village means friendships, and fulfillment...we've been fortunate to have received help when we needed it, and are grateful to pay it forward to fellow Villagers when we can".

Please consider paying it forward by contributing to the Annual Donor Drive. Donating is easy and tax deductible. Go to the TVSD website: click Support Us, click Making Donations, click Donations-Year End. Or, if you prefer, send your check to the Village P.O. Box.

As donations come in, let's watch the fundraising thermometer on the website fill up. This means that all the bills will be paid next year, without using savings or raising fees. Many thanks for your generosity and support. We appreciate you and all that you do for the Village.

You better watch out! You better not pout!

Welcome in the Holiday Season by joining your friends and fellow Villagers in a 2020 Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 15th from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm on Zoom!

Your Social Committee is working to bring you an afternoon of fun, holiday cheer and surprises, but, it's all a big secret for now! Details will be shared when they're finalized. We encourage you to dig out your most festive holiday attire and stock up on a bubbly of your choice – prosecco, champagne, sparkling water, cider, or...? For our virtual toast!

Your biggest responsibility is to register NOW. Our Zoom hostess, Ms. Marilyn Bente, will work with Cassandra to email the invitation and link. You can not attend without the link!! Please go to the TVSD web page and register no later than Friday, Dec. 11th. You won't want to miss what we hope will be the first and last Zoom Holiday Party TVSD will ever have!!

See you on Zoom!

Dear Village Members,

During the past nine months, when things have been uncertain, we have ALWAYS thought about each of you, trying to find ways to keep in touch, missing you very much and wishing we could see each of you in person.

Even though there are uncertain times ahead of us, we hope you will be able to participate in some of the upcoming Village activities, whether they are in Small Groups or Online. We truly want you to feel connected to the Village and your Village friends.

If you have any ideas for safe meetings, in-person or online, please reach out to your Administration Team, Cassandra & Fran we are here for you!

Please accept our heartfelt wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season. Let's all try to remember that feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. We are grateful for ALL of you!

Cassandra & Fran



2020 “Bandit Games”

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TVSD Book Club Selections

2020

Publish Date

Dec.	Magpie Murders	Horowitz, Anthony	10/1/2016
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2021

Jan.	Dr. Zhivago	Pasternack, Boris	5/10/1957
Jan.	Spying on the South	Horwitz, Tony	5/1/2019
Feb.	Ordinary Grace	Krueger, William Kent	3/1/2013

Holiday Party 2011



Holiday Party 2016



92 Villagers attended the 2016 Holiday Party. We enjoyed a great catered buffet, fine Entertainment and chance to visit with members we see only on such occasions. The Social Committee thanks all who made it such a great event!



Jocelyn Brierton coordinated the Social Events for 2016, including the great Holiday Party. Mike Rigdon will replace her in 2017. Gloria Stevens, Evelyn Benner, Karen Muldrew, Marilyn Millikan, and others----Kudos for making the whole evening work.



TVSD sincerely hopes 2021 will be our Year to return to Normal

TVSD Annual Holiday Party 2018



TVSD celebrated their annual Holiday Party on December 3rd at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. This festive occasion was attended by eighty-six villagers and guests. As the party goers arrived and mingled, they were treated to the acoustic guitar music of Tom Lunneberg, son of Villager Becky Lunneberg. This was followed by a delicious catered dinner of turkey and ham with all the trimmings. Afterwards, Tom entertained us with some of his own compositions. We heard messages from our President, Joyce Muinos, and Fund Raiser, Janice Trantham, followed by a wonderful message from Marc Narkus-Kramer on how he and his wife, Grazia, found the Village and became members.



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