



# *Tierrasanta Village of San Diego* **Village Vibes**

**"Living for Today: Planning for Tomorrow"**

**JULY 2021**

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.

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## **President's Message** *Janice Trantham*

What an exciting time this is as the Village moves into face-to-face activities in the Clubhouse. If you have learned to look forward to and enjoy Zoom activities, no worries – we hope to continue presenting many programs virtually.

At a recent Village Movement California Conference, we learned about training and resources that will be available to help Villages offer hybrid programs. That means some of our programs will be on Zoom, some in person, and others will be a hybrid of both. Hopefully, we'll be able to have Zoom available at some live events such as General Meetings, so members have a choice of how they attend events in the future.

Meanwhile, let's celebrate the Villa Monterey Clubhouse opening and all the exciting opportunities to connect with members in person!

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## **Portofino / Barbados Neighborhood Group get Together**



**Lots of fun and we shared  
info on some activities  
we're hoping to do  
very soon:**

**Trips, visits with  
grandchildren, getting  
together with friends. This  
was in Jeanette Vlassis's  
backyard. It was lovely!**



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

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Jean Utterback was born in Kansas City, Missouri. She grew up in a very rural community close to Hannibal. She was the second of nine kids; she had six brothers and two sisters, who remain close to this day. The siblings still meet each year at reunion locations around the country.

When Jean was eighteen years old, her sister and her husband moved to California while he was a marine stationed at Camp Pendleton. She lived with them while going to school at Oceanside-Carlsbad Junior College (now MiraCosta College). When her brother-in-law left the service, he and her sister moved back to Missouri. Like many visitors to our area, Jean had become hooked on California, but when they left, she did too. She attended Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) in Kirksville, MO. She earned her teaching credentials in Secondary English and Social Studies. Jean was the first member of the family to graduate from college, beating an older sister by only two months. During her long career, Jean taught high school English in Ohio, Missouri, and Iowa, and English as a Second Language in California.

When Jean returned to California she worked for ten years with the Vietnamese population, first as a volunteer with the refugees at Camp Pendleton where she learned to love teaching English as a Second Language--and then created a program for Asian students in the Sweetwater School District. She did post-graduate work at SDSU, earning Master's Degrees in Curriculum and Administration, and then 'went to the dark side', as she was teased a bit for going into administration.

Jean worked in Grossmont for ten years as Director of Special Projects, mostly for underserved populations, which included grant writing for those projects. After ten years, she took additional coursework to increase her knowledge in the field of elementary education. She became the Principal of Aviara Oaks Elementary in Carlsbad, as they were building a middle school contiguous to the elementary school and wanted someone with her extensive experience. Jean's last assignment was as Principal of Carmel del Mar Elementary School. She remained active in education after she retired, as a consultant for the San Diego County Office of Education, helping to implement the Williams Act legislation which looked at equity concerns in low-performing schools in the county.

Jean was married to John Kerr for over thirty years and gladly gained four stepsons. John, too, was a career educator, working for the San Diego Unified School District, and his avocation was aviation. Jean and John enjoyed many years of travel to such places as Europe, Thailand, South America, and Africa. She was active in Rotary for over fifteen years. John retired fifteen years before Jean did, and they continued to travel extensively.

After Jean retired, she and John saw an ad about TVSD. They were eager to join. Jean saw this as an opportunity to volunteer in her own community now that she had the time. She was soon Co-chair of the Care Committee. She was very active from the outset and busy with various activities, including organizing programs such as the member-to-member sessions, playing bridge, and participating in Book Club. John had a hangar at Gillespie Field and once even had men from TVSD there for lunch. John passed away in 2016. Jean has remained active in TVSD as a member of the Care Committee and, recently, on the team responsible for the roll-out of the Stronger Memory Program.

Jean's words to live by came from her mom: *"We can decide every morning how we want to live each day."* From a very early age, Jean knew that she wanted to act in service to others, and each day she asks herself, *"What can I learn and how can I help make things easier for others?"*





## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## Village Business

General Meeting  
July 12- Via Zoom  
Please Register

Cover Photo

Bora Bora  
Tahiti

### Aren't We Lucky!!

I think every Villager would agree that we are fortunate to have Cassandra Hanrahan as our Administrative Assistant. Through the pandemic she worked with Fran to send the members "Daily Chatter." She helped us to find vaccination sights, and offered Villagers support when needed.

Now, in addition to her current assignment, Cassandra will be taking on the role of Marketing Core Team Leader. She will spend about twelve additional hours per month working to expand membership, increase TVSD's visibility, participation, and influence in the community. This is a position the Board of Directors has desired to have and one that is so important to our sustainability as a Village. Aren't we lucky she said "yes" to this vital position!

Cassandra will use her many years of marketing experience to help the Village plan and implement outreach events and other activities to attract new members. She will work closely with other Core Team leaders, especially with the Membership, Social, and Community Partnership teams.

Please join the Board as we welcome Cassandra into this new and vital role.

**A Note from Greg:** I want to thank all of my fellow Villagers for their very wonderful and thoughtful get well cards. They have been very much appreciated! I have been making good progress so far and expect to back to my old self very soon.....*Greg Zweibel.*

### Blasts from the Past





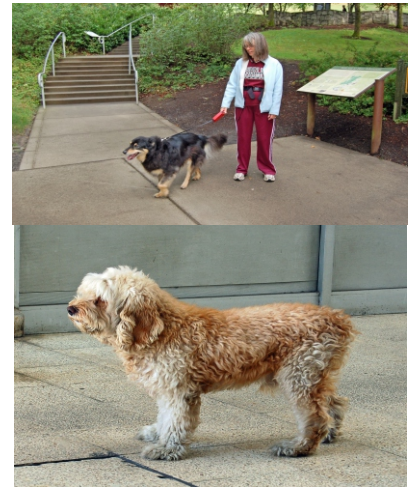


### Our Snowbirds Are Back in Maine

In May, a small group of Villagers hosted a Happy Hour to bid farewell to **Ken** and **Sue Ross**. They are safely back in South Portland, Maine for the summer, and are reconnecting with family and friends post-Covid scare. They of course are particularly enjoying their boat on the lake, golf, walking, gardening and sewing. We look forward to their return to San Diego in October.







**A Real Shaggy Dog Story** *by Mike Rigdon*





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### **TVSD Book Club Selections — 2021**

July	The Lost Man	Jane Harpe	10/2018
August	My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry	Frederik Backman	4/2016
Sept.	Wesley the Owl	Stacey O'Brien	2008
Oct.	Saving Fish from Drowning	Amy Tan	2005
Nov.	Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee	Casey Cep	5/2019
Dec.	The Little French Bistro	Nina George	5/2017