



Tierrasanta Village of San Diego

Village Vibes

“Living for Today: Planning for Tomorrow”

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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.

A TRIBUTE TO JANICE TRANTHAM

By *Marilyn Bente*

How does one begin to express the sense of loss and grief that TVSD members are feeling over the passing of our President and long-time Board of Directors' member, Janice Trantham? She was so vibrant, intelligent, and creative a loss to not only our Village, but to the Tierrasanta community as well.

Janice was a critical thinker and a visionary who had the ability to look at “the big picture.” She set goals for our Village and brought our Board meetings to a higher level of governance. Under her leadership we now have a Community Outreach and Partner position with both the Core Teams and on the board. She enabled us to create a part-time marketing position to both sustain and grow our Village. Her agendas, action items, VIBES articles, and grant-writing abilities all exemplified her organizational skills and commitment to perfection. She introduced us to Zoom and taught us this new form of communicating and meeting during the pandemic.

Having worked with Janice for five years on the Board, I can say, without a doubt, that she was the consummate professional, a compassionate leader, and a tireless worker. Her energy seemed boundless! And that was what surprised me the most when she called one evening in May, and asked if I would step in as Interim President because she felt too ill to continue with her Board responsibilities. She said that she wanted to continue to serve as Past-President and I thought that she would be there to help guide and counsel me as I took over this leadership role. As I stated last month in my first “President's Message”, hers were big shoes to fill, a daunting task made even more difficult since I can no longer pick up the phone to call or text her for advice and direction.

Here are personal remembrances of Janice from three of our Board members who worked closely with her over the years.

Fran Zweibel: The first time that I saw Janice was at the Tierrasanta Relay for Life at Villa Norte Park. She walked into the stage area where speakers were gathering, holding her beautiful umbrella with one hand to keep her away from the sun, while holding on to her husband with the other hand. She walked up to the podium and spoke so eloquently, and I was impressed with her. She spoke about being a cancer survivor and how the American Cancer Society had made a difference in her life. I never forgot this moment in time. Several years later, when I was working at a Relay, she approached me to inquire about TVSD. She told me that she was a member of the Tierrasanta Junior Women's Club and had heard a lot of good things about the Village. This was in April, 2015. We walked and talked, and low and behold, she joined us on May 22, 2015 and became a Board member in 2016. From that day forward, she always showed her love and pride for the Village concept and for our members.

Mike Rigdon: Janice Trantham and I worked together on the Board. As VIBES Editor, and as close friends over many years, she was a vibrant part of my life and will be missed terribly.

Joyce Muinos: It seems, now, that I knew Janice forever, but we really first met when she was a TJWC Garage Sale customer. Her immediate curiosity and interest in our organization was obvious. She questioned many of us, researched our history, attended a few meetings, and she was hooked. From the start, her devotion to the organization and willingness to actively participate was inspiring. She became “our sister”!

Several years later, I witnessed the same conviction when she joined the TVSD. Her energy and enthusiasm was inspiring to all and she served as an example to “oldies” and “newbies” alike. Everyone learned something from Janice! Her positive outlook was infectious and she made her corner of the world a better place just by being in it!

Through the years, we've shared many good times, especially days at the Del Mar Track and dinners after; sharing great stories, good food and wonderful wine! You are missed, my friend! Rest in Peace and know you were loved!

**Janice Trantham will be greatly missed by all Villagers
who had the pleasure of knowing and working with her!**



TVSD Memories of President Janice Trantham
Social Events – Board Retreat 2019
Tour of Water Conservation Garden in El Cajon



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

Carol Brueckner was born in Los Angeles and lived in Montebello, a suburb of LA. Growing up, she lived on the same street as TVSD's Ginny (Van Benthuyssen) and also attended high school with Marianne (Meth).

Carol has one brother and two sisters. Her father owned a plumbing company and also built houses. He was building a new home for the family when he suddenly became ill and passed away six months later at the age of 60. Carol's brother took over the operation of the business and, along with their mother, ran the company until Carol's mother passed away at 99. Carol and her sisters were also involved in the management of the company, so it was a real family affair.

San Diego State was Carol's college choice and it was there that she met Pete Burgert. They married six months later, and when Pete joined the Marine Corps they moved to Jacksonville, FL. Pete attended Officer's School and flight school before serving his Southeast Asia tour in Japan. Carol and their 2 year old daughter joined him for a very interesting year living abroad.

The Burgerts returned to California and settled in Serra Mesa. Their second daughter was born in 1971. Carol's roommate in the hospital told her about this new community, Tierrasanta, where her family had just bought a home. Carol was curious to see this new development and as soon as she saw it she knew it was for her family. Barbados North was the area they wanted to live in, but all the lots were already spoken for. After many trips to visit the sales office, finally Vern took their deposit and they happily moved in, in 1972.

Carol worked for the San Diego Welfare Department for 13 years and then decided that the many teachers in her family had the right idea. She started going to school at night to get her diploma and elementary credential. After subbing for a year she was hired at Miller Elementary where she taught English as a Second Language. When that program dissolved she was hired at a brand-new school in Mira Mesa -- Hage Elementary. She taught ESL and then team-taught gifted third graders until she retired in 2002.

Carol and Pete are blessed to have all three of their children living in San Diego. Their five grandchildren are a great joy to them and all seem to be headed down the "right path". When Carol said she's been extremely lucky, Pete briefly joined the conversation to say that marrying him was the "best thing she ever did!" Since retiring, the couple has visited all seven continents. Their last cruise before the pandemic was to Antarctica, and they have upcoming plans for cruises in the Caribbean, Greek Islands, and the Amazon.

The first person Carol met when she moved to Tierrasanta was Fran Godfrey (Zweibel). Fran's three children and Carol's two became fast friends. The moms drove carpool, led Girl Scouts, and watched the kids participate in many sporting events--and the rest is history!

The Burgerts attended an informational meeting about the Village which was hosted by the Zweibels. Soon, they joined TVSD. Pete enjoys working for the Time Bank and lunch with Romeo. Carol plays Mah Jongg and Bunco with the Village and enjoys walking with other Villagers. She and Carol Higgins are Co-Chairs of the Neighborhood Groups.

Carol decided, particularly as she aged,

"It's important to put yourself out there, try new things, don't be afraid, take a chance. While you can do it – do it."

Carol Burgert



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Village Business

General Meeting
September 13 – 3 PM
Zoom Meeting Only

Cover Photo

What a Life!

Just ask a Cat

Happy 13th Anniversary TVSD!

Trish Newbill, Historian

Yes Villagers it's the month of September and time again to remind everyone of the 13th Anniversary of the Village. I didn't have a "lightbulb moment" for a song to jumpstart this article compared to last year when I couldn't get the song "Try to Remember" sung by Andy Williams swirling around in my head!

For a look back to see how far we've come, a Kick-Off Gala was held on September 27, 2008 and an exciting new journey began for those Tierrasanta residents aged 50+ who listened to Guests Speakers, asked questions and some joined the Village at the end of the evening. The 501c3 status was approved and we began registering our first group of members who are now known as **TVSD Founding Members**.

While we have weathered many challenges over the past 2 years, we are still standing strong as a Village and continue to care, support and encourage one another.

Once again if you feel nostalgic, you can find the song "Try to Remember" on YouTube with video. I have fond memories of that Kick-Off Gala and YES, I do remember!

TVSD ROMEO (Tired 'Old' Men Eating Out)

We met for the first time on 8/24/21 since Covid began. Thirteen of us ate at Fifty9Fifty and everyone had a great time.



We meet once a month during the third week of each month except for November and December (due to the holidays). We will be meeting on either Tuesday or Thursday of that week. The location of each luncheon will be found on our Village Website Calendar. To see the details and our next get-together, you'll need to login and go to the calendar. And, if you plan to attend, you must register. A reminder email will be sent out about 7-10 days prior and, if there are any changes, you'll receive another email.



TVSD Social – August 24

Anne Hoffman, Allan & Jane Rappaport
Sue Christian, Jeannette Vlasits
Jim & Beny Parker, Mike & Bev Sheehan
Marilyn Millikan, Sue C. & Dave Millikan
Lucille Sanford, Claire Blum
Judy & Martin Sandman

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga 11:30 AM - Virtual Lunch Bunch (Zoom)	2 9:00 AM - Balance Class 10:00 AM - Mah Jongg	3 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga	4
5	6 Labor Day Office Closed 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga 11:00 AM - Carol's Coffee Chat (Zoom)	7 Rosh Hashanah (1st Day) 9:00 AM - Balance Class	8 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga 4:30 PM - Cornhole Tournament	9 9:00 AM - Balance Class 10:00 AM - Mah Jongg 3:00 PM - Village Book Club	10 9:30 AM - IT Meeting 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga	11
12	13 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga 11:00 AM - Carol's Coffee Chat (Zoom) 3:00 PM - TVSD General Meeting Zoom Only	14 9:00 AM - Balance Class	15 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga	16 Yom Kippur 9:00 AM - Balance Class 10:00 AM - Mah Jongg	17 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga	18 4 - 9 PM Tierra santa 50th Party
19	20 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga 11:00 AM - Carol's Coffee Chat (Zoom)	21 9:00 AM - Balance Class 1:00 PM - Core Team Meeting / Workshop	22 Equinox 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga	23 9:00 AM - Balance Class 10:00 AM - Mah Jongg 1:00 PM - Board Meeting 4 to 8 PM - Panera Restaurant Fundraiser	24 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga	25
26	27 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga 11:00 AM - Carol's Coffee Chat (Zoom)	28 9:00 AM - Balance Class 12:30 PM - Care Committee Meeting	29 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga	30 9:00 AM - Balance Class 10:00 AM - Mah Jongg	October 1 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga October 4: 3:00 PM - TVSD General Meeting	

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TVSD Book Club Selections — 2021

Sept.	The Bartender's Tale	Ivan Doig	2012
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
Jan.	Where'd You Go, Bernadette	Maria Semple	2012
Feb.	The Warmth of Other Suns	Isabel Wilkerson	9/2010



Friends of the Tierrasanta Library Book Sale

Friday, 9/3
11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9/4
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No Monday sale this month
due to **Labor Day**.

