



Newcomers & Friends of Santa Clarita Valley

Board Meeting Notes Revised 9/5/2026

Date: Wednesday, August 5th

Meeting Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Home of Carla Lewis

ATTENDEES	ABSENT
Charlotte Pitts	Joey Dieringer
Lanita Algeyer	Sandy Bull
Joyce Brady	Jeane Cruse
Linda Jenkins	Alta McGovern
Diana Soriano	Mary Ellen Vassil
Beth Holzberger	Evelyn Molina
Sandy Osburn	Elaine Hall
Donna Cerna	Sue Owen
Carla Lewis	Ruthie Smith
Wynn Weber	Karen Towles
Barbara Ferone	
Janice Weiner	

President

Meeting started at 12:58 PM with Executive VP Charlotte Pitts conducting the meeting in President Joey Dieringer's absence. Charlotte thanked Carla for hosting the meeting.

Next, Charlotte asked if any board member noted needed edits or corrections to the July meeting minutes. Charlotte approved last month's minutes as written since no one shared a needed edit or correction,

The Treasurer's Report

Beth gave a copy of the Treasurer's report to all attendees. No questions were raised about the report. Due to this fact, Charlotte approved the Treasurer's report as submitted.

Luncheons

Lanita shared the following scheduled luncheons and anticipated costs per meal for all attending members. She also mentioned that all restaurants are raising their meal costs.

- August: Olive Garden - \$24.00
- September: Wokcano - \$28.00 (a separate section for the luncheon will be provided)
- October: Dario's Mexican Restaurant - \$25.00 (Ruthie has a guest speaker scheduled)

Membership

Joyce reported that the current club membership count is 144. She recently received two inquiries about potential membership. These two ladies are planning to attend August's Coffee Corner at Neighborista. Joyce and Donna will have membership forms available for these ladies.

The board discussed the pros and cons of using Zelle and/or Venmo for membership payments. This discussion was an outcome of two members asking Joyce if the club used Zelle or Venmo.

Joyce researched both Zelle and Venmo. The board members determined it was not a fit to offer this method for paying yearly dues. The reasons are noted below:

1. Venmo would charge the club, per transaction; 1.9% plus \$10.00.
2. One board member shared concerns about the safety of using Venmo.

3. The payment process would be problematic as members would pay through Venmo; however, Joyce as the membership chair would not receive a completed membership form. Even if members used Venmo for payment, they would still need to mail a completed membership form. The current process, that is working well, requires members to mail a completed form along with a check or give Joyce cash along with a completed form. A completed form is needed for many reasons and cannot be eliminated.

4. Finally, the process of notification to the club treasurer would be through email. This could be cumbersome.

New Liaison

The yearly new member celebration is scheduled for the September luncheon. Donna and Sandy plan to buy carnations instead of roses since they last longer, and the cost is lower, affording two flowers per new member at the luncheon. Donna and Sandy have butterfly charms to add to the flowers.

Website

Linda reported that the website is working well.

Explorers

- The annual trip to San Juan Capistrano is scheduled for August 22nd with attendees meeting at 7:00 AM at the Metrolink station on Soledad.
- Donna scheduled another Brew Ha Ha for September 16th.

Social

- Lanita scheduled Bingo for August 31st
 - 40 ladies have already signed up
 - Cost per member is \$5.00 - food cost has increased to \$8.00 plus tax
- Harvest Festival bus trip to Ventura is on September 11th
 - The bus can hold 50 people
 - Members and friends are welcome
 - Cost to enter the festival is the senior rate of \$7.00, plus \$2.00 tip for the bus driver
- Lanita is still considering a picnic in the park. The dates are challenging since other events are already scheduled for the months with a fifth week.

Coffee Corner

Donna shared the Coffee Corner locations and dates are currently posted on the website for June through December of this year.

Decorations

Elaine sent an email reporting that the decorations are ready for the August luncheon.

Birthdays

Sandy reported that Alta and Mary Ellen have enough birthday cards for luncheons.

Activities

- This board position is currently open.
- Donna inquired about the annual Game Day.
- The board discussed the need for four to five tables and ladies willing to teach members various games during Game Day.
- Multiple dates were discussed; however, no date was selected.
- Charlotte is considering hosting. She has room for four tables.
- Someone suggested asking Sandy Bull to host.

Hostess

Sandy and Donna have enough name tags for the luncheons.

Raffle

Carla reported that everything is great and there is no updated news.

DIG / DOG

- Linda thanked Lanita for organizing the DIG/DOG bowling event.
- Everyone had a wonderful time. The men who attended had fun time too.
- Some did not bowl; however, they had fun cheering and enjoyed the pizza.
- Linda reported that many who attended followed up to say they had a fun time.
- After the bowling gathering, Linda sent an email to all DIG/DOG members to update everyone on the schedule for the remainder of the year and to recognize Lanita's hard work.

Second Cup

No report provided

Publicity

No report provided

Parliamentarian

- Carla inquired if the by-law change allowing for a president to serve two years is a requirement for anyone who accepts that position or if serving one year an option.
- Linda mentioned that the updated by-laws are available on the website. • Donna stated the serving one year is an option.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 after Diana and Carla shared funny jokes.

Submitted by,

Secretary, Linda Jenkins

