



RANCHO YOLO
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

SOCIAL NEWS – Elizabeth Lasensky & Nancy Redpath

CINCO DE MAYO – AT RANCHO YOLO **SUNDAY, MAY 5, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a fun and festive **CINCO DE MAYO** on **SUNDAY, MAY 5!** Dinner will be catered by Tommy T's Taco Bar. Our fiesta will include a piñata and a 50/50 raffle. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$5.00. Our RYCA Social Committee will receive half of the proceeds of the raffle and the remaining amount will be split with 2 winners. The winners will be announced right after we break open the piñata, and you really want to be there to see that! Winners must be present to win.

The bar will feature margaritas and Negra Modelo beer (donations). \$10 per person includes 2 tacos, chips and dessert. Taco choices include carnitas, chicken and sweet potato with black beans. Anyone is welcome to choose the veggie taco, but vegetarians will be called to the buffet line first.

*All tickets are \$10.00 in advance. Leave your reservations and money in the Library lock box under the clock **from Friday, April 25 through Tuesday, April 30.** Forms and envelopes are provided in the library. Make checks payable to RYCA.*

If you'd like a little help with a discounted ticket for \$5.00, just contact Sharon Reuter, slr95618@gmail.com or 530-758-3327 and our Angel Fund will gladly make up the difference. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact co-coordinator Marcella Chiarello - marcellacc46@gmail.com or 802-999-9881.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT – BACKYARD SWING **MAY 19, 2019, 2:00 – 4:30**

Our next 2019 Sunday Afternoon Concert will feature **Backyard Swing**, who will be performing for us on **Sunday, May 19.** Doors will open at 2:00, music will start at 2:30 p.m. and end around 4:30. \$10 donation per person in advance required.

“Backyard swing is a trio that performs an eclectic variety of musical styles including country, western swing, blues, Latin, pop and jazz that appeals to a wide range of listeners. The trio's members are Jon Spivack on guitar, harmonica and some vocals; Mike Bender on guitar and lap steel guitar; and Jan Thompson on string bass. The trio has great fun performing together and loves sharing that fun with their audience.”

*All donations are \$10.00 in advance. Leave your reservations and money in the lock box under the clock in the Library. Forms and envelopes are provided in the library. Make checks payable to RYCA. **The last day to make your reservation will be Thursday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m.***

FREE! SUNDAY AFTERNOON LAWN CONCERT – ANDERSON-GRAM DUO
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

On the lawn behind the Clubhouse. Bring your lawn chairs!

Pizza and drinks at 5:00.

Music will start at 5:30 and end around 7:30.

2 slices of pizza and a bag of chips \$5.00, while supplies last.

Water and lemonade provided.

Gayle Anderson-Gram and Bob Gram play an easy blend of folk, country and bluegrass.

“The Anderson-Gram is a wife-husband duo with a smooth natural sound. Gorgeous vocals, intelligent, thoughtful lyrics and first-rate guitar playing.”

Amazon.com, Japan

MARK SPECKMAN: “FIGURE IT OUT”

Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.

Rancho Yolo is very honored to present a talk by our neighbor, **Mark Speckman**, entitled **“Figure It Out,”** on **Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m.**

Mark is currently the Assistant Head Football Coach at UC Davis. Mark has been coaching football for over forty years at the high school, college and professional levels. In addition to Mark’s coaching career, he is also an accomplished motivational speaker. Mark has spoken all over the country to businesses, government agencies, schools and at major events. Having been born without hands, he has a compelling story to share and a universal message that resonates with all who hear him speak. When Mark speaks, people listen.

Please join us in the Clubhouse on May 7 to hear this inspiring and entertaining talk by Mark Speckman.

INVITATION TO NEW RESIDENTS: LEARN ABOUT RANCHO YOLO

Robbie Fanning

Perhaps you’ve been here for one month, or six, or a year, but you’re just learning what you don’t know about living at Rancho Yolo.

Join us Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse for an orientation to the treasures of Rancho Yolo. Jerry Hallee and Robbie Fanning will tell you about its history, facts and features, including a demonstration on how to navigate our website. Members of the RYCA Board and the orientation team will be present to answer your questions.

Anyone who lives here is welcome, but we’d like new residents to sit in front. For further information, or to RSVP, please email Robbie Fanning at rfanning@mac.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Nancy Redpath

Most of us have experienced problems with our mail service. For some folks it has only amounted to late afternoon delivery or an occasional letter delivered to your neighbor's box. But others have had a lot of trouble with misdirected or missing mail. Our issues seem to have increased when the Post Office removed Rancho Yolo as an assigned route. We've come to the conclusion that most of our troubles stem from this - without a regular carrier there's not enough continuity and often we get tacked on to the end of a carrier's regular route.

Jerry Hallee and Geyne Crispi have both written to the postmaster to voice the strong belief that our large senior community deserves a regular route and carrier. Geyne also talked to several carriers to ask how we can improve the accuracy of our service. The carriers explained that most multi-housing communities like ours put names and addresses on the inside of each mailbox.

Geyne got a supply of address cards for the entire park, then she printed labels for each mailbox. Only your address is printed on the label, but adding your name would make it easier for the carrier to match names and house numbers. Addresses were provided by Robbie and Tony Fanning who maintain our database. Carmen Gifford and Nan Yates helped insert the address cards in the self-stick sleeves.

A Post Office supervisor agreed that these actions would be very helpful. He gave us cards to indicate the last names of those living in each home. These green cards stay in the sorting trays in the postal van, and the names of residents are only seen by postal employees.

The first week of May volunteers will deliver these labels for residents to affix to the inside of their mailboxes. A green name card will be in the packet, along with detailed instructions.

This is all voluntary, but the carriers are used to this method and it could improve our service.

We'll put the labels, cards and information into cloth shopping bags, donated by **Target Stores**. The Target bags would be handy for storing emergency supplies like extra batteries and flashlights. We will also include the first item for your go-to bag: a list of emergency numbers and a Rancho Yolo evacuation map.

If you will not be home during the first week of May, please email me and we will take you off the delivery list (redpath.nancy@gmail.com). We don't want the bags to "target" an unoccupied home, so a few days later we will make the rounds again to gather unclaimed bags.

Thanks to Target for their generous donation of 350 cloth shopping bags (some to be saved for new residents). And many thanks to everyone involved in this project. Please send me an email if you can help walk the park to deliver bags (or pick up unclaimed bags): **redpath.nancy@gmail.com**.

BICYCLE WORKSHOP – Nancy Redpath

Bring your bike to the Clubhouse parking lot at **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22**, for another Bike Workshop. Get a quick bike check, pump up your tires, and oil the chain. Then the City's bicycle coordinator and mechanic will lead a group ride to the Farmers Market and back.

NEW RESIDENTS – Mary Crommelin

Sean Davis – 164 Inner Circle

Ernie and Saulan Heung – 147 Inner Circle

CARING CORNER – Betty Iams

Since the last newsletter the following greeting cards were sent on behalf of our association members.

A Get Well card went to Florence Doughty.

Sympathy cards were sent to Gerry Hair, upon the passing of his sister, Tricia, and to Dianne Knotts, upon the passing of her husband, John, who served diligently on our Board of Directors.

Thanks to all who let me know when a Get Well, Sympathy, or 90+ Birthday should be acknowledged on behalf of an association member.

BOOK CLUB – Judy Fischette

The RY Book Club will meet on Monday, May 13, at 2 p.m. in the Library. The group will be discussing the classic, Murder on the Orient Express. Members, thank you for selecting a group of interesting books for the September 2019 to June 2020 season.

2019 RANCHO YOLO TELEPHONE BOOK LISTING – Robbie Fanning

Just a reminder that any changes in your contact information for the 2019 Rancho Yolo telephone book should be submitted by May 17, 2019, to Bea Vincent at bvincent125@gmail.com or 774-392 0650. She has a box on her porch where you can drop off a written notice.

The telephone book is for the exclusive use of the residents of the Park.



The Rancho Yolo Newsletter is a published communication of the Rancho Yolo Community Association on behalf of its members and residents, aimed at strengthening our community and keeping you informed of Park activities, RYCA business, and our pursuit to purchase the Park. The newsletter is produced and distributed by a team of volunteers. As a courtesy, we may at times include notices from management. However, we make no claim to be the official voice of management to residents.

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