

## May Newsletter

Happy Mother's Day and hello to all our club members as I send out May greetings from my living room. I've spent the last several weeks working on minor home projects to keep me busy. The last project involved removing my security screen door, cleaning and removing some rust, then spray painting it a nice glossy black. Much better than the ugly dirty cream color it has been since we bought our condo in 2008. Unfortunately after recently completing a total renovation (which only lasted 12 years), I've burned through my honey do list and I'm reduced to dusting and cleaning the bathroom. I now have to wear sunglasses in the shower, the walls are so bright.

I'd like to welcome Mike and Dione Wilson as new members of our club. They are in the process of shopping for an RV.

I received an email directed to club Presidents and I attached it to this newsletter so you can be informed about the thoughts and ideas from the Recreation and Events Department.

### **Dear Club Presidents:**

First, we want you to know we are thinking about each of you and how not being able to meet with your friends is quite difficult. Our hearts are filled with anticipation of having our regular visits within the Recreation office and seeing you all meeting in your groups at the facilities. Discussions have taken place with the Community Activities Committee chair, Joe Fitzekam, regarding how and when facilities reopen after the COVID-19 pandemic mandates are softened or lifted. We would like you to start thinking about having a plan in place for your group's return to meetings, such as how you maintain social distancing, how to enforce masks or gloves, etc. Also, part of the discussion you have with your own boards should include reasons of why your particular club be allowed to convene if partial openings begin. This is all hypothetical as we have not had the permission to have partial openings, but we do understand many are asking current GRF board members about timelines to open some outdoor activities sooner. Lastly, during the closures we encourage all of you to meet with friends on the Zoom platform. It is an easy way to host gatherings online maintaining the stay-at-home order. Zoom can be used for free and allows 40 minutes to connect with those you miss most. The link is included below to assist you with installation and use:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>

The Recreation office may be reached via email at [recreation@vmsinc.org](mailto:recreation@vmsinc.org) or by calling 949-597-4273.

Staff is minimal and will respond as soon as possible.

Please stay safe.

Thank you,

Recreation and Special Events Department

Club member Ron Zimmerman recently contacted BPI for a question regarding his RV. They were able to solve his issue with the verbal information they provided. Darren at BPI said business was slow. This would be a good time for club members to get some routine maintenance and/or repairs done.

As always, maintain your batteries and tires if your RV is just sitting in storage.

If you are out camping, maintain social distancing to remain safe even though the whole point of camping is to be social.

This does bring up a good point in that our community's efforts at remaining safe has minimized our exposure to the virus. As of this morning (April 29th) there are only 8 confirmed cases of infection in our community. Thank you all.

If you are not having groceries delivered, Laurie and I have found the Aldi grocery store at El Toro and Moulton to be a good place to pick up groceries, without the usual crowds found at many stores today. We've gone early and found the line outside to be very short and we've been able to pick up most of what we wanted which has minimized our travels to other stores. We have noticed that a staple for many is now pasta (and sauce). Just so you know, this (half) Italian is finding that rather aggravating. I love my pasta so we've replaced pasta with pizza twice a week.

Lastly, Doug Gibson gave me a call the other day and mentioned the nice article about our equestrian center in the Village Breeze. I agreed with his thoughts about an article highlighting our club and contacted the magazine via an email and await their response.

As usual, I've tried to inject a little humor into our newsletter to keep it light and bright. With that thought in mind I'll close by saying I hope all of you are well and look forward to the day we can all get together and enjoy a hug without spraying ourselves with disinfectant afterwards.