Vista Del Lago Newsletter Edition #4

Helloooo to everyone and happy fall. Over the last few weeks we have watched our summer friends head south with the birds for their winter homes. A large contingent has headed to Arizona, including **The Hodgeson's**, **The Steven's**, **The Bodwell's** and **Walt Simpson.** There are still a few brave souls cheating winter, but I am sure the **Simpson's**, the **Youngs'** and the **Jewell's** will all be heading out soon. Have a great winter to you all and drive carefully. If you notice some frozen noses peaking in through your sunny windows, it just might be some of us seeking a sun break around January!!

LITTER BUGS AMONG US:

It has been brought to my attention by **Kathy J**. that we have some litter bugs amongst us. They come in the form of **Dale** and **Rose Young**. It seems **The Young's** have been collecting good citizenship points by picking up trash along our beloved Hwy 150 in their spare time. In addition, the **Youngs'** are the resident cardboard recyclers for our little neighborhood. When you have a chance, pass along your thanks to them for taking on such an important job and keeping our corner of the world beautiful!! Thanks **Youngs**,' I for one really appreciate your efforts!!

HERE YE. HERE YE:

The board held a meeting on October 4th, which, despite it's extremely early hour (0700), was well attended by the homeowners. Perhaps it was because of the donuts I brought from the Chelan Bakery!! I promise to repeat the gig if you all promise to come to the June meeting. I have forwarded the notes to our **Presidente** (**Joe**) and he will be doling them out soon. It was a brief and to the point meeting. We must have set a record because it was all said and done in 50 minutes, including small jokes and jabs between the audience and the board. Probably the greatest thing to come out of the meeting is the decision to go forward with a new keypad for the front door. The keypad should be installed before the end of the month. No more slip slidin' away on the ice by the sliding glass door during the winter!

FISHIES IN A BROOK:

Well, not anymore. It seems that **Brian** and **Nancy Cather** have caught them all this season. So much in fact, the **Cather's** have offered to feed the entire VDL troop with salmon at the next **Fourth of July** party!! Pretty cool, huh? **Brian** and **Nancy** will be doling out portions of salmon near the holiday and the deal is, you take it and prepare it using your favorite recipe, then bring it to the bbq/party. That way, we will be able to feast on the beast, with ham, not spam.....oops, that's Dr. Suess. Anyway, we will be able to have a great variety of salmon entrees, without too much fuss and muss (here I go again)!! So, mark your calendars for next year.....be there or be not there? Hmmm, that doesn't work as well. Anyway, I, for one, am looking forward to the fish frenzy and would like to thank **Brian** and **Nancy** for the great offer!!

Welcome to the newest newsletter addition, the birthday corner. Of course I decided to add this section during October because it is my birthday this month!! I have a birthday list started that includes most everyone who was in attendance at the board meeting. You know who you are if you weren't there and you know who you are if you failed to post your birthday on the list I was circulating, so if you are one of the scofflaws, pony up and send me your birthday. Please also send anniversaries and any other day that is important to you and that you would like to see advertised!! So, to kick off the new corner, please sing a silent version of happy birthday to the following:

Me (Leslie) 10/6 Brian Cather 10/11 Jerry Watland 10/17 Rich Ogle 10/29

In addition, we had two anniversaries that I know of and they are as follows:

Greg and Cathy Poppino 10/4 (I had to add this one cause I haven't used her name yet)

Pat and Rich Ogle 10/6 (good choice for a wedding date)

He's ooooouuuuuutttttaaaaaa there......

Congratulations to big **Jimmy Norton** on his impending retirement. **Jimbo** is pulling the plug toward the end of 2003. This will allow him plenty of time to play musical chairs with his house and shed several times each year!! Congratulations to **Jim** and **Karen**, who also just retired. The school district and students are losing two fabulous people and educators. But lucky for us, this will allow them to spend more time at the lake playing with that new jet ski!!

It was the best of times......

Well, with a tear in my eye, I bid fond adieau to summer, but look forward to our first winter at VDL. Our new house should be in the first or second week of November and we will be hosting a party of some sort to christen the place. I am looking forward to the snow mobile races, the polar bear swim (will someone volunteer to do this with me?) and the New Year's Eve party that is in the works. We are also planning a movie night, complete with junk food and some great snowmen building competitions. If you have an event or idea for a party (there is no bad idea for a party), please let Cathy P. (there ya go girlfriend), or I know and we would be happy to assist in any planning.

Okay, time for me to wrap up this edition. As always, if you would like to add something to the newsletter, please drop me a line. I would really like to hear from you vagabonds out there. Tell us where you are, what you are doing and remind us what that bright object in the sky is like!! I would like to highlight one of you each month. So, get your fingers flying across the keyboard. Pictures would be great too.

Everyone take care. If you are traveling this month, drive carefully and don't take any wooden nickels. My dad used to always say that, so I figured it was good advice!!

Until next month	
Your favorite (and only) VP, Leslie Bur	'ns