

President's Message



December 2024

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU HERE AT CAPE COD MHC.....

It's that time of year again.....

We have a busy month ahead of us. Please see the Whaler minutes for dates and times of all that we have planned. The BIG one is the Holiday party on Sunday December 15.

The doors open at 5:00 pm and food will be served at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per resident.

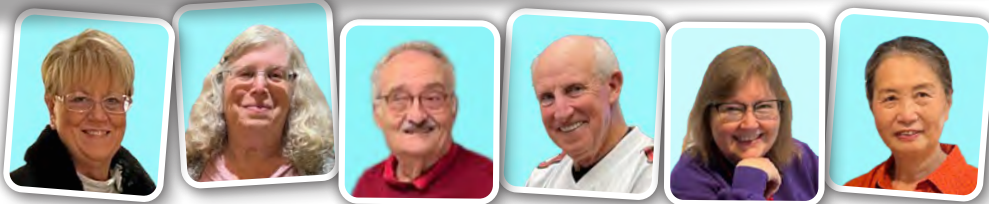
I would like to let all of you know that I will not be on the 2025 CCVRA Board. My husband and I have enjoyed all of the functions we have chaired, especially the Luau.

I think it's time to pass it on and let a new chairperson take over. Let's see what new ideas a new board can come up with.

Let's also ring in the NEW YEAR with a potluck party on December 31st.

CHEERS TO 2025!!!.

Kathy Love
650-793-0991



The 2024 CCVRA Board Members
(L to R) Kathy Love, Peggy Wegner, Bruce Edmundson, Bill Hines,
Elizabeth Morrison and Weizhi Sun

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Cape Cod Village Residents Association

October 29, 2024 Association Meeting Minutes



CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order on October 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm. There were 14 residents in attendance.

FLAG SALUTE: was led by **Nat Hanson**.

WELCOME NEW ATTENDEES: No new attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the August 27, 2024 Association Meeting minutes was made by **Priscilla Mattson** and seconded by **Diane Daley**. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the September 24, 2024 Association Meeting minutes was made by **Elizabeth Morrison** and seconded by **Bruce Edmundson**. Motion carried.

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of October 1, 2024, beginning balance was: \$5,874.69

Total Income was: \$250.03

Total Expenses were: \$229.87

Ending balance as of October 29, 2024: \$5,894.85

Comments and questions were invited from the floor. The report will be filed subject to audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of October 29, 2024, we have 112 members and 77 households.

CIRCLE OF CARE

Jo Asplund gave the report. Please see Whaler for further details.

TREASURE SEEKERS REPORT

We collected \$176.03 for the month of October. The next collection date will be November 3, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

► LUAU

There have been discussions at several board meetings on paying **Randy Dinga** for being the DJ at the Luau. **Randy Dinga** had told **Peggy Wegner** that he would do it for free as he had new equipment that he wanted to try out. **Kathy Love** and **Randy Dinga** signed a contract for \$200.00 as payment. At the latest board meeting, the votes were three (3) yeses, three (3) noes and one (1) voted no by proxy. The board voted to not pay **Randy Dinga**. **Kathy Love** believed that since this was his profession, he should be paid. **Vicky Lawson** presented a check to **Kathy Love** to pay **Randy Dinga** for his services.

► FALL ELECTIONS

At this point, we have the following people willing to stand for the board for 2025:

- President: **Peggy Wegner**
- Vice-President: **Open**
- Secretary: **Kitty Etter**
- Treasurer: **Bruce Edmundson**
- Members at Large: **Bill Hines, Eric Hopp, Joe Madison, Elizabeth Morrison, Weizhi Sun**

Kathy Love, Diane Daley, and Priscilla Mattson have elected to retire from the board at the end of this year. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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NEW BUSINESS

- ▶ **THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER - November 17, 2024. From 5:00 to 9:00 pm**
Chairperson: Board. Cost will be \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members. If you are interested in preparing one of the items for the dinner, please let us know. The dinner will be from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

EVENTS

▶ MONTHLY EVENTS

- **Exercise Class - Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 10:00 am to noon**
Sandy Bain and Jon Lichtenberg are the chairpersons.
- **Bible Study - Every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in the craft room**
Mary Knoppe is the chairperson.

▶ OCTOBER EVENTS

- **Movie Night - October 12, 2024.**
Canceled due to the Anniversary Party on Sunday.
- **Cape Cod Anniversary Party - October 13, 2024. From 5:00 to 9:00 pm**
Chairperson: Board. This was very successful. There was lots of food. 24 residents attended the dinner.
- **Bingo - October 24, 2024**
Peggy Wegner and Kitty Etter were the chairpersons. We had 16 people playing bingo.

▶ NOVEMBER EVENTS

- **Chinese Calligraphy - November 7 and 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**
Weizhi Sun is the chairperson.
- **Movie Night - November 9, 2024. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the movie will start at 6:45 pm as the movie is longer than two (2) hours.** This month's movie will be "*American Sniper*". There will be a suggestion box and donation box as usual. Thank you to **Bruce Edmundson** and **Elizabeth Morrison**.
- **Thanksgiving Community Dinner - November 17, 2024**
Chairperson: Board. Cost will be \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members. If you are interested in preparing one of the items for the dinner, please let us know. The dinner will be from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.
- **Holiday Home Decorating Contest - November 28, 2024 - December 14, 2024**
Categories: Best Use of Lights, Most Original, and Most Traditional. Winner of each category will receive \$30.00.

▶ DECEMBER EVENTS

- **Bingo - December 4, 2024**
Peggy Wegner and Kitty Etter will be the chairpersons. The cost will be \$1.00 per card per game. Bingo will go from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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- **Decorating Party - December 7, 2024. 10:00 am**

This will be an opportunity to decorate the library and clubhouse. The decorating party will start at 10:00 am in the clubhouse. Pizza and soda will be provided by the Association.

- **Sing-a-Long - December 11, 2024. 1:30 pm**

Chairperson: Mary Knoppe. Cape Cod Bible Study Christmas Sing-a-Long, where everyone is welcome. Song lyrics will be provided as well as refreshments.

- **Holiday Party - December 15, 2024. From 5:30 to 9:00 pm**

Chairperson: Board. Cost will be \$5.00 per resident. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Event will be from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. There will be door prizes.

Comments, questions and additional items are invited from the floor.

Thanks to **Kitty Etter** for the treats.

The next Association meeting will be November 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm with a Meet and Greet at 6:45 pm. The December Association meeting will be December 17, 2024 due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by **Joe Madison** and seconded by **Nat Hanson**. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Wegner

Secretary

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Vicky Lawson		1 (408) 230-2551	—
Kitty Etter	Whaler	1 (408) 744-0789	ketter63@yahoo.com
Daniel Schwartz	Treasure Seekers	1 (408) 962-0277	dms@danielsart.com

Cape Cod Village Residents Association

Treasurer's Report - October 2024

10/01/2024 Balance Forward **\$ 5,874.69**

Income:

Treasure Seekers	\$	176.03
Dues and donations		20.00
Event income		54.00

Total Income		250.03
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Expenses:

Office/copy/printing	\$	(88.24)
Kitchen expenses		(104.36)
Meet & Greet expenses		(12.10)
SNAP/CERT expenses		(13.19)
Event expenses		(11.98)

Total Expenses		(229.87)
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Monthly Net Income (Expense)		\$ 20.16
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10/31/24 Balance		\$ 5,894.85
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Event summary by item	Expense	Income	Net Income
10/13 Anniversary Party Raffle	(11.98)	54.00	42.02

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Mail Tubes

A reminder for residents to clean out their mail tubes on a regular basis. It is very difficult to put new material into the tubes for the office and CCVRA.



Please Help

Continue to support our Vets by donating 2025 calendars.

Calendars may be delivered to Peggy Wegner, space 47 or to Diane Daley, space 160.
Thank you

Library or Clubhouse Donations

Please **DO NOT** leave items in the library or clubhouse. If you have items you wish to donate, please contact one of the following people:

Books for the library: Kathy Love at 1-650-793-0991

DVD's for DVD library: Joe Madison in #150

Puzzles for the puzzle table: Peggy Wegner at 1-650-303-4072

All other items, please speak to Management.

There will
NOT be a
Movie Night
in December



Walking Exercise Class

In the Cape Cod Village
Clubhouse

Every Monday, Wednesday and
Friday at 10:00 am

Call: Sandy Bain or
Jon Lichtenberg for details:
408-685-2140



SAVE THE DATES

Sing-a-Long

Come join your friends and neighbors in celebrating the holidays with music and singing.

December 11th • 1:30 pm

Clubhouse

Refreshments will be served.



Holiday Decorating Party *Saturday, December 7, 2024*

10:00 am at the Clubhouse

*Come and join in the fun of decorating
the Clubhouse for the holidays!*

2024 CCVRA Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Categories:

- 1) Best Use of Lights
- 2) Most Original
- 3) Most Traditional

The winner of each category receives \$30.00

Decorating can begin anytime after November 28, 2024.

Voting will begin in early December and Voting will close on December 14, 2024. Ballot box will be beside the Association box in the clubhouse. Ballots will be issued in early December.

Prizes will be awarded at the December 15, 2024 Holiday Party.

2025
**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

*Come join your friends and neighbors
to usher out the old year at
Cape Cod Village's*

New Year's Eve Celebration

December 31, 2024

5:30 pm

*Pot Luck Dinner
Dancing to Playlist*



December 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1  Treasure Seekers 6:30 pm	2  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	3	4  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am  Bingo 7 pm to 9 pm	5	6  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	7  Decorating Party 10:00 am
8	9  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	10 CCVRA Board Meeting 6:30 pm	11  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am Christmas Sing-a-Long 1:30 to 2:30 pm 	12	13  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	14
15 Holiday Party 5:00 pm 	16  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	17 CCVRA Meet & Greet 6:45 pm to 7 pm CCVRA Meeting 7 pm	18  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	19	20  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	21
22	23  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	24	25 	26 Kwanzaa 	27  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	28
29	30  Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	31 New Year's Eve Party 5:30 pm				

December 1	Treasure Seekers	6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
December 4	Bingo	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
December 7	Decorating Party	10:00 am
December 10	CCVRA Board Meeting	6:30 pm
December 11	Christmas Sing-a-Long	1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
December 15	Holiday Party	5:00 pm
December 17	CCVRA - General Meeting	7:00 pm



December Celebrations



Happy Birthday

6 Kiet Tran	21 Yosi David
10 Christy Winters	23 Priscilla Mattson
10 Fred Latu	24 Homeyra Banejad
11 Dan Boeriu	24 Mark Hajny
12 Gianna Dela Fuente	25 Kitty Etter
13 Vicente Ramos	27 Dan Volk
16 Jack Slocombe	27 Stella Bakalor
20 Soo-Han Toh	30 Forrest Sun
21 Robert Canastra	31 Esme Jones

Anniversary Congratulations

3 Kook Sang & Kyung Hee Yoo	1977
29 Winston & Karen Chan	1979
29 Michael & Rowena Hammersley	2009

December Directory Updates

George Kulcher	Spc 49	Pages 3 and 15	Delete
Stev Hill	Spc 69	Pages 4 and 14	Delete

Please update your directory and take a moment to make sure your entries are correct. If not, please submit changes on the CAPE COD VILLAGE INFORMATION FORM printed in this Whaler and deposit in the CCVRA mailbox in the clubhouse.

CAPE COD VILLAGE INFORMATION FORM

Please **PRINT** all information

Date: _____ Space # _____

Name 1: First _____ Last _____

Phone (only 1 per person) _____ Birthday: (mm/dd) _____

Email _____

Name 2: First _____ Last _____

Phone (only 1 per person) _____ Birthday: (mm/dd) _____

Email _____

Anniversary: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Please fill out this form and place it in the CCVRA mailbox in the clubhouse.
******* Updates and additions will ONLY be accepted on this form. *******
**** This information will be published in the Whaler, and used to update the CCV Phone Directory, (unless requested otherwise). ****

***** For Official Use Only *****

Date Received: _____ Date Entered: _____ By: _____

Code: Anniv Birthday Delete Email Moved New Phone Spelling



Sandy Bain is at home recovering from recent surgery. Sending well wishes for a speedy recovery.

Phyllis Chrisman has suffered a bad fall and broke her ankle and other bones in her leg. Let's keep her in our prayers and thoughts.

Robert Valdez has had a medical issue and been admitted to hospital. Robert, get well soon. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

A reminder from Co Chair Jo Asplund and Vicky Lawson to all residents. Please contact either of us to report any information about a friend or neighbor who may need get well wishes or condolences.

Please collect pertinent information concerning the individuals for correct spelling of their name and correct space number.

Questions directed to co chairs will be answered as quickly as possible.

Help us bring a small amount of comfort to those involved.

Thank you so much!

Jo Asplund 408 205-1159

Vicky Lawson 408-230-2551

Healthy regards to all residents from Cape Cod Residents Association



December 2024

2 issues are on the radar as December comes into view.

- Plans to take Tasman down to one lane from Fair Oaks to Lawrence for bike lanes.
- AB2782 – what does it mean?

Closing one Lane on Tasman from Fair Oaks to Lawrence

Unfortunately in the past the Sunnyvale City Council has decided in favor of special interest groups over residents in Mobile Home Parks. They have now given BPAC (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees.) a study to add bike lanes from Fair Oaks to Lawrence. As part of the plan they have hired a consultant firm to come up with plans for the alterations. This plan consists of closing 1 lane in each direction on Tasman.

The plan is also to prevent right turns on red when leaving Casa and Plaza. This will greatly hinder residents leaving for work and school in the morning, as well as, coming home and turning left from Lawrence in the evening.

The residents in Casa and Plaza will be held captive from emergency vehicles. In heavy traffic The idea is to have fire engines climb the curb on to the sidewalk to get to the emergency location. Emergency vehicles will also be slowed down when going to El Dorado and Condos on Fair Oaks and north of Fair Oaks.

The residents in Adobe will also be hindered in going to Grocery Outlet and restaurants in that shopping center. The consulting firm is also considering changing the lights at Grocery Outlet intersection at Tasman and Fair Oaks to favor bicycles. This will affect residents in the condos, El Dorado, Fox Hollow, Cape Cod and Willow Ranch.

The main issue is that very few bicycles use Tasman and less than 1% of the population used a lane that has been coned off for 3 years. There is nothing of importance or interest east of Lawrence Expressway

SMHPA has prepared a 6 page letter that will go to many organizations and city council members explaining all the issues and including pictures of the backups. There are also 2 community meetings on Youtube.

To get a copy of the letter send an email to smphamail@yahoo.com ask for bicycle letter. To view the community meetings go to "Youtube" and search for "Tasman bicycle pedestrian crossing". The meetings are tedious to watch. To save time go to the October 24, 2024 meeting and fast forward to the last few minutes to hear the residents of Casa and Plaza speak about their concerns.

Now is the time for Mobile Home Residents to quit saying "it doesn't affect me" and stand together to say this is a waste of time and our tax dollars.

Starting in January there will be petitions to sign in all the parks to let the city know this is a waste of money and holds 3600 mobile home residents hostage for the privilege of a very few cyclist for a path that goes nowhere..

AB2782- Short Explanation

During the 2020 -2021 legislative year a bill was passed that changed the wording on long term leases. Before that, Civil Code 798.17 provided that leases which **exceed 12 months** in length were exempt from RSO protection.

AB 2782 ended that exemption, and provided as follows (signed into effect Aug 2020):

All leases with a term 12 months or longer **signed prior to February 13, 2020** will remain exempt from RSO until they expire, or **until January 1, 2025**, whichever occurs first.

BSM park residents have been asked to sign a new lease if they did not sign the Sunnyvale MOU back in 2021.

Detailed Explanations:

Bruce Stanton GSMOL article about the changes.

<https://www.gsmol.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/GSMOL-Q-A-on-AB-2782.pdf>

Actual bill: (scroll down to the end of Sec 2)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2782

Holiday Undecorating Party

Saturday, January 4, 2025

10:00 am at the Clubhouse

*Come on over and help us
put the Holidays to bed for
another year!*



Funnies



**I MAY BE CRAZY,
BUT CRAZY IS BETTER
THAN STUPID.**

**I'M ON A
SEAFOOD DIET.
I SEE FOOD AND
I EAT IT.**

**I'm more
confused
than a
chameleon
in a bag of
skittles.**

**NOT TO BRAG
OR ANYTHING
BUT I CAN FORGET
WHAT I'M DOING
WHILE I'M DOING IT.**

*Some days
I amaze myself.
Other days I put the
laundry in the oven.*

**I THOUGHT
GETTING OLD
WOULD
TAKE LONGER**

**It's probably
my age that
tricks people
into thinking
I am an adult.**

**I am not crazy.
I prefer the term
"Mentally hilarious".**

**We're all
mature until
somebody
brings out
the bubble-
wrap.**

**The fridge is a
clear example that
what matters is
on the inside.**

Welcome

Please join the
Cape Cod Village Residents Association
for the

Chinese Spring Festival Show

欢迎观看红高粱艺术团迎新春演出

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Spring Festivals 2025

Performance by
Red Sorghum Art Troupe

Sunday, January 26, 2025

2:00pm - 4:00 pm

Doors Open at 1:30pm

**At the Clubhouse
1050 Borregas Ave
Sunnyvale CA, 94089**

A Message From Cape Cod Village Resident's Association Treasure Seekers



Treasure Seekers wishes to thank all Cape Cod Village residents for participating in the **1st Sunday of the month** evening pick-ups. This is proving to be very successful for all of us. Our Treasure Seekers crew is happy to report that we are having great success in the amount of recyclable material and participation. We would like to give recognition to our current Crew members **Daniel Schwartz, Bill Hines, Lisa Dee, Mary Knoppe, Valentina Stahl, Bruce Edmunson, Weizhi Sun and Pong Yeung**. We'd like to welcome 4 new members of the Crew, **Greg, Mary & Paul and Dung**. We welcome all who wish to join us as we walk around the park and greet and meet our neighbors while collecting the recyclables on the evening of the 1st Sunday of the month. As well as joining the Crew in sorting and crushing the recyclables.

Please pass the word on to your neighbors about the 1st Sunday of the month evening Treasure Seekers pick-up.

A few tips to help you (and the Treasure Seekers Crew)

- Always place your recyclables in a container (plastic, paper or reusable container)
- Place your containers at the end of your driveway
 - Not in the street or in the rain gutter

Items we are no longer collecting:

- Milk bottles
- Bottles
- Tuna cans

**Put Your "Treasures" Out
No Later Than 6:00 PM on the
1st Sunday of the month.**

For more information or to join the Treasure Seeker Crew, contact:
Daniel Schwartz at (408) 962-0277

Treasure Seekers
WILL
Accept



Treasure Seekers
will **Not**
Accept



The Recipe Box

Cranberry Coffee Cake

Costco Connection - November 2024

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease and flour a 10-cup Bundt pan. In a bowl, whisk flour, baking soda and salt. Using a mixer, cream butter and sugar in a separate bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in lemon zest and vanilla. Alternate mixing in the flour mixture and sour cream on low until combined. Spoon $\frac{1}{2}$ the batter into the pan. Add cranberry sauce and top with the remaining batter.

Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cover loosely with aluminum foil if needed. Remove from the oven and cool for 10 minutes inside the pan. Invert the cake onto a wire rack over a plate or serving dish. Allow cake to cool completely.

Prepare the glaze: In a bowl, whisk the powdered sugar, lemon juice and vanilla, if using. Drizzle over the cake. Slice and serve. Makes 10 servings.

Ingredients

- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1-3/4 cups cane sugar
- 3 large eggs
- Zest of 1 large lemon
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup sour cream or Greek yogurt
- 1 cup leftover cranberry sauce, at room temperature

Glaze

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice or milk
- 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract (optional)



Recipe and photo courtesy of Katya Kurmayev (littlebroken.com)

Nellie Bly

Eighteen-year-old Elizabeth Cochrane, living in Pittsburgh in the late 19th century, became inspired to challenge societal norms after reading a local newspaper article titled “What Girls are Good For.” This piece suggested that women’s roles were limited to childbearing and managing households, which deeply offended her. In response, Elizabeth anonymously wrote a rebuttal that impressed the newspaper’s editor so much that he invited the author to reveal herself. Upon doing so, she was hired on the spot, adopting the pen name Nellie Bly, inspired by a song by Stephen Foster, a popular composer of the time.

Bly was passionate about investigative journalism but often found herself assigned to cover lighter topics, such as theater and fashion, rather than the serious issues she wanted to address. At the age of 21, frustrated by these limitations, she embarked on a daring mission to Mexico to report on the living conditions of the working class. However, her critical reporting led to trouble with local authorities, forcing her to flee back to the U.S., where she compiled her experiences into a popular book. This endeavor demonstrated her commitment to highlighting the struggles of the working class and the pressing social issues of her time.



At just 23, Bly made a name for herself as a bold and innovative reporter when she was hired by Joseph Pulitzer’s New York World. She famously conducted an undercover investigation by faking insanity to expose the conditions inside New York’s “Women’s Lunatic Asylum.” Her shocking account of her ten days there sparked significant reforms in mental health treatment. Inspired by Jules Verne’s *Around the World in 80 Days*, Bly embarked on a solo journey around the globe, completing it in a remarkable 72 days and becoming an international sensation. Though she later married industrialist Robert Seaman and briefly stepped away from journalism, she returned during World War I, making history as one of the first women to cover an active war zone. Bly passed away in 1922, leaving a lasting legacy in the field of journalism.

Word for the Day

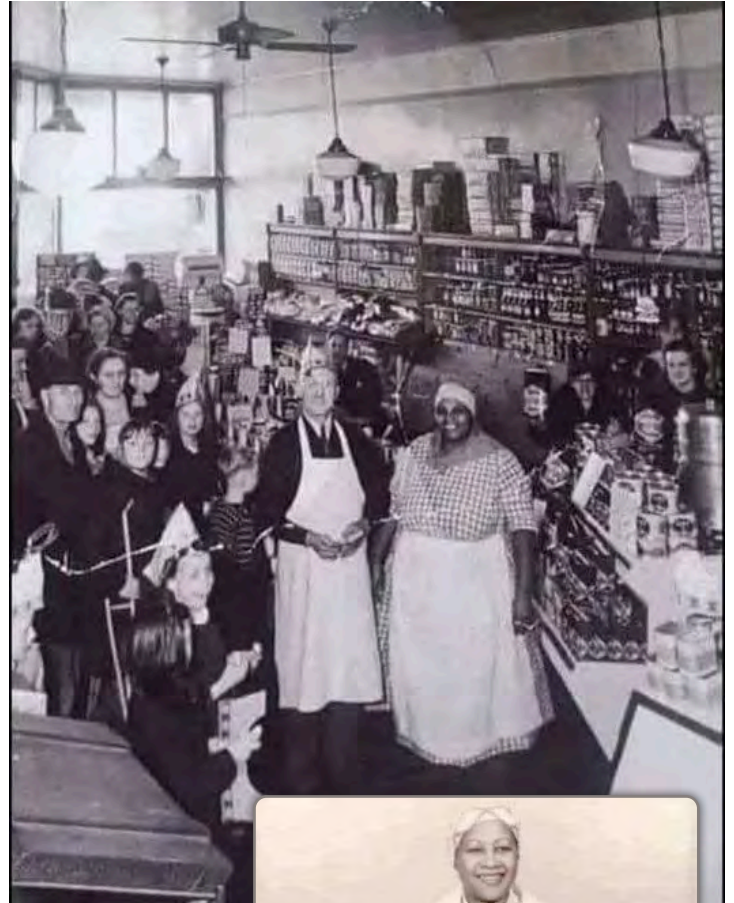
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“Snerdle” is an 18th century dialect word that means to snuggle under the covers and delay the start of the day.



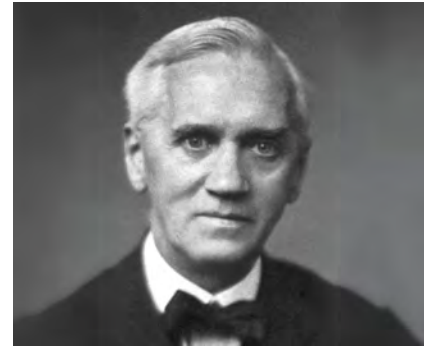
Nancy Green “Aunt Jemima”

The branding of the syrup was a tribute to this woman's gifts and talents. Now future generations will not even know this beautiful woman existed. What a shame. The world knew her as “Aunt Jemima”, but her given name was Nancy Green and she was a true American success story. She was born a slave in 1834 Montgomery County, KY. and became a wealthy superstar in the advertising world, as its first living trademark. Green was 56 years old when she was selected as spokesperson for a new ready-mixed, self-rising pancake flour and made her debut in 1893 at a fair and exposition in Chicago. She demonstrated the pancake mix served thousands of pancakes, and became an immediate star. She was a good storyteller, her personality was warm and appealing, and her showmanship was exceptional. Her exhibition booth drew so many people that special security personnel were assigned to keep the crowds moving. Nancy Green was signed to a lifetime contract, traveled on promotional tours all over the country, and was extremely well paid. Her financial freedom and stature as a national spokesperson enabled her to become a leading advocate against poverty and in favor of equal rights for all Americans. She maintained her job until she died in 1923, at age 89.



Imagine a humble Scottish farmer. . .

. . . named Fleming toiling away on his farm, when suddenly, piercing screams shatter the tranquility. Without a second thought, he abandons his tools and races towards the distress. What he finds is a child struggling in the swamp, trapped and drowning. With no hesitation, Fleming risks his own life, using a long branch to pull the child to safety.



The very next day, a luxurious car pulls up to Fleming's modest home. Out steps a distinguished gentleman—Randolph Churchill, the father of the boy Fleming saved. Churchill offers to repay the farmer's bravery with riches, but Fleming refuses, saying, "Saving someone is my duty; humanity has no price."

Just then, Fleming's own son appears at the door. Churchill, intrigued, asks, "Is this your son?" When Fleming proudly confirms, Churchill proposes an intriguing deal: if Fleming won't accept his money, he'll fund the boy's education at the finest schools, ensuring he gets the same opportunities as Churchill's own child.

Fleming, realizing the chance to give his son a future he could never afford, gratefully accepts. His son goes on to attend St Mary's Medical School in London and becomes Sir Alexander Fleming, the inventor of penicillin.

But here's where the story comes full circle: years later, it is penicillin that saves the life of Winston Churchill, Randolph's son, who would become the Prime Minister of Britain twice.

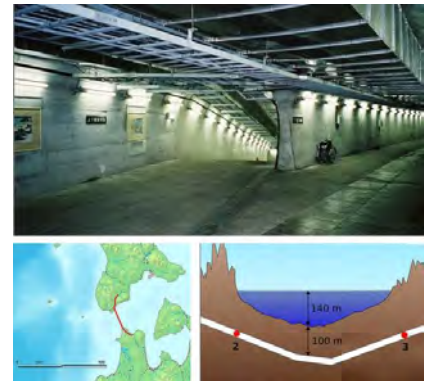
Isn't it fascinating how a single act of kindness can ripple through history, connecting lives in such unexpected ways?



The Longest Underwater Tunnel in the World

The Seikan Tunnel in Japan is one of the greatest feats of modern engineering, connecting the islands of Honshu and Hokkaido beneath the Tsugaru Strait.

With a total length of 53.85 kilometers, 23.3 kilometers of which are underwater, it holds the title of the longest submarine tunnel in the world. Opened in 1988, the Seikan Tunnel not only facilitates transport between the islands but is also designed to withstand earthquakes and tsunamis, showcasing the advanced level of Japanese engineering.



This tunnel represents not only a milestone in transportation but also in safety and innovation, providing a key link for both passengers and cargo between Japan's two main islands.

Credits: Tecnología OLIN

Frank Calvin Mann

History They Didn't Teach You In School

Scholars have left him out of the history books and Hollywood couldn't be bothered to acknowledge his existence either. He was Howard Hughes' top engineer and lifelong best friend. This is about Frank Mann, the hidden genius behind much of Howard Hughes' success in the world of aviation and mechanics. Frank Calvin Mann (November 22, 1908 – November 30, 1992) was an African American engineer who was known for his participation in many Howard Hughes's projects including the Spruce Goose. He also starred in the Amos 'n' Andy radio show. Apparently, his lifelong friendship with Hughes was instrumental in opening doors for Mann's exceptional talents.



A native of Houston, Texas, Frank Calvin Mann's parents wanted him to become a schoolteacher, but from childhood, he had a natural ability to fix things. At age 11, he had his own mechanic shop. As a teenager, he worked alongside airplane mechanics, repairing engines. By the age of 20, he had designed and built several of his own Model-T cars. It was unheard of in the 1920s for a Black man to have anything to do with cars, trains, or airplanes. His life-long friend Howard Hughes was instrumental in opening doors for Mann's exceptional talents.

Mann attended the University of Minnesota and UCLA where he earned a mechanical engineering degree. World War II equipment that revolutionized military weaponry would not exist if not for his involvement. Incredibly, few Americans are aware of Frank Mann. He was the first Black commercial pilot for American Airways. He was also a distinguished military officer. In 1935, following Italy's invasion of Ethiopia, Frank Mann flew reconnaissance missions for the Ethiopian army.

He served in the World War II Army Air Corps and was the primary civilian instructor of the famous Tuskegee Airmen in 1941. He left Tuskegee after a rift with the U.S. government, which didn't want the Squadron, an all-Black unit, flying the same high caliber of airplanes as their White counterparts. An angry Mann had refused to have his men fly old "World War I biplane crates," because his airmen had proven themselves as equals.

Though they were being given inferior equipment and materials, their squadron never lost a plane, bomber, or pilot, and they were nicknamed the "Red Tails." After the war, Mann was instrumental in designing the first Buick LeSabre automobile and the first communications satellite launched for commercial use.

His pride and joy was a miniature locomotive enshrined in the Smithsonian Institute, Mann also played a principal role in the Amos 'N' Andy radio show. He moved back to his hometown in the 1970s.

Frank Mann died November 30, 1992 in Houston.

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