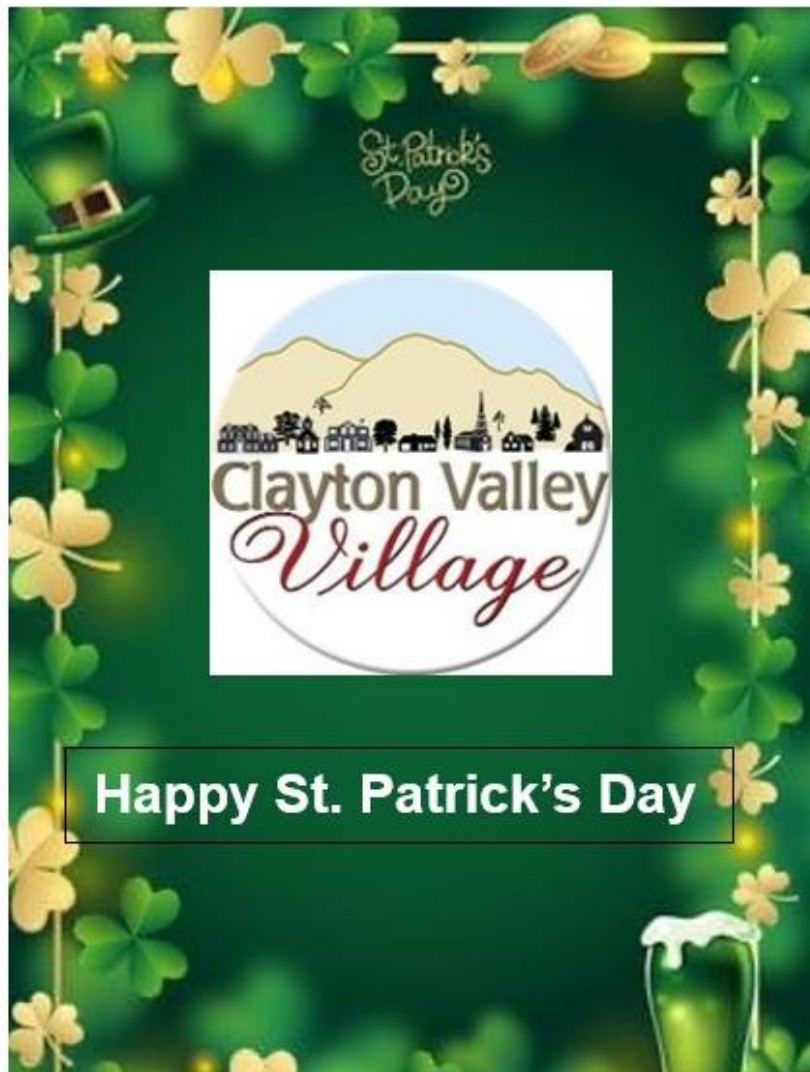


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A monthly publication of Clayton Valley Village March 2024 Edition

A Message from our President. Our Events held in February, upcoming Events, and lots more. **Check out our Ads only \$25.00 and it goes out to 500 local residents. Contact us at village.clayton@gmail.com to advertise in our newsletter.**



AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
May God be with you and bless you:
May you see your children's children.
May you be poor in misfortune,
rich in blessings.
May you know nothing but happiness
From this day forward.
May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home,
And may the land of a friend always be near.
May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.

President's Message



Joyce Atkinson

I hope you survived the February rains. My yard could almost be called a swamp. I know March will be drier and we will enjoy St. Pat's Day and Easter without umbrellas.

Don't miss taking part in the CVV activities. The Happy Hour at Love Thai was a success. The new interest group, Brown Bag Spinners is a fun group. Happy Trails is planning some exciting adventures and the Explorer's Group is hiking, weather permitting.

Be sure to introduce yourself to our three new members, Lorna Saylor, Kim Bernal and Rachel Streit when you see them at some of our functions.

Welcome
to our New Member!



Rachael Streit



Kim Bernal



Lorna Saylor



March Birthdays

March 3 rd	– Janet Fox	Member & Volunteer
March 4 th	– Judy Disbrow	Member & Volunteer
March 6 th	– Sachiko Torok	Member
March 14 th	– Marilyn Jessen	Member
March 16 th	– Norma Meidberg	Member
March 16 th	– Anne Stackhouse	Volunteer
March 27 th	– Laurel Madal	Volunteer



Did You Know?

Submitted by Mariana Behdjet

The word "night" in many languages is a derivation of "n"+ 8 ("eight")

English	n+eight (night)
Spanish	n+ocho (noche)
Portuguese	n+oito (noite)
French	n+huit (nuit)
German	n+acht (nacht)
Italian	n+otto (notte)

**IN MEMORY OF
ROBERT HOYER
1921-2024
VALUABLE CVV MEMBER**



Robert Hoyer, first mayor of Clayton, and a valued member of Clayton Valley Village passed away peacefully February 21, 2024, at the age of 102, only 20 days short of his next birthday. His son said that his dad mentioned earlier this year that he'd had a good life with good friends and family. Bob was able to attend his favorite activities with his friends up until about 3 weeks ago: Taco Tuesday at Moresi's Chop House, Wine-down Wednesday at LaVeranda, Thirsty Thursday at the Chop House and then Sunday dinners at various locations. He enjoyed walking around his Clayton property and in the Grove Park. Bob Hoyer was Clayton's founding father, and in 1964, with his wife Eldora, worked tirelessly in leading the efforts to incorporate Clayton. Hoyer Hall in the Clayton Library is named for them. Per Bob's request, no services are planned. If you wish to donate in Bob's honor, please consider donating to Clayton Historical Society, P. O. Box 94, Clayton, CA 94517.

**IN MEMORY OF
CYNTHIA CARDINALE
1953-2024
VALUABLE CVV MEMBER**



Cindy Cardinale of Concord, passed away on January 25th, at her Clayton residence. Cindy was born on March 6, 1953, to parents Elisa and Salvatore Drago. Cindy graduated from Concord High School in 1971. After high school Cindy worked at her family's delicatessen and spent many years in sales. Cindy had many hobbies, but her favorites were music, watching the Raiders and having a good time. Cindy was predeceased by her mother, father and sister Mary Anne Fagundes. She is survived by her daughter Julianna Cardinale, niece Michelle Mello as well as many great nieces and nephews. Services will be private.



Cleaning Tip by Fiona Hughes

Sharing a tip for cleaning fabrics, and upholstery using a foam cleaner called Tuff Stuff.

I started on my fabric-covered dining chairs, which had become very grimy over the years. Having shaken the Tuff Stuff can well, I applied the foam evenly over the entire chair cushion. Then left it for about a minute before scrubbing it with a bristle brush to release the dirt. Then, using a warm, damp cloth wiped over the surface thoroughly. Here's the difference on the first wipe!

Tuff Stuff can be bought from AutoZone or Ace Hardware for about \$7. It also did an excellent job cleaning a spill on the velvet couch cushions, and there's still plenty left in the can to tackle the truck upholstery tomorrow!



March 1st



CHAS. A. LINDBERGH, JR.
OF HOPEWELL, N. J.

1932 - The infant son of American aviator [Charles A. Lindbergh](#) was abducted from his home, [Bruno Hauptmann](#) being later convicted of the [baby's kidnapping and murder](#).



1936 - After five years of construction, the [Hoover Dam](#) on the [Colorado River](#) at the Arizona–Nevada border was completed; it is the highest concrete arch [dam](#) in the United States.



1961 The [Peace Corps](#) was established by U.S. President [John F. Kennedy](#) by means of his Peace Corps Act.



2005 - In a major [capital punishment](#) case, the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) ruled that it was unconstitutional to execute convicts who were under age 18 at the time of their crimes.



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PROPERTIES





Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Mar 6th - Android Phone Training
Wednesday, Mar 6th - CVV Bocce Spring League
Mar 8th thru 17th - Clayton Theatre Performances
Sunday, Mar 10th - Daylight Savings Begins
Wednesday, Mar 13th - CVV Board Meeting
Sunday, Mar 17th - Saint Patrick's Day
Monday, Mar 18th - Romeo's - Skylar Bistro
Tuesday, Mar 19th - First Day of Spring
Tuesday, Mar 19th - CVV Happy Hour - New Lim's Garden
Saturday, Mar 23rd - "Happy Trails" Travel Group
Tuesday, Mar 26th - Brown Bag Spinners (Members & Volunteers)
Wednesday, Mar 27th - Iphone Training
Thursday, Mar 28th - Good Friday
Friday, Mar 29th - CVV Events Committee Meeting
Sunday, Mar 31st - Easter Sunday
Sunday, Mar 31st - Cesar Chavez Day





CVV's Annual Meeting was held February 4th

The room was filled for the meeting. Highlights of 2023 accomplishments were presented. We learned about CVV's mission, and plans for the coming year. Newcomers heard what CVV offers their members. Many were surprised by the volume of work performed behind the scenes, by our own people, who spend countless hours using their professional talents to make CVV run smoothly.



Member Lynn Hadley gave a touching medley of examples of how CVV has become her family, enjoying fun activities and getting much needed help from people she knows and trusts. Volunteer Linda Pinder told us how rewarding it is to get out of the house and help people.

The 2024 board was introduced and welcomed. Acknowledgements and gifts were awarded to show appreciation for those who went above and beyond in 2023.



CVV Q1 Birthday Celebration - Feb 9th

The birthday lunch was enjoyed by all, and graciously hosted by Candy, and helpers Linda Garden, Bhishma and Fiona.



The Events team ...
a well-oiled machine



CVV Explorers Hike - Lafayette Reservoir - Feb 12th



We had a good hike around the Lafayette Reservoir. We saw white pelicans on the water, lots of folks out walking their dogs, and the weather was just right and no rain!

We are hoping to walk on Mt. Diablo in April to see the spring wildflowers.

ROMEO's Lunch at Ed's Mudville Grill - Feb 23rd



Happy Hour - Love Thai - Feb 20th

17 Guest's enjoyed a sampling of Thai dishes



Appetizers

Soup

Salad

Barbecue

Entree

Curry



Fried Rice &
Noodle

Seafood Specialty

Chef

Recommendations

Sides

Dessert

Drinks



Save the Date!



When: Tuesday, Mar 19th - 4:00 PM

Where: New Lim's Garden Restaurant

4340 Clayton RD, Concord, CA

Register by Fri Mar 15th

<https://claytonvalley.helpfulvillage.com/events/3126>

Call/Text 925-626-0411 or Email village.clayton@gmail.com

Join us for our fun-filled March Mixer, socialize with members and volunteers and if you are new to the Village Movement, discover how you can benefit from becoming a member and/or a volunteer. We invite you to join Clayton Valley Village for a memorable dining experience at The New Lim's Garden.

The March 19 CVV Happy Hour will be at NEW LIM'S GARDEN, 4340 Clayton Road, Concord. Please bring **CASH** in order to be given separate checks. The full menu will be available to us! Please register on our Events calendar

Check out our web page

<https://www.claytonvalleyvillage.org/>



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024, 1:30 - 3:30 PM

(Please arrive 15 minutes early to complete registration form.)

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Paying it forward - In our own community - by Beverly Adams

We had some food and clothes to donate. I remembered hearing of someone feeding a dozen homeless in the parking lot behind Huckleberry's a few years ago. After searching the internet, I was amazed to find that Kelly, who started that act of kindness, has now grown it into an amazing non-profit providing invaluable services to our unhoused community. They even opened doors to resources that offer services including physical and mental care.

Pete and I had the pleasure of speaking with co-founder Andie, when she came by to pick up our donations. She told us how they formed a network of support with local grocery stores, parks, motels, and volunteers eager to help.

Their website is easy to use if you want to request pickup, or donate much needed money and supplies, using a GoFundMe button and an Amazon Wish List button.

For questions or assistance email me at bevadams333@yahoo.com

Here's a sample of what you'll find on their website: <https://www.growconcord.com>

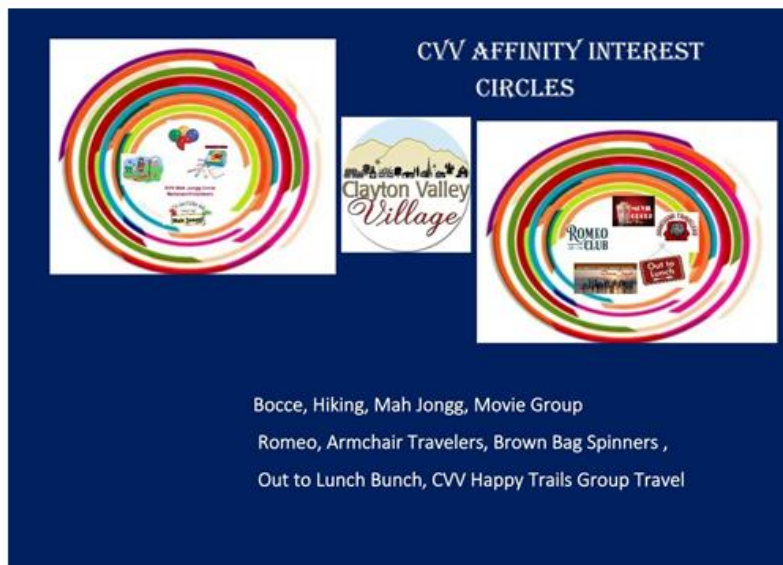


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Vehicle Supplies



It is so easy to fall into a pattern of apathy as we go through our lives. GROW was born out of a commitment to work hard to resolve homelessness and stop passing over the real issues of our unhoused friends. and deal with them head on. We have set out to aid those who need it most.

GROW is here to help, and we believe that change is possible when we put our hearts and minds to it.



Quote of the Month

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others
cannot keep it from themselves."

- J.M. Barrie

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